

Dear parents,

As you will be aware, your son/daughter will be studying the texts that they will be examined on in their English GCSE exams, beginning after the Easter break.

As a school, we provide students with a copy of each text that they will be using in the classroom. However, many students like to make annotations on texts for revision and highlight key quotations throughout the study of the text. Of course, when using a school copy of the text, this is not possible. As all English exams are now linear and closed book, it is of real benefit for students to be able to make personal notes in their texts. In addition, students will benefit from having a copy of the text that they can take home to complete revision and further study. With that in mind, you may wish to purchase your son/daughter a personal copy of each text studied.

The texts are as follows:

'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare (we recommend the CGP copy of the text- ISBN 9781841461229- as it contains lots of useful notes)

'An Inspector Calls' by J. B. Priestley

'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson- The print in this text is often very small and so we would recommend researching dyslexia friendly editions if your child may be affected by this.

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, the school will provide them with their own copies of the text.

In addition to this, I am often asked which revision guides I would recommend for GCSE English and English Literature. CGP books (<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk>) seem to provide the best value and, in addition to the traditional revision guide, each text has a workbook of activities that could aid revision. CGP also provide the same for the Eduqas poetry anthology, which your son/daughter will study as part of their GCSE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the content of the GCSE English Language and English Literature courses.

Yours faithfully,

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