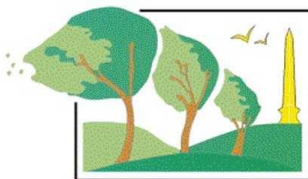


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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: New English Literature and Language GCSE's for Year 10 students

As I am sure you are aware, your child is at the start of their examinable GCSE courses, which will be completed in the summer of 2017 (at the end of year 11). Within English, your child will be part of the first cohort to take a new style of GCSE, which will now be 100% examinable – there will be no coursework or controlled assessment elements at all.

While we will be working extremely hard within school to ensure that your child is completely prepared for these exams and can achieve the highest possible grade, there are several things which you can do to assist them.

Firstly, a deep knowledge of the set texts will be imperative in doing well in these exams. Students will not be allowed to take copies of texts into the exams, and will need to have learned key events, themes and quotes. In order to do this it would be helpful if students had their own copy of texts. This year we will be studying *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russel, *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare and *The Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Although the school is unable to provide personal copies of texts for students, I am prepared to bulk buy copies for re-sale to students in order to reduce the cost. To do this, I need to know how many students would like copies. Please complete and return the slip below to me by the **9th October** if you would be interested. Once I have an indication of how many copies to buy I will let you know what the cost will be and you can confirm your order.

Secondly, any notes made and booklets completed in English this year will be needed for exams at the end of next year. Please would you assist your child with creating a sensible filing system for their notes so that they are available for revision at the end of Year 11.

In addition, reading remains a hugely important skill for success in English. Research has shown that students who read both fiction and non-fiction regularly do significantly better in all exams and particularly in English. Please continue to encourage students to read on a daily basis, and if they are not already engaging with newspapers and non-fiction please encourage this also. I am happy to provide lists of appropriate reading material for anyone who would find it useful, and all students have access to the school library.

Finally, we will be running a number of events throughout the year, such as theatre trips, to help students engage with the set texts. Please, where possible, encourage attendance at these events.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in this. If you have any queries or would like to discuss the curriculum further please contact me via e mail at lmartin1@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully

L Martin

Miss L Martin - Head of English

Court Fields School Reply Slip

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Student Tutor Group

I would be interested in buying a copy of the following text(s)

please tick as appropriate

- ☐ Blood Brothers
- ☐ Macbeth
- ☐ The Strange case of Jekyll and Hyde

Signed Date

Parent / Carer

***Please return to Miss Martin in the English Department
by Friday 9th October 2015***