

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Required texts for English Literature

To fully prepare your son/daughter for their GCSE English Literature Studies, we will begin studying the GCSE texts at the beginning of year 10. They are required to study three key texts and a collection of poetry. An anthology of the poetry is provided by the exam board but pupils are expected to have their own copies of the prose and drama texts. Therefore, we ask that you purchase these texts for your son/daughter by the end of the summer holidays, ready for use in September.

As a result of your son/daughter having their own copy of the text, they will be able to make key and necessary annotations, which will support in building a detailed knowledge of the texts. Pupils will also be able to read the text at home allowing for a greater proportion of lesson time being devoted to the exploration and analysis of the text, and the opportunity for re-reading. This will improve the chances of your son/daughter attaining the highest grades when they come to sit their GCSE English Literature.

Your son/daughter will be studying the texts in the grid below with the dates they will be used. Texts are available on Amazon, EBay and in both WHSmiths and Waterstones – any version is acceptable as long as it is the full text and not an abridgement.

These texts are required equipment for pupils' English lessons and so it is essential they have them ready for their return to school after the Summer break. If there are any circumstances that may prevent this requirement being met, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher by email or by telephoning the school directly.

Please ensure any communication regarding purchasing difficulties occurs before the end of the summer break, so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Title	Author	Date Needed
An Inspector Calls	J.B.Priestley	September
Macbeth	William Shakespeare	January
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	April

Many thanks for your continuing support,

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