

# HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent / Carer,

For the GCSE English Literature course, we highly recommend that students invest in copies of the texts studied for the exams. These texts include:

- CGP Macbeth Complete Text OR CGP Macbeth Bundle (full play text and revision book)
- CGP A Christmas Carol – The Complete Novel
- An Inspector Calls (Heinemann Plays for 14-16+)

Students will need their own copy of these GCSE texts in order to take notes in class. The CGP editions of 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol' are, in our experience, the most cost-effective and the easiest for students to access.

Previous Year 10 students have found these texts help them to understand the plays/novella better, and that they serve as a useful revision tool when they reach Year 11. They include the full text with key notes and a context section. Knowledge Organiser pages and links to audio extracts are new additions to the texts which students should find beneficial when studying and revising them.

The English GCSE course is assessed solely on examinations, and the standards expected of the students are increasingly rigorous. Therefore, the English department highly recommends that students use these texts to support and supplement their learning.

We start Year 10 with our study of 'Macbeth'. In order to enable students to begin taking notes straight away, we are going to be ordering the copies before the holidays, so that students can collect them in their first English lesson back. As such, to order a copy of the full play text, please place your order and make payment of £3.15 on School Gateway using the icon 'Macbeth Play' by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Alternatively, if you would prefer the play text and revision book, place your order and make payment of £5.00 on School Gateway using the icon 'Macbeth BUNDLE' by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Students study 'A Christmas Carol' in Year 11 and will be offered the chance to buy a copy of this text through the school in the Autumn term of this year. With regards to 'An Inspector Calls', this is cheaper to buy individually via Amazon; this text is studied at the beginning of Year 11 so we highly recommend students obtain their copy before returning to school after the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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