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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter to their Year 10 studies in English here at Wildern. Year 10 is the year in which students embed their knowledge of the GCSE curriculum and study key components of the Language and Literature courses. Over the course of the year your son/daughter will secure their understanding of the exam requirements to enable them to confidently respond to the demands of the English Language and Literature assessments.

With this in mind, students will begin Year 10 with an in-depth study of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. This text will fulfil the Shakespearian play requirement of the AQA English Literature assessment. Therefore, we are asking that all students have their own copy of the play, which they will be able to annotate and use at school and at home as part of their ongoing studies and revision. It will be useful for your son/daughter to get their copy as soon as possible in order to support their studies over the course of this term. We would recommend the Oxford School Shakespeare edition (ISBN-109780198324003) for the particularly useful glossary but any edition would suffice. Please be assured that your son/daughter's book does not have to be brand new and that Pupil Premium students will receive their copies through the school.

In addition to this, if you wish to prepare for the other texts that your son/daughter will study as part of their English Literature GCSE, you may want to purchase copies of 'Jekyll and Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson (ISBN-109781853260612) and 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B Priestley (ISBN-100435232827).

There are many cheap ways of buying texts: World of Books sells second hand books with free postage - <https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb>, as does awesomebooks.com. Amazon will sell new versions of the texts, but there are also second hand books available, just look for 'used' under the main advertised price.

The parent handbook for English contains full details of the curriculum that your son/daughter will be studying this year, as well as useful links to extra-curricular activities that may interest them and advice on how you can support them across this year. We would direct you to pages 43-44 specifically.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your son/daughter's English teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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