



Wednesday 9th October 2024

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of your child's GCSE journey; an important two years await! I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of English. Our English team is fully staffed and ready to support our students to achieve the best they can this coming academic year.

Set Books

I am writing to ask you to support your child by ensuring they have the required set texts for the English Literature GCSE exams. We have used some of our budget to provide a copy of A Christmas Carol to all students. Unfortunately, the budget does not stretch to providing all three texts for everyone to keep and annotate.

Therefore, please can you provide the following two set texts for your child:

- An Inspector Calls by J. B Priestley – Required for lessons beginning 4th November 2024 (any version)
- Macbeth by William Shakespeare – Required for September 2025 (I recommend the CGP version, Product code: EPM45)

These can be purchased easily and often cheaply from most bookshops or online stores like Amazon. It is perfectly acceptable to have second hand copies. They can also be ordered through Wisepay [Wootton Academy Trust - Wootton Academy Trust - Home Page \(wisepay.co.uk\)](https://www.wisepay.co.uk)

It is essential that every child has a copy of these books. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, then the English Department will provide copies for your child to keep. These can be collected from their English teacher in due course.

Revision Guides

It would be very helpful for your child to also have a revision guide; however this is not compulsory. May I recommend the 'CGP' guides as a good option. Students are encouraged to bring/use these in lessons. These can be ordered through Wisepay [Wootton Academy Trust - Wootton Academy Trust - Home Page \(wisepay.co.uk\)](https://www.wisepay.co.uk)

Homework

Homework is set on a Monday and students have 1 week to complete it. This is set on Class Charts. For the whole of the Autumn Term, students are required to re-read a section of the book they are studying and complete a Seneca quiz to assess their progress. Please can I ask you to support your child to ensure both tasks are completed on time.

I look forward to working with you and your child/ren to make sure they have the best year possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs H. Bennett
Head of English