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Dear Parent/Carer,

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We are writing to inform you of your child's programme of study in English for their GCSEs. We have selected to use **AQA** as our exam board for both **English Language and English Literature**.

Your child will study a number of texts for the Literature course. They will need to thoroughly engage with these texts as exams are "closed text book". This means students will have to write about the texts from memory, having no book with them in the exam. To help students prepare for this challenging task, we strongly recommend students purchase their own copies of the texts. This will allow them to make personal notes and take full ownership of their exam preparation. Whilst we will provide texts for in class study, these cannot be written in and need to stay in school for other students' usage.

Each student will be told which texts they are studying by their individual teachers. They will study a 19th Century text for Paper 1 and a modern text for Paper 2. Alongside these studies, students will look at a cluster of poetry from an anthology supplied by the exam board.

When looking at purchasing these texts, we recommend you find an edition that suits your child and budget. A list of the editions used in school is printed on the back of this letter. To further aid preparation for the exams, we would recommend buying the accompanying CGP revision guides for the literature texts and the CGP AQA English Language Workbook. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, we will provide these texts and guides in due course.

In Year 11 they will finish their study with a Shakespeare play; this choice will be communicated at the time, next year along with the same opportunity to purchase the CGP revision guide.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind all students of the value of reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts in preparation for their exams. This reading can come in many forms, from novels to autobiographies, to broadsheet newspapers such as The Guardian or The Telegraph; the wider the better, as well as covering different time periods. Please find a suggested reading list on the English curriculum page of the Farlingaye website.

Any further queries you may have, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss P Mardle
KS4 Co-ordinator of English

Texts used in school:

Paper One – 19th century novel

Either

Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol,' Penguin English Library, ISBN 978-0141389479, Paperback, Pub.2012

Or

Robert Louis Stevenson's 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde,' Wordsworth Classics, ISBN 978-1853260612, Paperback, Pub.1993

Or

Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein', Wordsworth Classics, ISBN 978-1853260230, Paperback, Pub.1992

Paper Two – modern text

Either

JB Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls', Heinemann Plays, ISBN 978-0435232825, Hardcover, Pub.1992

Or

William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies', Faber and Faber, ISBN 978-0571191475, Paperback, Pub.1997

Or

George Orwell's 'Animal Farm, Penguin Modern Classics, ISBN 978-0141182704, Paperback, Pub.2000

Poetry for revision guide only

Either

AQA Love and Relationships

Or

AQA Power and Conflict