

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

In readiness for studying GCSE English Literature in September 2021, we would like to give all current Year 9 pupils the opportunity to purchase the set texts through school. One of the challenges presented by the current curriculum is that the exams are 'closed book' which means pupils need a thorough knowledge of the texts so that they can recall significant moments and memorise important quotations. Having your own copy means that you have the opportunity to make detailed notes during class reading and at home.

Purchasing the books through school will offer you a small discount compared to general retail prices and ensure that you have full, good quality editions of the texts.

The cost is £16.00. This includes the three main texts studied for English Literature:

- Macbeth by William Shakespeare (Longman, ISBN: 9781408236864)
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (Scholastic, ISBN: 9781407143644)
- An Inspector Calls by J.B Priestley (Penguin classics, ISBN: 9780141185354)

Although it would be beneficial for students to have their own copies, please be assured that copies of the above texts will be made available to all students so there is no obligation to buy the text. School copies, however, cannot be annotated so pupils will need to find alternative ways of making notes.

Please make payments via the [ParentMail](#) link on the school website. The deadline for book orders is 9 July 2021. All books ordered will be given out to pupils in September 2021 in their English lessons.

English Drop-in clinic

I would also like to draw your attention to a 'drop-in revision session' - that will be held weekly from September. These sessions will be held during a Friday lunchtime and students will have access to an English teacher to gain support on any area that they need more help with. They can also come if they want to revise aspects of the novels and plays that they are studying in class. We would like to encourage students to begin revising as soon as they start studying their GCSE texts. As I am sure you are aware, private English tuition can cost £30 an hour - we are here for free, so please encourage your child to attend to maximise their potential from the start.

Yours sincerely

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