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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: GCSE English Literature Set Texts to be studied in Year 10

As a part of the GCSE English Literature course your son/daughter will be required to study 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. They will be examined on these texts in an external exam in May 2023.

Eduqas, the examination board, encourages students to annotate the set texts in detail; including cross-referencing of significant features and detailed commentary within the text. In order to do this effectively, we recommend that students purchase their own copies enabling them to annotate freely. Students who choose not to purchase their own copies of the text will be provided with a department copy which may be annotated in pencil and must be returned in good condition, with annotations erased, after the exam in May. The set text may NOT be taken into the exam.

The texts are available to purchase from most book shops and many online sites. It is essential that the editions purchased are the ones with the correct ISBN number. These hardback texts are the editions specified by the exam board; pages in editions from other publishers will be numbered differently, which can be confusing for the student and waste time in lessons.

The correct editions to purchase are:

An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley published by Heinemann ISBN: 9780435232825

**A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens published by Heinemann New Windmills
ISBN: 9780435124052**

Please make your purchase by the end of the summer holidays as teaching on 'An Inspector Calls' will begin in the first week of September for all year 10 classes while teaching of 'A Christmas Carol' will begin after the October half-term.

Whilst we are reluctant to pass these costs onto parents, we hope you will appreciate the unsustainable impact the purchase of these texts would have on our department finances and as in previous years we are asking year 10 parents for this voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the texts. We appreciate that some parents will be unable to contribute and in such cases your child will be provided with a department copy that will need to be returned after their exam. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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