



Dear Students,

## Welcome to AS English and/or English Literature!

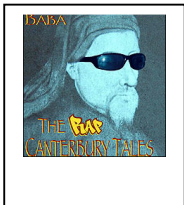
English and English Literature are both very popular courses; at Hayesfield we consistently achieve very high results at AS and A2 and so we are always oversubscribed. In order to get our excellent results we go above and beyond basic classroom teaching.

You are about to embark on a very exciting two year course during which you will develop your analytical, writing, research and presentation skills. We work very hard in English to make sure that we offer the highest quality teaching. We have close links with the school library to ensure that you have access to the most up to date resources, articles and reviews; we focus on organising and hosting lectures from visiting professors to give you an even more in depth look at certain aspects of the course; theatre club allows you to see quality live drama at cinema prices and we also keep you informed about public lectures that are relevant to your programme of study. We often organise visits to venues like the British Library, Bristol University and other relevant sites to enhance your learning.

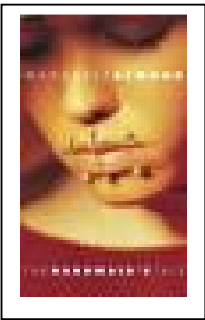
However, our efforts are only half of the story. You have certain responsibilities as well. It is vital that you read our expectations carefully so that you understand exactly what you have to do to have a positive experience at A level.

## Our expectations of you

1. **You must attend all lessons** unless you have a valid reason/permission to miss a class. Valid reasons are: university visits, medical appointments (you should let your teacher know before hand) and illness (a parent or guardian must phone to let us know you are ill.)
2. **You must complete all homework set and hand in on the specified date.** If you arrive at a lesson without homework, you will be asked to leave the lesson as you will not be fully prepared for the work involved in the lesson. You will be expected to use the lesson time to complete and hand in the homework. You will also be expected to catch up on the lesson missed (get notes/handouts etc from another student – this is YOUR responsibility NOT your teacher's.) **HANDY HINT NUMBER 1 – MAKE SURE YOUR HOMEWORK IS DONE AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS.**



3. **You will have coursework to complete throughout the two years.** You will be given a plan with dates for this at the start of Term 1. We have a very tight schedule for this in terms of planning, 1:1 sessions with teachers, redrafting and handing in final drafts. If you fail to attend a 1:1 session, your parents will be informed; you will forfeit the right to that session (unless you have a valid reason as stated in point 1). If you fail to meet a deadline, your parents will be informed and you will be given until 4pm the following day to hand in your work. If you miss this extended deadline, you will fail the unit; this will have a negative impact on your overall grade. **HANDY HINT NUMBER 2 - DON'T MISS DEADLINES**
4. **You will be expected to contribute to class discussions** – English Language and Literature are very collaborative subjects; they work best when everyone offers ideas and builds on the ideas of others. Debating points is also a vital part of the class – don't sit back and let others do the work please. **HANDY HINT NUMBER 3 – JOIN IN!**
5. **Your adherence to these expectations will be carefully monitored** and, if you fail to meet them, you and your parents will be expected to attend a meeting to discuss your place on the course so make sure that you are fully committed to the subject and ready for lots of reading, lots of essay writing and (trust me) lots of fun! **HANDY HINT NUMBER 4 – COMMIT TO THE COURSE FROM DAY ONE**



If you have any questions, do come and talk to me. If you take note of our expectations and really commit to the course you will find that it is challenging, creative and, overall, hugely enjoyable.

Enjoy the ride!

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