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Dear Parent / Carer,

## GCSE English Literature Texts

As you will know, your child has recently started their GCSE courses in English Language and English Literature and our focus for this term will be GCSE Language skills. The GCSE specification change in 2015 means that all of the GCSE examinations will be 'closed book', meaning that students will not have access to their texts in the final examination.

All students will study the following texts for GCSE Literature:

- 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare
- 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens
- 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B Priestley
- 'Power and Conflict' Poetry (Anthologies are provided by the exam board at no cost)

In order to help students meet the challenges that have been created in the specification and to ensure they are able to take real ownership of these texts in preparation for the final examination, we would like students to be able to annotate and make detailed notes in their texts as we study them in class.

To this end, from September, we would like students to have copies of their own set texts, all of the same edition, as it will enable teachers to navigate and signpost particular extracts easily in lessons. As a department we have had many discussions about the best editions to use with our students and have chosen 3 specific editions for the set texts:

- The Cambridge School's edition of 'Romeo and Juliet' (ISBN: 9781107615403)
- The Heinemann edition of 'An Inspector Calls' (ISBN: 9780435232825)
- The EMC edition of 'A Christmas Carol' (ISBN: 9781906101381)

All of these texts are available to order via ParentMail and can be collected from our Reprographics Office (you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect).

The texts may be purchased individually or as a set and are priced as follows:

- Romeo & Juliet - £7.50
- A Christmas Carol - £7.00
- An Inspector Call - £8.30
- Set of all 3 - £21.89

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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