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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12 English Literature students,

The English Literature department is looking forward to welcoming our new A Level students and we hope they enjoy their studies. Students will be provided with details in September, but we also understand that as parents and carers you may wish to have an understanding of the course overview.

Component	Texts studied	Assessment
Component 1: Drama and Poetry Pre-1900	<i>Hamlet</i> , William Shakespeare The Poetry of Christina Rossetti <i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> , John Webster	1 exam – summer 2023 40% of total A Level
Component 2: Comparative and Contextual Study (American Literature 1880-1940)	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>, F Scott Fitzgerald <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>, John Steinbeck	1 exam – summer 2023 40% of total A Level
Component 3: Literature Post-1900	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>, Tennessee Williams <i>New Selected Poems</i>, Carol Ann Duffy <i>The Silence of the Girls</i>, Pat Barker	Non-examined Assessment (coursework) 20% of total A Level

Please note: the texts in **bold** will be studied in Year 12; the others will be studied in Year 13.

Your child will have six lessons a fortnight split between two teachers. Each teacher will take responsibility for particular texts.

Please note that the first core texts studied in the autumn term will be *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *The Great Gatsby*. Teachers will provide photocopies for initial lessons where necessary, but please ensure your child has their own copy of each text as soon as possible. We recommend the Penguin Modern Classics publication for both texts.

The Great Gatsby: ISBN - 978-0141182636

A Streetcar Named Desire: ISBN - 978-0141190273

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss R Kerridge

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