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To: Parents/Carers of students in Year 10 English

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Texts for English Literature**

We are writing to let you know about what you can expect for your child in English during Year 11 and how you can help them achieve to their best ability in their English GCSEs.

As you know, English in Year 11 will build on the work they have done in Year 10: studying for an English Language **and** an English Literature GCSE. With this in mind, we would like you to be aware of the texts your child will be studying as part of their **English Literature** GCSE in Year 11:

*Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare

*DNA*, by Dennis Kelly

Details of each of these texts is attached.

In the autumn term your child will begin their preparations for the GCSE English Literature exam by reading and studying the Shakespeare play *Macbeth*. All students will be given a copy of the text to use in lessons but unfortunately, we do not have texts available for individual students to annotate and keep.

Therefore we are requesting that you purchase copies of *Macbeth* and *DNA* for your child's use. Having personal copies will allow your child to annotate the texts and prepare thoroughly for the exams in Year 11. We would suggest that these texts are purchased at the start of the holidays so that students can read them during the summer break. In the final exams, the most successful students will have a detailed knowledge of the texts, which will require numerous readings.

For your information, the attached sheet has details of **all** the Literature texts, revision guides and their ISBN numbers should you want to buy any of them in preparation for the GCSEs in 11.

Many thanks for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact Mary Harper on [harperm@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:harperm@wiseman.ealing.sch.uk) with any queries.

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Copies of these texts can be purchased through Amazon with the following details:

**DNA by Dennis Kelly (School Edition)** ISBN-13: 978-1840029529  
£7.99 to buy new (at the time of writing).

*A useful revision guide for this text is: Oxford Literature Companions: DNA. Also available on Amazon ISBN-13: 978-0198398929.*

**A Christmas Carol: GCSE English Illustrated Study Edition** ISBN-13: 978-1530990382 £4.67 to buy new (at the time of writing).

*A useful revision guide for this text is: A Christmas Carol: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ISBN-13: 978-1447982128.*

**Oxford School Shakespeare: Macbeth** ISBN-13: 978-0198324003  
£5.24 to buy new (at the time of writing)

*A useful revision guide for this text is: Macbeth: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ISBN-13: 978-1447982203.*

**Love and Relationships Poetry Anthology (AQA).** A copy of this anthology is supplied to all students free of charge.

*A useful revision guide for this text is: AQA Poetry Anthology - Love and Relationships: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ISBN-13: 978-1292138046.*