



## CROXLEY DANES SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

### **English Literature Bridging Work**

#### **Read**

##### **Either:**

'A Little History of Literature' by Toby Sutherland

**or,**

'A Little History of Poetry' by John Carey

**and** at least one of the novels from the list below:

o *Brighton Rock*, Graham Greene

o *The Miniaturist*, Jessie Burton

*Birdsong*, Sebastian Faulks

*Emma*, Jane Austen

o *A Secret History*, Donna Tartt

o *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt

o *The Wasp Factory*, Iain Banks

o *Brideshead Revisited*, Evelyn Waugh

o *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison

o *The Great Gatsby*, F Scott Fitzgerald

o *White Teeth*, Zadie Smith

o *The Scarlett Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne

o *Rebecca*, Daphne du Maurier

o *A Farewell to Arms*, Ernest Hemingway

o *The Sound and the Fury*, William Faulkner

o *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr

o *The Woman in White*, Wilkie Collins

o *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini

#### **Watch**

The following documentary on John Donne: <https://vimeo.com/474425294>

#### **Listen**

At least one of the following:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00cbqhq>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00159xt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p03m10ns>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p05fhr93>

#### **Specific requirements**

- Your work will be assessed by your teachers in September. Therefore, all work should be fully complete and brought with you to your first English Literature lesson.
- The English Faculty is looking for engaged, enthusiastic and interested A Level students and a substandard piece of work will raise serious questions about your suitability for the course.

### **Task details**

- You need to undertake the specified 'Read', 'Watch' and 'Listen' tasks and keep a learning journal to reflect your thoughts and findings. This journal will be shared with your teachers in September. You can be as creative as you like with this – art work, photographic evidence, mind-maps, creative writing are all valid ways of recording your journey. We expect to see written evidence of you having undertaken all required tasks – some will be just one page; others – particularly the novel - will be significantly longer.

### **Further details**

- The A Level English Language specification which is followed at Croxley Danes is: **Edexcel A Level English Literature (9ET0)**.
- In addition to your 'bridging' task, you must also make sure that you have purchased the following texts:

***John Donne Selected Poems* (Penguin Classics, 2006 ) ISBN 9780140424409**

***Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002–2011* (Faber and Faber, 2015) ISBN 978-0571325405**

These books must be brought to your first English Literature lesson. Cheap copies can be purchased from Amazon.