



14th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE English Literature Set Texts – A Christmas Carol

We are writing to you concerning the English literature examination course that your child is currently following in year 10, and in particular about the set texts that students are studying for the exam. At the end of year 11, your child will be taking a literature exam, part of which will examine their knowledge and understanding of several different texts. To prepare for the exam, students will need to purchase a copy of each text, one now and another during year 11. The text that students will be studying now is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. This is the second text that students are studying for their literature GCSE.

The English faculty at Sackville is following the AQA syllabus which requires students to have a detailed and thorough understanding of several texts. Students will not receive a copy of these books in the exam so it is important for them to make the best use of them during their study and revision. With their own copy, students may use highlighter pens, underline and write notes in the margin, all of which prove extremely helpful in aiding understanding and analysis.

As you can appreciate, once a copy has been marked in this way it cannot be used by another student. Consequently, we are asking you to purchase the texts that your child is studying.

Copies of A Christmas Carol may be ordered through the school for £2.50. You can order and pay for the text via the school online payment system at www.scopay.com/sackvilleschool.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we will use that to pay for the full cost of the text. All you need to do is tick the consent box on the online payment system.

Please have all orders completed by **Friday 21st January 2022** to enable students to begin study as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support with your child's GCSE English literature. If you have any further queries, please contact either ourselves zangella@sackvilleschool.org.uk or chalford@sackvilleschool.org.uk or the English Curriculum Team Leader, Jennie Grimes, jgrimes@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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