

English Dept. Guide to Independent Study

A-LEVEL

1. **After each lesson:** Review your lesson notes and the chapter/scene covered in class. Make a note of anything you do not understand so you can ask about it next lesson. Make sure you create a detailed quotation bank and analyse the quotes in detail making sure you understand why the author has chosen these particular words/images and the impact on the reader. Review terminology and key vocabulary.
2. **Regularly** use appropriate revision sites. Reread the text in full and listen to the audio version. Research and review contextual information and references and read the articles suggested by your teachers. Learn quotes from critics and practise integrating them into your essay writing. The Resources shared on One Drive
3. **Use the school library** to keep up to date with the latest English developments by reading:
English Review
E-Magazine
Read a wide range of texts in preparation for coursework and find and read what critics have said about the texts you are studying and those you are considering for coursework.
4. **Throughout the year**, past paper questions and marking grids will be made available. Work through these to test your knowledge and practise your AO1 skills by practising your essay writing skills.

GCSE

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Revision sites:

- Sparknotes
- Shmoop
- Cliffnotes
- Mr Bruff (Youtube)
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