**International Baccalaureate – Language A: English Literature**

**Year 12 Holiday Task**

This holiday task is designed as an important introduction to your IB Language A: Literature course. If for any reason you can’t attend the induction session, email the English Department about it. Help with the summer task will be given in your induction lesson, so if for any reason you can’t attend you should contact Miss Sones. Any issues, please contact: [s.sones@hautlieu.sch.je](mailto:s.sones@hautlieu.sch.je)

Please remember that this is a summer holiday, and that staff may not be fast to respond if they are away. It is best not to leave this until the night before you begin in September.

**Task 1**

Purchase a leaver arch folder and file dividers.

Please purchase, from school, Death of a Naturalist by Seamus Heaney for £8.00 or buy your own copy (ISBN: 978-0-23083-9). You can borrow a copy from the school, as long as it’s returned at the end of the course and no notes are written in it. You will find it useful to annotate directly onto the text.

Read the following texts.

‘Docker’

‘Poor Women in a City Church’

‘Ancestral Photograph’

‘Digging’

Write down your personal response to the text. Make sure you consider the following aspects of each poem:

* Global Issues explored in the poems.
* How does Heaney present the concept of family?
* What view of Ireland does Heaney present?
* What is Heaney’s view of the class system? How can you tell?
* How does Heaney present his views about the past?
* Did you enjoy it and why?

When answering the questions consider how Heaney is using poetic methods to convey his ideas. Use the supportive document: ‘Poetry Analysis Grid’ to help structure your analysis. Please show your annotations clearly on the text.

**Task 2**

Read and purchase from school *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini for £12.00 or buy your own copy (ISBN: 978-0-23083-9). You can borrow a copy from the school, as long as it’s returned at the end of the course and no notes are written in it. You will find it useful to annotate directly onto the text.

Have a good summer!

The English Department