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### **Year 10 into 11 Summer Reading for English Language and Literature**

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to advise pupils who are studying either English Language and Literature, or English Language only with regards to their summer reading.

We would recommend that **all** pupils read the short novel *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. This will be the main text for many of the English classes, and can be purchased from many bookshops, and on Amazon or eBay. It is also available as a PDF via Google.

We would recommend that pupils studying **English Literature** also read *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. This will be the main text for Mrs Wotherspoon's class. Second hand copies are available on Amazon or eBay for a low cost, and it is available as a PDF via Google.

Once they receive their timetable next year, we strongly encourage pupils to purchase their own copies of their class novel for making notes, and annotations. Texts can be made available from reception on request, though we would highly encourage pupils to purchase their own copy. Purchasing their own copies would also benefit pupils in light of the hygiene concerns and current PHA guidance regarding COVID-19 with regards to access to shared/borrowed materials and books.

We would be grateful if you could continue to encourage pupils to read for at least thirty minutes a day, to support and improve their present literacy standards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the work of the English Department during these challenging times.

Kind regards

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