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Dear Parent/Carer

## English Set Text Study Guides

As you are, by now, aware, your son/daughter is studying three set texts for GCSE English Literature: a post-1914 play or prose text; a Shakespeare play and a 19<sup>th</sup> century prose text. The final examinations are 'closed book', meaning that pupils need to know the texts well enough to write extensive essays on characters, themes and key events from memory. Thorough and ongoing revision is, therefore, essential.

In order to support your son/daughter as they revise for these exams, we would like to offer a further opportunity to purchase study guides on the set texts. Through school, we are able to offer guides on two of your son's/daughter's texts for a reduced price of £5.50. The full cost, if purchased independently, would be £11.90. We believe that these guides are extremely useful as they are designed with the examination in mind, are user-friendly and focus on the most important characters, themes and events. Unfortunately there is not yet a CGP guide for *Silas Marner* - guides for this text are available from other publishers but we cannot offer a discount on their purchase.

If you would like to view samples of the guides prior to purchasing, you may do so via the CGP website: [https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/School/books\\_gcse\\_english.books\\_gcse\\_english\\_settexts](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/School/books_gcse_english.books_gcse_english_settexts).

Payment should preferably be made using the online payment system at [www.scopay.com/ripley](http://www.scopay.com/ripley) using your personal login details from the letter issued to pupils. If you have any problems using this system please contact the school office for assistance. If paying by cash, it should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and "English GCSE Set Text Study Guides" and posted in the blue box by the school canteen. The deadline for payment is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October in order to ensure that the guides can be ordered to be distributed at the start of the next half term.

If you would like to discuss this with me please contact me via Parentline.

Yours sincerely

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