



July 2022

Dear parent/guardian

Year 9 GCSE English Literature

We have been delighted by the way Year 8 students have worked in their English lessons this year. Our thoughts are now turning to ensuring Year 8 students are fully prepared for Year 9, when they will begin their GCSE courses. Please be aware of the following key information:

- In Year 9, students will begin studying for their English Literature examinations. The content of the English Literature GCSE will be taught over the course of Year 9 and Year 10.
- **It is imperative that any unnecessary absence is avoided.** This will ensure that your child does not miss classroom teaching, revision sessions, mock examinations, and their formal **GCSE examinations in May/June 2024 in Year 10**. The college will not authorise any holidays. Students will move on to study GCSE English Language in Year 11 so there will not be an opportunity for students to sit the examination the year after.
- At Minsthorpe Community College, we are committed to supporting students in preparation for their examinations so they can achieve the best results possible. Parents/carers can support with this by ensuring that students see the value of **revision** and use it as a mechanism to increase their progress at home. **Homelearning** tasks will be set via Satchel One to aid with regular revision.
- It is recommended that all students have their own copy of the GCSE English Literature set texts (Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls). They are available to purchase via the School Gateway app and will be taught in the following order:

Autumn Term

- *A Christmas Carol* - £2
- Dyslexia friendly *A Christmas Carol* - £2.50

Spring Term

- *Macbeth* - £2
- Dyslexia friendly *Macbeth* - £2.50

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Summer Term

- *An Inspector Calls* - £8

It is not essential that students have all three texts at the start of the year; students will need *A Christmas Carol* first, which will be taught in September 2022.

As a department, we are dedicated to ensuring every child can succeed in English; if you have any financial concerns or any other questions, please do not hesitate to **contact Miss Morgan, English KS4 Coordinator, or Mrs Smith, English Head of Department**, who will be happy to help you with any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

M. Morgan

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