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Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE English Literature Set Texts

As your son/daughter progresses through the GCSE English literature course, they will require their own copies of the texts. Whilst we provide poetry anthology free, we are unable to provide copies of the remaining three texts, as we expect students to annotate each in detail and retain their copy for future revision. It is also important that all students have the specified editions of the texts, as line and page numbers, which will be used in teaching and homework assignments, differ between editions. The editions we use are:

An Inspector Calls: - Priestley (*Annotation-Friendly Edition*)

Firestone Books; 2nd edition (13 Mar. 2020)

ISBN: 9781909608405



The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and Other tales... (Penguin Classics)

Paperback Penguin 2003

ISBN: 9780141439730



Macbeth - Shakespeare (*Oxford Schools Shakespeare*)

Paperback OUP 2009

ISBN: 978-0198324003



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 often 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.

We are beginning our study of *An Inspector Calls* this week, so please prioritise purchasing this text.

When purchasing the books, you might consider supporting local/High Street retailers by buying through [Marlow Bookshop](#), [Blackwells](#) or [Waterstones](#).

If you choose not to purchase the texts, we can loan your child a school copy, but this must be returned at the end of the course in a completely un-annotated state.

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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