Hoe Valley Sixth Form

Dear student,

Over the summer we want you to complete the following tasks below to help you make a successful transition from GCSE to Sixth Form study. Our summer transition work includes the following 3 elements to help you feel like a pro when your sixth form journey begins!

Preparation

Below are some tasks that will help to introduce you to knowledge required for the start of the course or to consolidate key GCSE level material.

Complete the tasks in your [transition booklet](#).

Reading

Below is some essential reading material or some titles that will help you to read around your subject and develop a deeper understanding of the subject, a crucial skill for success in the Sixth Form.

For studying English literature, it is crucial that you are engaging with a wide range of reading, including texts and authors in the 'literary canon'. Over the Summer try to read at least a couple of the authors/suggested titles listed below. The more familiar you are with a range of writing styles, the easier you will find it to discuss and compare texts.

- Charles Dickens - Oliver Twist, Great Expectations
- Charlotte Bronte - Jane Eyre, Villette
- Jane Austen - Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility, Northanger Abbey
- Mary Shelley - Frankenstein
- Virginia Woolf - To the lighthouse
- George Orwell - 1984, Animal Farm
- Thomas Hardy - Tess of the D'urbevilles
- Margaret Atwood - The Handmaid's Tale, Oryx and Crake
- Daphne Du Maurier - Rebecca, Jamaica Inn
- F. Scott Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby

You should also be widely reading a range of modern fiction, including genres you enjoy. Be prepared to discuss your favourite authors and your current reading choices.

Organisation

Below are tasks to help you to be organised with your work when you start in September. You will be completing a huge amount of work and to be successful you must keep on top of everything!

- Buy a diary so that you can make a note of independent prep work and deadlines
- Buy a folder and dividers for organising your work
- Buy a copy of your first set text which will be Othello