



Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 GCSE English Literature

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

- After the Easter holidays (8th April 2024), students will begin studying for their English Literature examinations. They will study 'A Christmas Carol' for the remainder of their Year 9 Summer Term.
- The remaining content of the English Literature GCSE will be taught over the course of Year 10 (Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, and the Power and Conflict Cluster of Poetry), as well as the English Language GCSE content.
- They will revise this content in Year 11 before sitting their English Literature and English Language GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.
- **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 2025 in Year 11**. The college will not authorise any holidays.
- 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:

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Summer Term 2024

- A Christmas Carol - £2.00

Autumn Term 2025

- Macbeth - £2.00

Spring Term 2025

- An Inspector Calls - £6.99

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 April 2024.

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

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