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Dear Parent/Carers

In September, the students will be starting their GCSE courses in English Language and English Literature.

As part of the AQA GCSE English Literature (8702) qualification, all students will cover the following texts:

- An Inspector Calls (play)
- Romeo and Juliet (play)
- AQA Love and Relationships Poetry Anthology (text provided by AQA)
- A Christmas Carol (19th Century novella)

As the exams are closed book, students are required to know these set texts in great depth and learn quotations off by heart for key characters and themes. In order to help with this, it is advised that students highlight and annotate the text as they are studied in class so that key ideas are easily identifiable when revising. In order to do this, students will need to obtain their own copies of the text.

There is no requirement to buy these books and the English Department upload PDF copies to MS Teams where possible for students who do not purchase their own copies. However, these students will not be able to highlight/annotate these copies as easily. There is no specific edition which is required for any text the students do purchase.

All students will begin their English GCSE in September by studying **An Inspector Calls**, therefore, this is the text which would be worth prioritising prior to the autumn term. It would also be a worthwhile activity for the students to take some time over the summer holidays to read some of their literature texts to prepare themselves for the amount of reading that the GCSE courses require.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact via email: info@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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