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Dear Parents and Carers

English Literature Set Texts - Year 9

Now that your son or daughter is in Year 9, they require their own copies of two of the texts they will be studying in English lessons - *Othello* and *Of Mice and Men*. This is to enable them to begin to learn how to annotate a text, which is an important skill for GCSE English Literature. It is very important that all students have the correct editions of the texts, as line and page numbers, which will be used in teaching and homework assignments, differ between editions.

The editions we will be using are:

Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck (Penguin Classics)

Paperback Penguin 2007

ISBN-13: 9780141023571

Othello - William Shakespeare (Oxford Schools Shakespeare)

Paperback OUP 2009

ISBN-13: 9780198328735



It should be noted that it is important that students have *clean* copies of these texts, as annotations made by previous owners, often siblings, can encourage a passive approach to learning and such notes are less effective and less memorable than annotations made personally by the student.

Parents are reminded that school charity funds exist to assist families whose financial circumstances would make purchasing these texts difficult. Application should be made in writing to the Business Manager, John Clegg, outlining the reasons why support is required, as soon as possible.

When purchasing the books, you might consider buying through [Blackwells](#) or [Waterstones](#) who stock both of the texts at prices comparable to the obvious online retailers whilst maintaining a vital high street presence.

Please ensure that your son or daughter has the correct edition of *Of Mice and Men*, which we are studying this term, as soon as possible and **by Monday 19 September latest**.

Should you have any queries about any of the above, do not hesitate to get in touch with me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully

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