### Recommended Reading materials

- Any dictionary of literary terms.
- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams – Our first drama text.
- Mean Time by Carol Ann Duffy
- The Whitsun Weddings by Philip Larkin
- King Lear by William Shakespeare.

### Recommended websites

- The Eduqas website is a good place to find information about the course (look for GCE English Literature).
- ‘Poetry by Heart’ is great for poetry and has a timeline of poems from the last 1000 years.

### Preparation tasks

- Reading A Streetcar Named Desire will give you a head-start when you arrive.
- There is a fantastic 1951 film version of Streetcar, starring Vivienne Lee and Marlon Brando. It’s well worth a watch!
- Watch a plot-summary of King Lear on Youtube.
- Read some of Carol Ann Duffy’s poetry, ideally from Meantime.

### Recommended research

- You could start to think about some of the contextual issues that are raised in Streetcar (America in the late 1940s). This will help your understanding of the texts.
- Research poetic techniques and forms – this will give you a good grounding in what to look for.

### Recommended trips or visits this summer

Your local library will contain set texts and wider reading. Take a trip to the theatre – seeing some Shakespeare, ideally, but any production would help with your studies of drama texts – plays are written to be watched and heard!

### Tasks to complete

- Do some research into the topics mentioned above.
- Make sure you have any stationery you might need to start college: paper and pens etc.
- Think about any questions you may have for your enrolment interview or the start of the course.
- Develop your enthusiasm – you’ll love the course!