

St Mary Redcliffe and Temple 6th Form

Year 11 into 12 transition task



Subject: English Literature and Language – *AQA exam board*

SMRT 6th Form takes students from a wide range of schools, who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses.

Students will need to study an anthology of texts on the city of Paris.

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

Section A - Essential

Students are to research two of these areas and be prepared to give a short presentation to a small group in lessons in September.

- 1 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*)
- 2 The Paris Riots of 1968 - how it started, key events and what happened afterwards
- 3 Modern beliefs about Paris and Parisians – stereotypes, reality, connotations of the city

Section B – Desirable

Research **The Troubles** in Northern Ireland from 1960s to 1990s. Create a page of hand-written notes. This will be useful for studying Seamus Heaney after Christmas.

Section C – Desirable

More of a challenge: Read **The Tollund Man** by Seamus Heaney. Find out who the Danish Bog People were and why Heaney wrote about them.

To be fully prepared for the course:

You will need to buy a copy of **The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood**