KS5 – Extended Reading List

The following is a list of reading to help prepare students hoping to continue their study of English at University. It is a collection we have found interesting and useful in our own study of literature.

Practical Criticism:

How to Study a Shakespeare Play (How to Study Literature) John Peck and Martin Coyle

The Cambridge Companion to Feminist Literary Theory (Cambridge Companions to Literature) Ellen Rooney

Critical Approaches to Literature David Daiches

The English Novel Walter Allen

Aspects of the Novel E.M. Forster

The Rise of the Novel Ian Watt

The Great Tradition F.R. Leavis

On Poetry and Poets T.S. Eliot

Shakespearean Tragedy A.C. Bradley

The Theatre of the Absurd Martin Esslin

The Elizabethan World Picture E. M. W. Tillyard

Politics and the English language George Orwell

Critical Desire Linda Ruth Williams: ISBN – 0-340-56816-X

Political Gender (Texts and contexts) Edited by Ledger: ISBN - 0-7450-1562-X

Feminist Literature:

The Women's Room (Marilyn French)

The Golden Notebook (Doris Lessing)

Possessing the secret of Joy (Alice Walker)

Top Girls (Caryl Churchill)

Mrs Dalloway (Virginnia Woolf)

The Yellow Wallpaper (Charlotte Perkins Gilman)

American Literature:

A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (James Joyce)

The Turn of the Screw (Henry James)

Go Down Moses (William Faulkener)

Beloved (Toni Morrison)

The Ballad of the Sad Cafe (Carson McCullers)

Quicksand and Passing (Nella Larson)

Kindred (Octavia Butler)

As I Lay Dying (William Faulkener)

Dystopian/ Utopian Literature:

Anthony Burgess- A Clockwork Orange

Aldous Huxley-Brave New World

Yevgeny Zamyatin- We

Marge Piercy – Woman on the Edge of Time