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Dear Parent / Carer

As we say goodbye to this most peculiar academic year, we will, inevitably, be looking at what is to come in September. At the moment, following Government directives, we will be teaching pupils in their form groups in Key Stage 3 to provide bubbles that will provide some protection against cross-contamination risks.

In English, we have planned an entirely new Key Stage 3 curriculum that is literacy based. We have done this to improve reading and engagement in the first three years at The Buckingham School, with the overall result of making GCSE texts more accessible when our pupils get to that vital stage. We have ordered in the books for this and they will be in school ready for September. For Key Stage 4, pupils can order their own copy so that they can annotate the text for revision. For those pupils in Key Stage 4, we have moved to texts that we feel will offer the greatest opportunity to succeed.

As a result of Coronavirus, I understand that you may want your child to have their own copy of the texts that we are studying. For this reason, please find below a list of every text we will be covering throughout the year for each Year Group, in the order they are being taught. I have also put the ISBN number with them so that you can order exactly the same version that we will be using to teach.

KS3:

Year 7:

9780141377353 - The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo

9781407191935 - Darkside by Tom Becker

9781107615533 - The Tempest (Cambridge Schools) by William Shakespeare

9781408894989 - Face by Benjamin Zephaniah

0141365536 - BOY by Roald Dahl

Year 8:

9780141345357 - Diary of Anne Frank (abridged) by Anne Frank

9781107615397 - The Merchant of Venice (Cambridge Schools) by William Shakespeare

9781788884051 - Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

9780007133048 - In The Middle of the Night by Cormier

Year 9:

9780141184982 - A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines

9780413767707 - Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

9780241430897 - Animal Farm by George Orwell

9781107615496 - Macbeth (Cambridge Schools) by William Shakespeare

9780141023571 - Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

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KS4:

Year 10:

9781840227567 - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

9781107619890 - Much Ado About Nothing (Cambridge Schools) by William Shakespeare

9781782943617 - AQA Power & Conflict Poetry Anthology Study Guide

Year 11:

9780435232825 - An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this.

Yours faithfully

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