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Dear Parents/Carers

The new English Language and English Literature GCSEs, which students will be taking in the summers of 2017 and 2018, require the study of a number of different texts. As most are 'closed book' examinations this means that students will not be able to rely upon having a copy of the text with them in the exam.

To support students both in their revision and their initial study of each of the texts, a number of study guides are available. We have considered those on the market and deem those listed below to be the most relevant for the qualification towards which we are working. Students will study three of the key texts and the combination will be different depending upon the class. Students will need to check with their teacher which of the texts listed, they will be studying.

For many students, having their own copy of the novel/play into which they can write their own notes and annotate the text as they read and study, is an effective way of supporting their understanding and a help towards retaining key information.

<i>Blood Brothers (T)</i>	Willie Russell	978-0413695109	£9.99
<i>Journey's End (T)</i>	RC Sheriff	978-0141183268	£9.99
<i>An Inspector Calls (T)</i>	JB Priestley	978-0435232825	£9.99
<i>A Christmas Carol (T)</i>	Charles Dickens	978-1503212831	£3.50
<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (T)</i>	RL Stevenson	978-1853260612	£2.00
<i>Macbeth (T)</i>	Shakespeare	978-1853260353	£2.00

Study guides may support students in their initial study of the text or may be used to revise key elements at different points in the course.

<i>Blood Brothers (SG)</i>	Willie Russell	978-1292138060	£5.00
<i>Journey's End (SG)</i>	RC Sheriff	978-1405835626	£5.00
<i>An Inspector Calls (SG)</i>	JB Priestley	978-1447982166	£5.00
<i>A Christmas Carol (SG)</i>	Charles Dickens	978- 1447982128	£5.00
<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (SG)</i>	RL Stevenson	978- 1447982180	£5.00
<i>Macbeth (SG)</i>	Shakespeare	978- 1447982203	£5.00

This revision guide and workbook will support revision for the English Language exam and will be especially useful for those in Year 11.

Edexcel GCSE English Language Revision Guide	978- 1447958083	£5.99
Edexcel GCSE English Language Workbook	978- 1447987895	£5.99

These workbooks will support independent revision of the key texts, including exercises, quizzes and examples. Such workbooks will be particularly useful as it draws closer to the examination, although they are not available for all of the titles.

<i>An Inspector Calls (WB)</i>	JB Priestley	978-1292100791	£5.99
<i>A Christmas Carol (WB)</i>	Charles Dickens	978- 1292138077	£5.99
<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (WB)</i>	RL Stevenson	978-1292138084	£5.99
<i>Macbeth (WB)</i>	Shakespeare	978- 1292100814	£5.99

You are obviously under no obligation to purchase any or all of these texts through the school and the ISBN numbers should allow you source them independently. If you would prefer to purchase through the Academy, each text will be available on ParentPay until 7 November to allow you to do so.

If you have any further questions, please contact your son's/daughter's English teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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