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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are probably aware, there have been significant changes to GCSE English Language and Literature. One of those changes is the increase in the number of literary texts that must be studied for English Literature and another is that the students are no longer able to have access to a copy of the text in the exam.

Last year we decided that it would be better if the students had their own copy of the texts so that they can write notes in them for revision. This proved very successful with the vast majority choosing to purchase the texts from us.

Therefore this year, we are again asking for a contribution of £10.00 to cover the cost of three literary texts: a modern novel/drama, a pre-1900 text and a Shakespeare play. This has been subsidised and is a substantial saving on the actual cost of the texts.

If you are able to make a contribution, we will be starting the pre-1900 texts after half term, so it would be helpful if you could make the payment, via Parent Pay before then. That way your child will have their own copy of the text to make notes in from the beginning.

If you are unable to make a contribution, the English Department will have texts your child can use. However, please be aware that they will not be able to make notes in these books as we cannot afford to keep replacing them.

This is a significant change in our practice, but one we are hoping will bring great benefits for the students. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sarah Flynn
Head of English

