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Dear Parents / Carers

As Year 10 students are progressing with their study of GCSE English Literature, we would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase copies of the set texts that your child will study: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley and *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare. We are able to purchase at discounted prices so buying through the school should reduce the cost.

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.

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: **£7.99**
Heinemann edition, ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5

Students also study 'Power and Conflict' poetry and will be given an anthology from AQA.

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. 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 hmartin@ansford.mnsp.org.uk.



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Please place your order by Wednesday 15th October 2025.

By purchasing these texts you will be supporting your child's learning in English Literature, both in the classroom and at home. Ongoing revision of all the set texts will be vital as students progress through the GCSE course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lrice@ansford.mnsp.org.uk.

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

With kind regards,

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