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Dear Parent/Carer,

In readiness for studying GCSE English Literature, 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 £19.64. 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 payment via Parent Mail. The deadline for book orders is 6 July. All books ordered will be given to out to pupils in their English lessons In September.

Yours sincerely

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