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Dear Parent/Carer

## Set texts for English Literature

Your child is studying for GCSEs in both English Language and English Literature. For the latter course, they will be required to study and write about a post-1914 play or novel, a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel and a Shakespeare play. For each of these, they will write for 45-minutes to an hour in their examinations without having their copy of the book to hand. Pupils have to study their texts in class and at home, revise in the run up to the examination and then remember the significant characters, events and quotations from 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 are therefore asking students to purchase their own copies of the texts being studied by their English group. The books remain the property of the child once the examination is completed.

The academy has negotiated a discount with a publisher and therefore will purchase the books on behalf of the pupils, to be sold (at the discounted, cost price) within school. We are able to offer all three texts for the price of £11.50.

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 "Year 9 English Set Texts" and posted in the blue box by the school canteen.

The deadline for payment is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, which will allow us to purchase books to be distributed when pupils return in January ready to begin studying.

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 or to extend the payment deadline so if you have any concerns then please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Miss M Hayes  
*Lead Practitioner; KS4 Manager, English*

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