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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ref: Purchasing English texts for GCSE study

At Wootton Park School we are passionate about ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential and succeed. In this way, we would like to strongly recommend that each learner should have their own copy of the literature texts we study at GCSE in order to organise their notes and annotations therefore making their revision in year 11 easier. Research into best practise has suggested that learners will find this very beneficial.

The GCSE texts that we study are:

- Shakespeare's – Macbeth
- JB Priestley's – An Inspector Calls
- A Christmas Carol **or** Jekyll and Hyde – class teachers will be able to clarify which text the class are studying

We're aware that sourcing books can be expensive, research suggests that second hand, pre-loved, or re-used texts are just as effective. If learners have older siblings or cousins that have pre-used/already annotated texts we are happy for these to be recycled, equally we are happy for second hand copies to be purchased.

I have attached links to copies on Amazon below that have adequate space around the text for annotations, however most major bookstores (Waterstones etc.) stock these and other editions of the texts. Although these are recommended, we do not require learners to have specific editions/copies, please source whichever copies you wish.

- [Macbeth: Annotation-Friendly Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Shakespeare, William, Saville, Jacqueline: 9781909608382: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781909608382)
- [An Inspector Calls: Annotation-Friendly Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Priestley, J B, Birch, Mark: 9781909608405: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781909608405)
- [A Christmas Carol: Annotation-Friendly Edition \(Ideal for GCSE students!\) : Dickens, Charles, Saville, Jacqueline: Amazon.co.uk: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781909608405)
- [Jekyll and Hyde: Annotation-Friendly Edition for Schools \(KS3/KS4/GCSE\) : Stevenson, Robert Louis, Rooney, Dr Anne: Amazon.co.uk: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781909608405)

If you need any further information or require support regarding the sourcing of these texts, please do contact your child's English teacher or myself for assistance.

Moving forward we hope to set up a 'recycling' stand in school where learners can donate old copies of texts for future learners who might need them.

As ever, I'd like to thank you for your continued support.



WOOTTON PARK

'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'f. Salusbury'.

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