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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Students purchasing their own copies of texts for English Literature GCSE 2022

Now that your son/daughter has moved up to Y10 and begun their English Language and Literature GCSE courses with us, I would like to remind you of some details about what their course involves. We sent this information out at the end of Y9, so this is just a reminder.

The English Literature GCSE involves reading:

- J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*
- Shakespeare's *Macbeth*
- A 19th Century novel
- An anthology of 'Power and Conflict' poetry (provided free by the exam board)

Students are no longer allowed to take copies of any text into the examination hall and our approach to using texts in lessons and for revision reflects this.

We would like to suggest that students buy their own copies of their English Literature texts so that they may make notes in them, mark the location of key passages etc. and turn the books into a rich revision resource. This is not compulsory, and the school will still provide copies for students who do not purchase their own. However, books belonging to school would need to be kept unmarked and returned after exams, as we cannot afford to replace large numbers of texts each year.

If you are happy to purchase texts for your child, initially we asked you to acquire copies of the following texts for study in Y10:

An Inspector Calls (Heinemann Plays edition*)

Macbeth (Oxford Schools Shakespeare edition*)

*We have included suggested editions to help you choose, but any publisher or edition with a reader-friendly typeface would be fine. Second hand copies may be available via Amazon or similar.

We will shortly start teaching "Macbeth" so if you are intending to purchase a copy for your son/daughter, it would be very useful for them to have this now.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via k.bowes@mce.hlt.academy

Yours faithfully

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