



September 2026

Dear Parents,

Your son or daughter is studying GCSE English Literature. They will be following the AQA specification which requires the study of:

- 1 play by Shakespeare (*Macbeth*)
- 1 'modern' text (either '*An Inspector Calls*' or '*Lord of the Flies*')
- 1 nineteenth century novel (either '*A Christmas Carol*' or '*Jekyll and Hyde*.')
- An anthology of poetry (Anthology will be provided free of charge by AQA)

Ideally, students will have their own personal copy of the text which they can make notes in and use for revision in Year 11. It is also helpful if all students have the same edition so that it is easier to follow in class. We therefore buy in copies of the texts, taking advantage of bulk school discounts. In the Autumn term they will be studying the nineteenth century novel – either '*A Christmas Carol*' or '*Jekyll and Hyde*'.

If you would like your son or daughter to have their own copy, please could you make a payment of £2.05 via ParentPay. It will show on your child's account as '**GCSE English Literature- C19th novel.**'

Financial assistance with the cost of the books is available via the school website. Please follow this link: <http://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/Free-school-meals-and-financial-help>

Your child's teacher will issue the book if payment has been received. If we do not receive payment, your child will be issued with a copy of the text, but this will need to be returned to us after the exams in Year 11.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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