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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your daughter, currently in Year 9, will be starting her GCSE courses in English language and English literature in the summer term. A summary of the scheme of assessment is provided below for your reference:

- Both GCSEs will be assessed by examination only;
- There will be two examinations for English language and two examinations for English literature, totalling approximately eight hours of English examinations at the end of Year 11;
- There will be no higher or foundation tier – all candidates will take the same examinations;
- For English literature, students must study complete texts (a play by Shakespeare, a drama or prose text written after 1914 and one novel written in the nineteenth century);
- Students will **not** be allowed copies of the texts they have studied with them in the literature examinations.

This year, your daughter will begin to study 'Jane Eyre' and poetry from the AQA GCSE anthology.

As in previous years, we do ask that every student purchase their own copy of three of the four texts that will be examined for English literature. This will prove a good investment as your daughter will need to re-read them numerous times. Furthermore, if she owns her own copies of the texts she can annotate the texts as she studies them, thereby creating her own personalised and invaluable revision resource. Please note that one text (an anthology of poetry) is provided free of charge by the examination board, AQA.

We recommend the following editions: their ISBNs are listed below. They are all available in major book retailers as well as online.

- **'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare** (Cambridge School Shakespeare, 3rd edition) published by Cambridge University Press in January 2014, ISBN: 978-1107615496
- **'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte** published by Penguin Classics in June 2006, ISBN: 978-0141441146
- **'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley** published by Heinemann Plays in January 1992, ISBN: 978-0435232825

Students will be expected to have their texts with them when they begin reading 'Jane Eyre' in Year 9 after the Easter holiday.

We appreciate that not all parents/guardians will be able to support the cost of buying all three texts required. Please ask your daughter to speak to her English teacher if this is the case. Equally, please use auction sites or second hand shops too as purchasing new copies of the texts is not required. 'Jane Eyre' is studied first, followed by 'Macbeth' and 'An Inspector Calls' in Year 10 and 11 so the texts do not have to be purchased all at once.

We do hope that your daughter will enjoy exploring these texts and we look forward to embarking on the English GCSE courses with her later this year. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs B Robinson and Mrs M Brookes
Lead Professionals in English