

# A Level English Language & Literature

Summer Transition Work 2026

## Welcome to A Level English Language & Literature

Thank you for choosing A Level English Language & Literature at the Astrea Sixth Form St Neots. We're really pleased that you have decided to continue your journey with English, and we look forward to meeting you in September. This document contains details of the transition tasks you should complete before starting the course. These tasks are designed as an introduction to the course, and you will be using the work you have produced in your first few lessons. **Please remember to bring this work to your first lesson to give to your teacher.**

### TASK ONE: Reading A Novel of Your Own Choice

Read a novel of your own choice, alongside the following tasks, and be ready to talk about it with the class. This could be another novel from some of the writers you have encountered earlier in school, but it is up to you!

You can find a list of recommendations on [www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk](http://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk).

### TASK TWO: Viewing *Frankenstein*

Watch this version of *Frankenstein* (a key set text) to gain an understanding of the plot. The film lasts 3 hours and is split into two parts on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvnWodwv39k&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs4Jjdxp1Sk>

Once you have finished watching this, and using the British Library articles, **write a paragraph** in response to this question:

**How does *Frankenstein* typify the Gothic genre?**

### TASK THREE: Create A Definitions Glossary

Create a 'Definitions Glossary' of the following word types, sentence types/ forms and key areas of linguistics. Understanding of these terms is **fundamental** to success on the course so please ensure you take the time to become familiar with them.

Using the [Cambridge Dictionary Website](http://www.cambridge.org/9780521875866), write down definitions of each of the following word types:

- Noun
- Adjective
- Verb
- Adverb
- Determiner
- Pronoun
- Preposition

- **Conjunction**

Using the [Cambridge Dictionary Website](#), write down definitions of each of the following sentence types/ forms:

- **Simple**
- **Compound**
- **Complex**
- **Declaratives**
- **Interrogatives**
- **Imperatives**
- **Exclamatives**

Using the [Cambridge Dictionary Website](#), write down definitions of each of the following key areas of linguistics:

- **Etymology**
- **Morphology**
- **Phonology**
- **Semiotics**
- **Syntax**
- **Pragmatics**

*If you have any questions about the transition work, or would like more of it, then please email Ms. K Smith (Head of English, Media studies and Drama) on [kelly.smith@astrea-longsands.org](mailto:kelly.smith@astrea-longsands.org)*