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Re: 'An Inspector Calls' replacing 'Jane Eyre' as first set text of Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

Last month, on 14th June, I wrote to you in order to outline the structure of the GCSE English Language and English Literature courses, and advise you of the requirement for students to have copies of the set texts for GCSE English Literature. In that letter, I stated that your daughter will begin to study 'Jane Eyre' in September 2023, at the start of Year 10.

Please note that, following recent meetings and discussions as an English department, we have made slight changes to the programme of study for 2023-2024, although they are minor changes that will not affect you in any way. However, rather than starting to study 'Jane Eyre' in September, students will begin to read 'An Inspector Calls' in their first English lessons of Year 10 instead. Whilst your daughter will still need copies of all set texts, it is particularly important that they at least have a copy of 'An Inspector Calls' for September, as this will now be the first text studied in lessons.

Below is a reminder of the recommended editions for each text, in the order in which they will be studied in Years 10 and 11:

- 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley, published by Heinemann Plays in January 1992, ISBN: 978-0435232825
- 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare (Cambridge School Shakespeare, 3rd edition), published by Cambridge University Press in January 2014, ISBN: 978-1107615496
- 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte published by Penguin Classics in June 2006, ISBN: 978-0141441146

As indicated in my previous letter, we appreciate that not all parents/carers will be able to support the cost of buying all three texts required. Please ask your daughter to speak to her English teacher if this is the case. Equally, please use auction sites or second-hand shops, too – copies of the texts do not need to be new. As explained above, 'An Inspector Calls' will be read and studied first, followed by 'Macbeth' and 'Jane Eyre' later in Year 10 and Year 11, so the texts do not have to be purchased all at once.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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