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Dear Parents and Carers,

In English, students complete two GCSEs: English Language and English Literature. For English Literature, students will be learning a number of set texts:

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (in Autumn of Year 10)

Macbeth by William Shakespeare (in Spring of Year 10)

An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley (in Summer of Year 10)

AQA Poetry Anthology (in Autumn Year 11)

The AQA Poetry Anthology will be provided by us, but we thoroughly recommend that you buy copies of the other texts for your children. The reason for this is that as students learn, they need to annotate their texts as part of their revision notes.

Below is a list of the specific versions of these texts that we recommend you buy. These versions are very student and annotation friendly and, if you purchase them through the school Gateway account, they are discounted. We are also providing you with the opportunity to buy discounted revision guides for each of the texts. These are not essential, but still recommended as they are extremely useful for independent revision. Please could you ensure that copies are ordered through Gateway by **Monday 14th September**.

We completely understand that purchasing all of the required texts at once may not be possible for every family. If you are unable to purchase them all, we kindly ask that you prioritise **A Christmas Carol**, as this will be the text studied during Autumn Term 1. The remaining texts can then be purchased at a later date.

Yours sincerely

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These are the editions that we will order through Gateway. We have added links for your reference.

Texts:

CGP *A Christmas Carol*

https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/literature/text-guides-and-plays/epcc41-a-christmas-carol-the-complete-novel?srsId=AfmBOor-aXrbDc3gP4vtDOWNF8j5GRsLEc6PFp4-h_jbJWtgRyYxEC0

CGP *Macbeth*

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/literature/macbeth/epm45-macbeth-the-complete-play-with>

Firestone Books *An Inspector Calls*

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Inspector-Calls-Annotation-Friendly-J-Priestley/dp/1909608408>

Text Guides:

CGP *A Christmas Carol* Text Guide

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/literature/text-guides-and-plays/etcc42-gcse-english-text-guide-a-christmas?srsId=AfmBOoqey2-XDU4AJsT9hNBIAM1QlwdXRoAGx9OnWZG-SDN8rRYcOxDR>

CGP *Macbeth* Text Guide

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/literature/text-guides-and-plays/etm44-gcse-english-shakespeare-text-guide?srsId=AfmBOooleL3hTToVqfOXUVqMGmhCUWzZZTRHwgbU40ZgAzKdTmkjveRz>

CGP *An Inspector Calls* Guide

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/literature/text-guides-and-plays/eti45-gcse-english-text-guide-an-inspector>