**Yr 11 Summer Homework for A Level Literature**

**Poetry**

Research and make notes on William Blake:

* The Romantic movement and Blake's place within it.
* Blake's life - key events that influenced his poetry
* London during the Industrial Revolution
* Blake's spirituality and his conflict with the church.

Be ready to present the above research and share what you have learnt during the first lessons in September.

It would also be helpful to read some poetry over the summer. Poets’ worth reading their poetry from are below:

* Carol Ann Duffy
* Alfred Tennyson
* Christina Rosetti
* Dylan Thomas
* Sylvia Plath
* Rupi Kaur

Be ready to discuss what you have read and your thoughts on what you have read during the first lesson.

**Drama**

Research the context for ‘The Duchess of Malfi’:

* The origins of the revenge tragedy – Seneca and Aristotle
* What the plot is based on
* James I and religion in Jacobean society.

Be ready to present the above research and share what you have learnt during the first lessons in September.

**Unseen**

Research the context for ‘Frankenstein’

* Mary Shelley’s life – key events that influence her writing
* The Romantic movement and Mary Shelley’s place within it
* Characteristics of the gothic novel and science fiction
* Read the article on ‘Making a Monster’
* Read the short article on ‘Paradise Lost’: <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/john-milton-paradise-lost>

**Reading for Pleasure**

Read widely from a range of genres and authors and be prepared to discuss your summer reading during the first lesson.