# A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Dear Student,

So, you think you're taking A-level English Literature next year? Firstly, huge congratulations for choosing a subject which will inspire, challenge and enthuse you. We might be biased, but we feel that English Lit is a SUPERB choice!

Now, the course you will be taking expects you to read a significant amount in your own time. On the first lesson of Year 12 I will ask you "what was the last book you read?" and if your answer is 'A Christmas Carol' I will not be impressed! This summer, with weeks of uncertainty ahead of us, is the perfect opportunity to read some meaningful novels.

So, I've created the list below as a starting point for your reading. Try to tackle some of these titles, as well as enjoying your own choice of writers. It's a great idea to keep a scrapbook/journal of the texts you are reading.

You can find copies of lots of these texts online and via kindle.

So, kick back, try to relax and spend this summer escaping from reality with a few good books.

*Mrs Whelan and the English Department*

**SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS**

1. Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
2. A Clockwork Orange - Anthony Burgess
3. Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
4. Captain Corelli's Mandolin - Louis De Bernieres
5. Rebecca - Daphne Du Maurier
6. My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell
7. Devil May Care - Sebastian Faulks
8. The Beach - Alex Garland
9. Brighton Rock - Graham Greene
10. Vernon God Little - DBC Pierre
11. The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald
12. Chocolat - Joanne Harris
13. Fever Pitch - Nick Hornby
14. The Kite Runner - Khalen Hosseini
15. 1984 - George Orwell
16. The Catcher in the Rye - JD Salinger
17. The Lovely Bones - Alice Sebold
18. White Teeth - Zadie Smith
19. To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee
20. The Reluctant Fundamentalist - Hamid Moshsin
21. The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood
22. Love in the time of Cholera - Gabriel Marquez
23. The Bell Jar - Sylvia Plath
24. Wide Sargasso Sea - Jean Rhys
25. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou