



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Sixth Form

Year 11 Into Year 12 Transition Task

Subject: English Literature and Language (AQA)

SMRT Sixth Form takes students from a wide range of schools who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses. We want to ensure that everybody is equally able to access the content of the A Level and so the following tasks give you a chance to ensure you are fully prepared.

Students will study an anthology of texts on the city of Paris, as well as poetry by Donne and the novel, *The Lovely Bones*.

To ensure you are ready to fully access the A Level Syllabus you should attempt these tasks:

Section A - Essential

Find out about the French Revolution – how it started, key events and what happened afterwards (listen to BBC Sounds *The Real Dictators*- Napoleon for an excellent podcast and overview)

Section B – Desirable

Read *The Flea* by John Donne - Find out what a literary conceit is and write a short essay how John Donne has used one here.

Section C – Challenge

Find out modern beliefs about Paris and Parisians – stereotypes, reality and connotations of the city.

To be fully prepared for the course:

You will need to buy a copy of *The Lovely Bones* – Alice Sebold (Picador)