

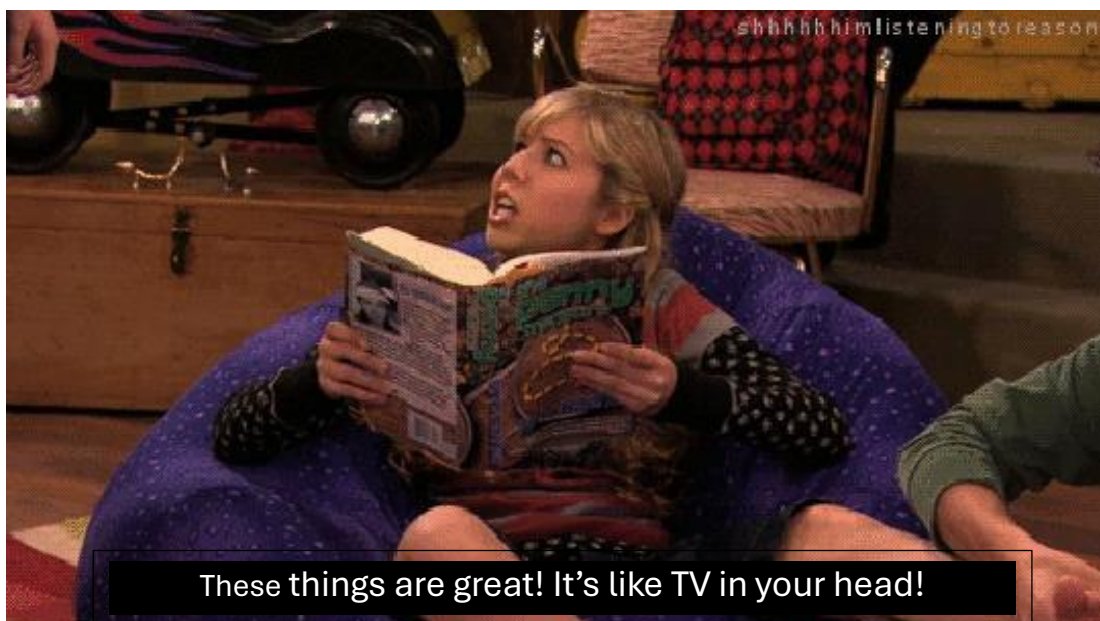
English Literature - Transition Work

Congratulations – you've survived GCSE English! It gets better, we promise.

Well done for choosing St Doms and well done for choosing us – we love the course, and we think you will too.

This year, you will:

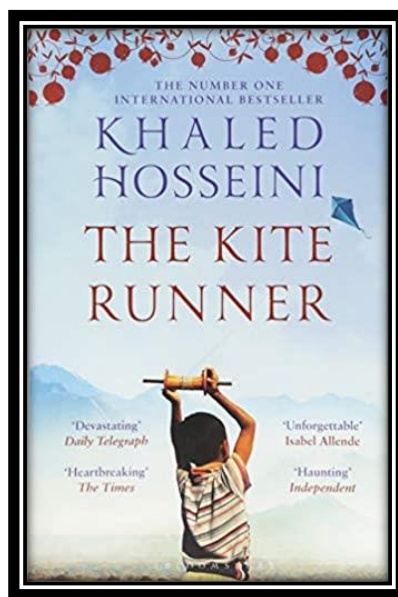
- Enjoy a range of comedy poems that cover all the big things in life: love, marriage, desire, identity, freedom, and small parasitic insects!
- Enjoy a heartbreakingly powerful novel about the turbulent history of Afghanistan up to 2001, and then enjoy it again when you realise how many different political issues it addresses!
- Enjoy one of the wittiest plays ever written by one of the most scandalous authors of the 19th century, written shortly before he was chucked in prison!
- Enjoy Shakespeare's most provocatively gender-fluid play and know almost every scene inside out!
- Enjoy discovering Marxist and Feminist literary theory and using it to re-evaluate a stuffy old poet from the depths of English Literature!



These tasks will help you to know if this is the course for you. help you step up from GCSE to A Level, and show us your commitment and readiness at the start of the course. Enjoy!

1. **Buy this novel and read it.** It needs to be this exact version, with this ISBN: 1526604744. There will be a quiz on the plot in the second week of term.

Warning: this novel contains sensitive material



2. We've come up with a fun list of films that go with English. Over the summer, watch the trailers and pick a film to watch. [Click here for the link to all the trailers together in one place on our website.](#)

In lesson 1, we'll ask you to message us your thoughts on the film you chose.





3. Over the course of the two years, you will learn an extensive range of **technical terms**, and these are 15 of the terms we'll cover. You need to research what they mean now, to increase your confidence and ability when we get to them in class.

Task: copy and paste this table into a word document and fill in the third column. You'll be uploading the document to a Teams Assignment in lesson 1.

15 examples of Terminology	Your Task	Put your answer here
First person narrator	Name a first person narrator from a book you have read.	
significance	"The mud hut that the main character lives in signifies...." Research and explain what the word "signifies" means here	
Iconic figures	What's the difference between "iconic" and "famous"?	
taboo vocabulary	Why are people often so upset by swear words?	
use of dialect	Name a literary character whose direct speech is written in a local dialect.	
setting in time	Name one film set at Christmas and one set in the summer holiday, where these settings are important.	
Setting in place	Name two films where the place they are set is important to the film.	
exaggeration	Give an example of an exaggerated character from "A Christmas Carol"	

using source material for inspiration, especially myth	Name a book or film that gives a new take on a classical (Greek or Roman) myth	
cultural stereotypes	What's the difference between a stereotype and an archetype?	
Metaphor	Write a metaphor to describe St Dominic's SFC	
Narrative arc	Find two different explanations of "narrative arc"	
Theme	What does "theme" mean. What is the theme of "Of Mice and Men" or "A Christmas Carol"?	
Irony	What's the difference between irony and sarcasm? (Hint - The first google explanation wasn't very good for us).	
Superior audience knowledge	Name a film where the audience knows something one of the characters does not. Explain the situation.	