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To: Parents/Carers of students in Year 9 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 10 and 11 and how you can help them achieve to the best of their ability in their English GCSEs.

English in Years 10 and 11 will involve your child studying for an English Language **and** an English Literature GCSE and we would like you to be aware of the texts your child will be studying as part of their **English Literature** GCSE:

*A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens

*Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare

*DNA*, by Dennis Kelly

Love and Relationship Poetry (anthology from AQA)

Details of each of these texts is attached. Your child will study *Macbeth* and *DNA* in Year 11. In the autumn term of Year 10 your child will begin their preparations for the GCSE English Literature exam by reading and studying the Charles Dickens novel *A Christmas Carol*.

We are requesting that, this summer if possible, you purchase a copy of *A Christmas Carol* for your child's use. Having a personal copy will allow your child to annotate the text and prepare thoroughly for the exams in Year 11. We would suggest that this text is purchased at the start of the holidays so that students can read it during the summer break. In the final exams, the most successful students will have a detailed knowledge of the text, which will require numerous readings. Any students without their own copy of the text will be given a copy to use in lessons so buying a copy is not compulsory, but unfortunately we do not have texts available for individual students to annotate and keep.

AQA supply a free of charge copy of the poetry anthology for each student. These will be given out in school. There is an excellent revision guide which you could purchase that supports the study of these poems.

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 Years 10 and 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.

Yours faithfully,

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Texts studied for GCSE English Literature

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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.*