



Dear Parents / Carers

During our preparation for the mock examinations in English, it has become clear that many students do not own copies of the set texts for English Literature: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley and *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare.

While we can provide some copies in school for students to use in lessons, it is essential that students have their own copies that they can re-read and annotate at home. This really is the most effective form of revision for English Literature.

With this in mind, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase texts (if you have not already done so) through the school, which should reduce the cost. The editions we recommend are as follows:

- **Macbeth** by William Shakespeare: **£5.43**  
Oxford School Shakespeare edition, ISBN 978-0-19-832400-3
- **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens: **£2.67**  
Wordsworth Classics edition, ISBN 978-1-84022-756-7
- **An Inspector Calls** by J.B.Priestley: **£8.19**  
Heinemann edition, ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5

Students also study 'Power and Conflict' poetry and were given an anthology from AQA in Year 10.

Other editions of the books are available to buy. However, we find it is helpful for all students to have the same edition of each text as this makes it easy for them to follow in class, locate extracts and identify quotations.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits the cost of these books will be met by the Academy (proof required):-

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you would like to order any of these books for your child, please place your order through 'The School Gateway'. If you have not registered, please go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). You will need to enter the e-mail address and mobile number we have on record for you. We use the email address and mobile number that we hold for the priority one contact(s) in our database. If you do have any issues with using this system, please contact [helen.martin@ansford.net](mailto:helen.martin@ansford.net).

**Please place your order by Monday, 2nd December 2024.**

By purchasing these texts you will be supporting your child's learning in English Literature, particularly as we begin our study of *Macbeth* this term. Ongoing revision of all the set texts will be vital as students progress towards their second set of mocks in February and, beyond that, the final examinations in the summer.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lizzy.rice@ansford.net](mailto:lizzy.rice@ansford.net).

Many thanks for your support with your child's GCSE English; it is very much appreciated.

With kind regards,

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