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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Current Year 9 – GCSE English**

Next year your child will begin their GCSEs. English makes up two of these and it is important to get them organised and as prepared as possible for the step up to examination study.

In order for students to get the best out of their lessons we would like to advise the purchase of the following texts:

- An Inspector Calls- Heinemann ([ISBN: 0435232827](#))
- A Christmas Carol- Independent ([ISBN: 978-1707446605](#))
- Macbeth- OUP Oxford ([ISBN: 0198324006](#))
- CGP guide to Power and Conflict Poetry ([ISBN: 1782943617](#))

All are available from Amazon and the CGP guide is available from the HUB. The CGP guides and workbooks are very student friendly and the HUB has stocks of text guides, examination guides and workbooks available. If your child is covered under the Pupil Premium initiative, these will be provided by the school.

**Students will be expected to read all of these texts over the summer holidays.** They could also:

- Watch the play of “An Inspector Calls” on YouTube
- Listen to the audio book of “A Christmas Carol” on YouTube
- Watch one of the many screen adaptations of “Macbeth” on DVD (we suggest the Patrick Stuart 2010 adaptation)
- Go and see either of the plays in the theatre.

As the students will be studying towards two different GCSEs, we would like to ask all parents to purchase the following stationery items to make organising their notes more effective:

- A lever-arch A4 folder ([example](#))
- A pad of A4 lined paper ([example](#))

Other useful items include:

- A pack of multicoloured highlighters
- A pad of sticky notes
- Note cards/ revision cards

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all of your support over the next two years. GCSE study requires a lot of diligence and patience and we know that it isn't just the students who are involved!

Yours faithfully



Mrs Kathryn Joyes and the English Team