

English Literature Summer Work 2026

Study the following poems. Ensure that you analyse them carefully, considering form, structure, language and themes. Research the poets so that you know more about the context of their work. Consider and identify links that can be drawn between them. Your baseline assessment in September will be based on these poems.

Preparation Poems:

Carol Ann Duffy

'The Light Gatherer'

'We Remember Your Childhood Well'

Seamus Heaney

'Death of a Naturalist'

'Digging'

Simon Armitage

'Kid'

'I Am Very Bothered'

Additional Suggested Reading for A-Level English Literature:

A Streetcar Named Desire - Tennessee Williams

Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte

A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini

Poems of the Decade