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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: GCSE English - Purchasing Core Texts, Revision Guides and Workbooks

To support students in both their initial study and their eventual revision for please find here a list of texts that can be purchased through Corby Technical School (at a reduced cost) at various points in the year that could help your child in preparations for their exams.

The following texts are the core texts that your child will study. While we will always ensure students have access to a text in school, students are unable to write in these and will not be able to take them home for revision purposes. We would always advise that students have access to their own copy.

- **Core Texts** – These are the three whole texts that students will study in preparation for English Literature. **We would advise every student to have their own copy of each text** to support their initial reading, provide them access to a text for revision and to allow them to make their own notes during lessons.
 - An Inspector Calls (Summer Term Y10) - £8.99
 - A Christmas Carol – (Spring Term Y10) - £2.33
 - Macbeth – (Autumn Term Y11) - £4.79

In addition to these core texts, please find a list of **optional** revision resources that you may wish to purchase to help students study and revise the content of their exams.

- **Revision Guides** – These text guides break down the individual texts into key themes, characters and narrative elements. Students are guided through the analysis of key quotes and provided with a range of revision questions (including some exam-style questions) to support their development of knowledge.
 - Macbeth (Autumn Term Y11) £3.15
 - An Inspector Calls (Summer Term Y10) £3.15
 - A Christmas Carol (Spring Term Y10) £3.15
 - Power and Conflict Poetry (Summer Term Y10) £3.15
 - Unseen Poetry (Autumn Term Y11) £3.15
 - English Language £3.15
- **Workbooks** – Similar to the revision guides, these texts are designed to break down broader texts into smaller revision activities to aid understanding and knowledge retention. Unlike revision guides, the workbooks are designed to provide students with more opportunities to practice using what they have learned.
 - Macbeth (Autumn Term Y11) £3.15
 - An Inspector Calls (Autumn Term Y10) £3.15

- A Christmas Carol (Spring Term Y10) £3.15
- Power and Conflict Poetry (Summer Term Y10) £3.15
- English Language £3.15
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar £3.15
- **Revision Cards** – Pre-prepared flashcards to support the revision of core Literature texts.
 - Macbeth (Autumn Term Y11) £4.00
 - An Inspector Calls (Autumn Term Y10) £4.00
 - A Christmas Carol (Spring Term Y10) £4.00
 - Power and Conflict Poetry (Summer Term Y10) £4.00

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I have to buy all of these resources?

- No. While we would advise students to have a copy of the core texts, all other products listed are optional revision resources.

Do I have to buy them all at the same time?

- No. There will be multiple opportunities throughout your child's GCSE study when you will be able to purchase these through WisePay. A new letter will be sent out each term (Autumn, Spring, Summer) to inform parents/carers that the purchasing window is open.

How will I know which text my child needs?

- Next to each of the texts in this letter is the term/year in which your child will study that unit/component. The only exception to this is for 'English Language' and 'Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar' which are taught throughout the two-year course.

Should I purchase both the revision guide and the workbook for each text?

- This will always depend on your child's needs and preferences. We have samples of the revision guides and workbooks in school to allow student to familiarise themselves with the materials and decide which will benefit them most.

Who can I contact if I am unsure what to purchase?

- Your child should always know what they are studying or what they will study in the following term. If you have any questions relating to these, please direct these to student support who can liaise with your child's teacher as needed.

Please note that this purchasing window closes on **Friday 5th July**.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via studentsupport@corbytechnicalschool.org.

Yours sincerely,



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