

English Language and English Literature GCSE

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware, in September all Year 10 students will begin the study of both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature. For each course, students are required to read widely and to respond to a variety of different types of fiction and non-fiction texts.

To prepare for this, we would like students to complete a wider reading challenge during the summer holidays. Students have been issued with a booklet that contains a series of tasks based on an extract from 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and a grid to record any additional reading completed. **The project will be due in on the first lesson back in September.** We do hope that students will enjoy reading something new!

To support students further, your child has been asked to complete a self-study of key poems from their poetry anthology. This homework will help them to be fully prepared for a Literature assessment they will be completing in September.

A number of students have enquired about which texts we will be studying next year. For those wishing to begin their reading over the summer holidays, the first text we will study is 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley. We strongly recommend that, where possible, pupils purchase their own copy of the text so that during class study they can make detailed notes in it and highlight relevant quotations. This will provide them with an invaluable revision resource.

The copy we would suggest purchasing is: 'An Inspector Calls' by J. B. Priestley ISBN 9780435232825 (rrp. £8.50)

Students will also study 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare and 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens later in the year.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Best wishes

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