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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to welcome your son/daughter to their Year 7 English studies here at Wildern. Over the course of the year, students will study a variety of texts that will develop their love of literature and skills needed to comprehend and form their own opinions of novels, poetry and non-fiction.

Autumn term

To introduce students to the department's expectations for reading, the class will study the novel **The Graveyard Book**. This is an exciting detective gothic mystery novel. To facilitate their learning, we would kindly ask you to purchase a copy of *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman for the beginning of term. This is so that they can annotate chapters as we read them in lessons and refer to key passages.

Please be assured that your son/daughter's book does not have to be brand new and that students eligible for Pupil Premium will receive their copies through the school.

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

Spring and summer term

In the spring term, we will provide pupils with copies of the poems we are studying in our *Poetry Through Time* unit which focuses on the origins and evolution of poetry. Likewise, when we study Shakespeare's *The Tempest* in the summer term we will provide them with key passages and excerpts to read and annotate. However, you may wish to purchase the full edition of the text to read and enjoy at home with your son/daughter.

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.

Please get in touch with me or your son/daughter's English teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Miss R. Mullen

Assistant Director of Learning for Year 7 and 8 English



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