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**Re: Year 11 into 12 GCSE English Literature - Summer Reading**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to advise pupils who are studying English Literature with regards to their summer reading.

We would recommend that pupils read the two set texts for Year 12:

1. *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley ([ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5](#)).
2. *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare ([ISBN 978-0-435-02644-8](#)).

We strongly encourage pupils to purchase their own copies of both of these class texts 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, if pupils wish to purchase the same version of the texts as the ones used in school, we recommend using the ISBNs above. This is not essential for *Macbeth*, but is most certainly recommended for *An Inspector Calls*, as this is the version pupils will have access to during their open-book examination.

Furthermore, we would recommend that all pupils endeavour 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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