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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Essential Books Required for English Literature GCSE

In the new academic year we will begin studying our first key literature text: *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare.

Your son will need his own copy of the book in order for him to make notes in the text, which will support him with his exam preparations. We would like students to purchase the book before the end of this academic year, so that they can begin reading after the summer break.

We are asking parents/carers to purchase the book directly from the retailers. However, please can you ensure that you purchase the correct version of the text so that we can be consistent with page numbers and adaptations (this really does help in our teaching). The cost of the book is approximately £3.

We have sourced the most reasonably priced version, and there are also options for good quality second hand copies that you can still obtain for a matter of pence! The book is also available at other bookshops, but please check that the ISBN number matches the one below.



[William Shakespeare's Macbeth](#)

ISBN: 978-0008363604

In case of financial difficulty please contact me in confidence.

Thank you in advance – please contact me if you encounter any problems.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Crizzle
KS4 Coordinator for English