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Dear Parent and Carers

GCSE English Literature – purchase of set text

Year 11 students have now started working on their final GCSE English Literature text; '**Animal Farm**' by George Orwell.

It is important that your child has their own copy of the set text so they can annotate and highlight it in lessons. You may already own a copy of the book, but it is easier for students if we are all working from the same edition. Please could you arrange to purchase the text as soon as possible. The cost of the text is **£6.40**. You can pay for it via Scopay where you will find it under the subheading 'English books for sale: trips and events' and 'Animal Farm text book'. We have some preloved versions of the same edition, and are happy to give these away on a first come first served basis. If your child is entitled to the PP grant, their books will be provided.

In addition, parents often ask about purchasing study guides. These can be a useful supplement to the work and notes completed by students in class and are beneficial as they begin to revise and prepare for their exams. [The Snap Revision Guide for 'Animal Farm'](#) is an excellent resource specifically tailored for the AQA English Literature paper. ['Great Answers'](#) is also a useful revision guide with lots of essay models and explanations of how each answer meets the assessment objectives.

Many thanks,

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