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Dear Year 10 parents/guardians

As you know, Year 10 students have been following the AQA specification for English Literature GCSE. As such, they are required to sit a 'closed book' exam, which means that copies of set texts will not be available to students in the exam room. All Year 10 students have already been given their free anthology of poetry. We are now due to begin teaching *An Inspector Calls* by J.B.Priestley.

A copy of this text will be made available to each student though it will remain the property of the school so they may not highlight or otherwise write notes in it. It must be returned at the end of the course and will be returned to department stock.

Therefore, we highly recommend purchase of their own copy so that they can track the text closely using highlighting and annotation. The preferred version is published by Heinemann and has the ISBN number: 978-0-435232-82-5. It is currently priced at £9.99 on Amazon but a second-hand copy will be absolutely fine; often students may have an older sibling who has studied it. World of Books (www.wob.com/en-gb) and AbeBooks (www.abebooks.co.uk) are also excellent websites for second-hand versions.

The other two texts required are *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. The same arrangements will apply for these texts in that students will be given a copy to use in class but will be unable to annotate. I will send further communication before we study these to allow you to purchase a copy for your child to annotate if you wish.

Yours sincerely



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