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Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Director for learning for English, overseeing Year 10. I look forward to getting to know the year group over the coming weeks and to helping your son or daughter to achieve their true potential in English. Over the course of the year your son/daughter will begin to learn and practise the skills that will underpin their AQA English Language and Literature Exams at the end of Year 11. Here is an overview of what students will do this year:

Students will spend the Autumn term in Year 10 looking at 'Macbeth' - this is an important unit of work as this play will be part of their GCSE Literature Paper. As a reminder, your son/daughter will need their own copy of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare – We recommend the Oxford School Shakespeare edition for clarity.

In the Spring term, they will move on to preparations for the Year 10 Practice exams. We will then commence reading the play 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley and we would ask that your son/daughter has their own copy of this text.

In the Summer term students will be taught the skills and knowledge they need to approach GCSE AQA English Language Paper One and English Language Paper Two respectively.

There are many cheaper ways of buying texts: *World of Books* sells second hand books with free postage - <https://www.worldofbooks.com/en-gb>, as does [awesomebooks.com](https://www.awesomebooks.com). Amazon 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

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