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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 and 11 set texts for GCSE (AQA)

Entering the GCSE course for English Literature and English Language can be both daunting and exciting for students as they are able to study a variety of texts and genres.

To allow for detailed study and to make personalised revision notes we request that students purchase their own copies of the set texts. We will of course have copies in school, but in most cases these will be shared and will not be allowed home due to the expense of replacing items when they are not returned.

The main benefit of students having their own copy of each text is that they can make their own notes in the margins. This is not only useful as a means of analysis as we study the novel or play, but also to aid revision closer to the examinations. Students will also need to access copies at home to assist them in the completion of homework tasks and to ensure thorough preparation for examinations (both mock examinations and actual GCSE examinations).

The set texts for the GCSE course are listed below along with some suggestions in regards to study guides should you wish to equip your child with these as well. Copies of set texts are very common as they are considered classic texts and can be found with or without notes and of varying conditions online (particularly at www.amazon.co.uk) and in charity shops. New copies can also be found online and in all large bookstores such as Waterstones.

GCSE Set Texts:

Macbeth by William Shakespeare

An Inspector Calls by J.B.Priestley

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Recommended Study and Revision guides include:

CGP GCSE English Macbeth: The Text Guide*

CGP GCSE English A Christmas Carol: The Text Guide*

CGP GCSE English An Inspector Calls: The Text Guide*

CGP GCSE English AQA Anthology of Poetry – Power and Conflict*

CGP GCSE English AQA Unseen Poetry*

CGP GCSE AQA English Language*

Collins AQA Snap study guides are also excellent and very accessible.*

Oxford Literature Companions and York Notes also produce a range of study guides for these texts.

*We consider the CGP and Collins Snap guides more accessible for students that find English very challenging.

If you are concerned that you are unable to meet the cost of providing these books, please contact the academy as we may be able to put assistance in place.

As a department we really appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Robert Osborne

Director of Communications (from September)

