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Dear Parent/Carer

Set texts for English Literature A Level

As you are aware, your child is studying the new GCE course for English Literature. The end of course examination does not allow students to bring annotated copies of their texts into the examination. Students have to study their texts in class and at home, revise in the run up to the examination and then remember the significant features and elements of the text when in the examination.

Because of this, we encourage pupils to make notes and annotations in personal copies of the texts when they are being studied in class so that revision is easier as the examination approaches. We will ask students to buy copies of both their final two texts: *The Kite Runner* and *A Doll's House*. Students will be provided with a 'clean' copy in the summer examination in 2018 to sit their final A Level examination. Additionally, all students will be provided with a copy of the two AQA Anthologies free of charge.

The academy has negotiated a very good discount with a publisher which will bring the total cost of the books to £14.50 and therefore will purchase the books on behalf of the pupils, to be sold (at the discounted price) within school. If you would prefer to purchase the texts privately, your child's English teacher will be able to provide information about the editions we will be studying – these have been specified by the examination board.

If you would like school to order the texts on your child's behalf at the discounted cost of £14.50 payment should be made using the online payment system at 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.

The books remain the property of the child once the examination is completed. If you do not wish to purchase copies of the texts, the school can provide copies but it will not be possible to annotate or make notes in the texts, as they will need to be used again. If you would like to discuss this with me please contact me via Parentline. In certain circumstances it is possible for the school to assist with payment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Goulds
Head of English

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Principal Mr M Wood

Chair of Governors Prof JD Crewdson

