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JS/P/LCH/Year 10 English Text to buy
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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Year 10 English texts to buy

For their GCSE studies your child will complete two subjects; English Literature and English Language, and sit two exams for each of those subjects. Both subjects are assessed wholly through exams. Thus 100% of their assessment for GCSE rests on the final exams in Year 11.

In order for your child to be successful at this challenging stage of their education it is necessary that they have their own **individual copies** of the texts that are to be studied in English Literature.

While the English Department has some copies for students, the shift in emphasis to deeper understanding of texts means that students need to be reading and re-reading their texts at home; and as they study in class and at home, they need to be making notes in those texts. We cannot allow students to write in school owned texts.

Thus it is imperative that you buy three of the four Literature texts for your child. We provide, through AQA (our exam board) the poetry anthology for each student. These texts are used in Year 10 and 11 and while it may seem an expensive outlay, buying the following texts for your child will significantly support their learning and progress in English over the next two years.

Texts to buy:

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

An Inspector Calls

Either: *Macbeth* or *Romeo and Juliet* (your child's teacher will inform you which text will be studied)

All texts are readily available in bookshops and on-line and at very reasonable prices. You may also wish to consider buying study guides for these texts to further help your child; there are many available.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to buy these texts for your child: it will make a significant difference to their ability to make progress and achieve results of which they will be truly proud.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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