

English Literature A level (EDEXCEL)

Component 4: Coursework

One extended comparative essay which refers to two texts. (2500-3000 words)

20% weighting

Plan for Autumn 2016

- *Any Human Heart* by William Boyd – introduced in June/July and reading to be completed over the summer.
- Plus one Evelyn Waugh novel we will look at in September/October – either *'Brideshead Revisited'* or *'A Handful of Dust'*. The basic idea is that *Any Human Heart* owes a huge debt to Waugh – it can be read as an *homage* to Waugh's fiction. This will be the starting point for the comparative essay and explored via a number of options/essay titles.

Please see Mr Pickering if you want copies of either Waugh novel for the summer.