

29th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Year 9 - GCSE English Literature Texts

Thank you for supporting our students as they have begun their GCSE English Literature course this term. I would now like to request your support in ensuring that all students have personal copies of the remaining texts that they will study for the GCSE English Literature examination in 2028.

In September, students will be studying R.L. Stevenson's Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde and in the second term, they will study William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. We recommend that every student has their own copy of the text in order to make detailed and personalised annotations to support their revision for examinations in 2028. Under the current specification, students will not have access to a copy of the text in their examination so having a personal copy for annotation and revision is essential for student success.

In previous years, books have been available for purchase from the school shop, however this service is now being phased out. I am pleased to advise we still have a limited supply of texts available in the Ashmole Shop at a very competitive price. The shop is accessible via the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=197>

Otherwise we recommend that you purchase copies of the texts from high street or online retailers such as Amazon, T G Jones and World of Books.

The editions that need to be purchased are:

1. Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – R.L. Stevenson - Wordsworth Classics Edition (ISBN 978-1-85326-061-2)
2. Romeo and Juliet – The Complete Play – William Shakespeare – CGP Edition (ISBN 978-1841461229)

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You may also wish to purchase a revision guide to support your child's studies. We would recommend the below text guides for this purpose.

1. Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – The Text Guide – CGP (ISBN 9781782943082)
2. Romeo and Juliet – The Text Guide – CGP (ISBN 9781841461182)

Students in receipt of the Pupil Premium will have their texts provided by the school in September.

We strongly recommend that your child begins to find out more about the texts using online resources such as BBC Bitesize over the summer holidays and we thank you in advance for encouraging students to do so.

If you have any concerns regarding purchasing these texts, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Smith', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miss K Smith
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