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**Re: 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 recommend that **all** pupils read the short novel *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck ([ISBN 978-0-582-46146-8](#)). This will be the main text for many of the English classes, including the Language Only class.

We recommend that all pupils studying **English Literature** also read *Animal Farm* ([ISBN 978-0-141-39305-6](#)) by George Orwell. This will be the main text for Mrs Wotherspoon's class.

While Literature pupils will only study one of these two novels extensively, reading both will not only help develop their literacy and independent learning skills, but will also serve as excellent preparation for the Unseen Prose element of the CCEA Unit 1 examination.

We strongly encourage pupils to purchase their own copies of their class text 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.

It is not essential for pupils to purchase a new copy of either text, and many independent bookshops and online retailers have second hand copies to sell for a very reasonable price. However, we recommend using the ISBNs above so that pupils all have the same version.

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.

Kind regards,

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