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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE English Literature Texts

The English Literature GCSE course which your child is following involves the study of a diverse collection of English Literature; this includes a play by William Shakespeare, the EDUQAS poetry anthology, a post-1914 text and a 19th Century prose text. The two set texts which all our students will study are ***An Inspector Calls*** by JB Priestly (Heinemann) and ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens. The Shakespeare texts being studied are as follows:

Mrs Bartram: **The Merchant of Venice**

Ms Stratford, Ms Topham and Mrs Plummer: **Macbeth**

Miss Francis-Brown: **Romeo and Juliet**

Mr Dales: **Othello**

Primary study and revision of the works are greatly enhanced if a student owns their own copy of the text; they may annotate and label, add stickers etc. in order to best support their learning over the next two years. Furthermore, it represents a certain commitment and tangible investment to the course as well as a financial one.

We would, therefore, encourage you to buy these texts, either new or second hand (there are many websites that sell books in excellent condition, including Amazon, at a fraction of the price), as it would undoubtedly prove highly beneficial to your child's progress.

There will be an opportunity to order CGP editions of both **Macbeth** and **Romeo and Juliet** from the College next September.

The new academic year will begin with ***An Inspector Calls*** by JB Priestly.

Yours sincerely



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