

# WHGS Sixth Form



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## English Literature

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### A Level Preparation Pack

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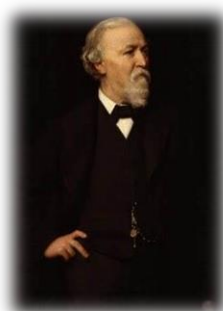
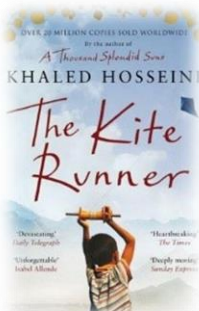
To prepare to study A-level English literature, you need to access the '[Making the Leap into Literature](#)' pack and complete a selection of activities from a range of colours on the Bingo Card for your first English literature lesson in Year 12.

### Suggested Reading

Over the course of your studies you will read some of the following texts.

#### Examples of texts that you could study and schools of thought to study:

Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, Henry the IV Part 1 by William Shakespeare, Pre – 1900 poets such as Robert Browning and Oscar Wilde. You will learn critical theory which will inform your reading of texts i.e. Marxist Theory and Feminist theory, narrative theory, eco-critical theory, post-colonial theory and literary value and the canon.



## Some Useful Websites and Resources

- LitCharts is a great resource for introductions to texts, authors and literary movements with a large archive of freely available resources: [www.litcharts.com](http://www.litcharts.com)
- Poem Hunter has a great online library of texts and resources: [www.poemhunter.com](http://www.poemhunter.com)
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- The EMC Making the leap to literature booklet. This is available on our school website.

## Some More Suggested Reading

### 19th Century Novels:

- Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens
- Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen
- Villette, by Charlotte Bronte
- In a Glass Darkly, by Sheridan Le Fanu
- Lady Audley's Secret, by Mary Elizabeth Braddon
- Dracula, by Bram Stoker
- The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, by Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde
- Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley
- A Study in Scarlet, by Arthur Conan Doyle
- Questions

### 20th Century Novels:

- The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 1984, by George Orwell
- The Catcher in the Rye, by J D Salinger
- The Remains of the Day, by Kazuo Ishiguro
- A Town Like Alice, by Nevil Shute
- Wise Children, by Angela Carter
- Interview with a Vampire, by Anne Rice
- The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon

### 21st Century Novels:

- White Teeth, by Zadie Smith
- Wolf Hall, by Hilary Mantell
- Never Let Me Go: Kazuo Ishiguro
- The Testaments, by Margaret Atwood (the recently published follow-up to The Handmaid's Tale)
- [www.englishandmedia.co.uk/blog/50-great-21st-century-novels-for-6th-formers](http://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/blog/50-great-21st-century-novels-for-6th-formers)

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