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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your son/daughter to their Year 8 studies in English here at Wildern. Over the course of the year, students will study a variety of literature and texts that will develop their reading ability and comprehension which underpins the skills needed as they move through the school towards GCSEs. With this in mind, and to facilitate their learning, we would kindly ask you to purchase a copy of the texts that they study in Year 8 so that they can annotate chapters as we read them in lessons and also use them for self-study.

This term we will be studying a selection of Romantic poetry for which we have provided a booklet of resources used in class.

Please be assured that your son/daughter's book does not have to be brand new and that students eligible for Pupil Premium will receive their copies through the school.

The texts we would ask you to purchase are:

- *The Woman In Black* by Susan Hill, preferably Vintage ISBN: 978-0099288473 (taught in the Spring term)
- *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, preferably Oxford Schools Shakespeare, ISBN 9780198321668 (taught across the Summer term)

There are many cheap ways of buying texts: *World of Books* sells second hand books with free postage - https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb, as does awesomebooks.com. Amazon.co.uk will sell new versions of the texts, but there are also second hand books available, just look for 'used' under the main advertised price.

The Parent Handbook for English contains full details of the curriculum that your son/daughter will be studying this year, as well as useful links to extra-curricular activities that may interest them and advice on how you can support them across this year. We would direct you to pages 42 and 43 specifically.

Please do get in touch with me or your son/daughter's English teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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