



8th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

English Texts

Throughout Year 9 students begin working towards their GCSEs in English Language and English Literature. While this is the first of a three year course, it is a vital year for allowing students to begin developing the skills they will need in order to ensure success at the end of year 11.

One of the key skills students need in order to help with learning and revision is that of annotation and note keeping. To prepare students for their final exams as fully as possible, we ask that students provide their own copies of the texts they will be studying. This means students can annotate texts over the course of each unit of work, creating a valuable revision tool for use in the build up to final exams.

When Year 9 students return in January, we will be studying William Golding's *Lord of the Flies* (Faber and Faber, Main Edition – the red or white cover is fine), and then William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* (Cambridge School Shakespeare) after Easter. It would be helpful if you could ensure your son/ daughter has a copy of *Lord of the Flies* for January, and *Romeo and Juliet* for after Easter, clearly labelled with their name. If you are currently in receipt of Pupil Premium support, these texts will be provided by the school.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

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