ST CHRISTOPHER'S SIXTH FORM
ENGLISH COMBINED
(LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
BRIDGING UNIT

English Combined (Language and Literature)

Introduction

The first year of the course will entail the study of contemporary prose, poetry and drama texts, together with linguistic analysis of non-fiction texts. As well as studying four set texts during the year, you will learn to use specific linguistic terminology when analysing and comparing texts.

Preparation

A Level English Language and Literature is an ideal course for those who have a passion for reading together with a fascination with language. In order to prepare for the course, you would benefit from spending some time during the summer reading a range of Literature by different authors, from different literary periods. This will help you prepare for the coursework which is worth 20% of your final mark.

You should consider reading some of the following, or you could search for recommendations in quality book shops:

Prose Fiction
Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale
Mary Shelley	Frankenstein
Khaled Hosseini	The Kite Runner
George Orwell	1984
Aldus Huxley	Brave New World

Non-Fiction
Bill Bryson	Notes from a Small Island (or any other of his books)
Jeremy Clarkson	

Drama
Arthur Miller
Oscar Wilde
Mike Leigh

Poetry
Carol-Ann Duffy
Simon Armitage
Philip Larkin

It is also important to have some understanding of the social, cultural and historical contexts of the books that you read and study.

Also, remember that language is all around us: think about how it is used in newspapers and magazines, on television, on the radio, and even in everyday conversations.

If you require any further details about the course, these can be found on the examination board's website, which is www.aqa.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you in September.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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