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AUDIENCE: Year 9 Parents

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Dear Parents,

YEAR 9 GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE & LANGUAGE TEXTS

In Year 9, students will begin work on their GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language, which will be assessed entirely by terminal examinations in Year 11. The texts to be studied for GCSE English Literature include Macbeth, Lord of the Flies and The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, in addition to a range of poetry. Students should purchase their own copy of each text (three in total).

They will need their own texts so that they can highlight them and make annotations, insert post-it notes, and so on, when we are studying the texts in class. Because students are not allowed to take a copy of the text into the exam, it is even more important that they have a thorough grasp of the texts prior to the GCSE exams.

Please could you ensure that your child has a copy of the required texts **by the end of March 2023**.

Upcoming work relating to the relevant texts is discussed in class and your child will be made aware of the importance of having their own copy in time for Summer Term 2022. We will not be issuing a further formal reminder about this.

Students need to use the same editions of the texts in order to ensure that page numbers are the same for all students, so please ensure the correct editions are bought by referring to the ISBN numbers listed below:

978 01983 24003 Macbeth (Oxford School Shakespeare)

978 0571 191475 Lord of the Flies (Faber)

978 0141 439730 The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde and Other Tales (Penguin Classics)

If you are eligible under the Government's Pupil Premium Scheme your child will be provided with these texts at no charge.

Yours sincerely,

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