

BRIDGING WORK

Tasks – please complete A, B and C

A: Writing

We wish to know your thoughts about the subject and get to know you better. Please complete ONE of the following tasks – typed if possible.

We would like you to write a piece of journalistic writing, on either of the following topics.

1 The value of English Literature

What is your favourite book? Why? Would it be considered 'worthy' of A Level study? Explain your thoughts about what makes some literature worthy of study and others not. What are your views and why?

2 Why do we still study Shakespeare?

The Bard – he's on the curriculum from primary to post-16. Why? Should we continue to keep Shakespeare at the forefront of English teaching in the UK? Tell us what you think.

Try to make your writing as lively and interesting as possible. You may wish to use opinion columnists as a model. I recommend Marina Hyde in the Guardian, or Caitlin Moran in the Times – perhaps have a look at some of their work before you start.

B: Reading

Please read through the attached LCHS booklet, 'Love Through the Ages: Bridging Work,' and make notes in answer to the questions at the end of each text. This work is intended to give you a good grasp of the progression of styles of prose literature over time, and also a sense of societies' differing attitudes to different aspects of love over time.

If you find that any of the texts interest you, perhaps you could read one. Most early texts are available for free online as they are not bound by copyright restrictions.

C: Critical Reading

Please read the attached EMC booklet 'Bridging the Gap'.

We also hope you will do plenty of reading for pleasure. This does not have to be fiction (I'm currently reading a memoir, 'Untamed' by Glennon Doyle). It also does not have to be prose. Poetry or plays are great too. We'll be discussing what you read over our time away when we return. We can't wait to see you then.

I hope you stay safe and well – take care.

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Please get in touch if you need to – it's what we are here for.

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