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## Year 9 – GCSE English Texts

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'm writing to inform you that we have decided to make important changes to the ways in which we deliver our GCSE English Language and Literature course. We follow the AQA specifications and, in previous years, we have delivered a two-year course beginning at the start of Year 10. We have come to the opinion that a three-year course, beginning in Year 9, would give pupils much more room to familiarise themselves with all areas of the course, and prepare more thoroughly for the final exams.

Because we are very early on in the academic year, we've decided that there's no time like the present, and are now implementing our new plans with the current Year 9. When the necessary changes have been made to the Key Stage 4 handbook over the next few weeks, we will let you know, so that you will be able to see how the course pans out term by term over the next three years.

The copies of texts that we use: 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls', 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde', are currently with students in Years 10 and 11. We have thought, therefore, that this would be a good opportunity for students to purchase their own copies of the three key texts, in order that they can write / annotate the copies as they see fit, without the need to hand the book in at the end of the course. We have researched the best texts and the most reasonable prices. Pupils will study all three of these books in Year 9 and beyond and they can be purchased as a three-book reduced priced bundle of £21.50.

Copies are available at school but your son will not be able to annotate. Any school copies found marked will need to be replaced and a charge made to you to cover this cost.

**Deadline for payment: £21.50 by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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Yours faithfully

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