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Dear Parent/Carer

Literature texts

Your son/daughter will be studying the AQA GCSE English Literature course from September. Year 10 will be a Literature only year, with Language being studied in Year 11 alongside revision for Literature. Pupils will study three whole texts as part of this course, a Modern play, a Shakespeare play and a 19th century novel:

- **Modern play** - EITHER: *An Inspector Calls* by J. B. Priestley (taught by Ms Dewsnap, Ms Snailum, Ms Mosley and Ms Dolan) OR *DNA* by Dennis Kelly (taught by Mrs Drage and Ms Young)
- **Shakespeare play** - *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (all classes)
- **19th century novel** - *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens (all classes).

The course is 100% examination and 'closed book' which means that students are not allowed copies of the texts in the final exams. We believe it will be extremely beneficial for every student to have their own copies of these texts in order for them to annotate, make notes and revise. These texts can be purchased in a variety of online retailers but please ensure you are purchasing the correct edition depending on class. *DNA* or *An Inspector Calls* are the first texts being taught so, once you have found out which teacher your son/daughter has, please purchase the appropriate text. **If this can be done by Monday 18th September 2023 it will greatly support your child's learning and exam studies.** If your child is FSM, a text will be provided free of charge.

- EITHER *DNA*, Oberon Books, ISBN 9781840029529
OR *An Inspector Calls*, Penguin, ISBN 978-0141185354
- *Macbeth*, Oxford Schools Shakespeare, ISBN 9780198324003
- *A Christmas Carol*, Wordsworth Classics, ISBN 978-1840227567

Revision Guides

In addition, there are a multitude of revision guides, specifically designed to fit the AQA Specification to help your child prepare for both the English Language and English Literature examinations.

Possible options (specific edition not essential):

- CGP revision guides/workbooks
- Collins
- York Notes

If you need financial support, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Subject Leader for English