

Literature Summer Task.

Read Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier and watch an adaptation of it if you are able to.

Write an essay (word count 750 - 1000 words) on the presentation of the character of Mrs Danvers. You must include carefully chosen textual references and analyse Du Maurier's language choices.

This task will give you an experience of the type of independent reading that will be expected of you. It will also expose you to reading and engaging with an unfamiliar, often challenging text, both essential skills needed for A Level Literature.

It would also be useful for you to do some research around the links between Rebecca and Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (the first text we will read) This will allow you to begin to make connections across texts over time, an important AO in this course.

Important note: **Please ensure you have your own copies of Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte and Shakespeare's Othello with you for the first lesson.** Owning your own copy of the text allows you to make valuable notes and highlight key quotations which will be useful for revision.

Having an understanding of a text before we study it closely is always an advantage; if you would like to read Jane Eyre and/or Othello prior to September, in addition to your summer task, please feel free to do so.

Recommended edition of Othello: Oxford School Shakespeare, Othello

ISBN-10: 0198328737

ISBN-13: 978-0198328735

Recommended edition of Jane Eyre: Penguin Classics

ISBN: 978-0-141-44114-6