



## **Summer Tasks July 2023**

**So, you think you would like to study: A-level English Literature**

### **Summer Task Title / Instructions:**

**Task 1:** Essay: close reading of a selected short story (c. 500-750 words)

Short Story: *The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas* (Ursula Le Guin: 1973)

***In 'The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas', how far does Le Guin present a perfect society?***

In your answer you should:

- Show that you have engaged with both the text and the question by offering a coherent argument. Your argument should be outlined in the introduction, where you establish your viewpoint; supported with specific examples from the text; and ended with a conclusion that reinforces your viewpoint and speculates on the purpose of the text;
- Comment on the writer's methods, including the form of the text, and the writer's language and structural choices, thinking particularly about how these methods create meaning;
- Show awareness of the possibility that different interpretations of the text exist;
- Adopt an appropriate tone for an English literature essay.

***We will be looking for a high level of accurate written expression in your response.***

**Task 2:** Read one novel from the attached reading list.

1. Research the generic conventions of dystopia.
2. Create a presentation detailing why the text you have read is a dystopia, giving specific examples from the text that clearly exemplify the genre. Be prepared to share this in a lesson early in the course.

### **Attachments:**

- ***The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas* (Ursula Le Guin)**
- **Dystopia Reading List**

**Please submit the task to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel free to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure about which subjects to study.**