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Dear Families

## A Christmas Carol

Students in English will soon be moving on to our next unit for their literature studies: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. I am writing this morning with a reminder for you to obtain a copy of the text by Wednesday 3 January 2024, ready for study in the new term.

As I explained in the letter I sent in September, students need to provide themselves with a copy of all three texts that we will study across the GCSE course. We began the year with the modern novel and it is now time to move onto the 19th century novel: A Christmas Carol.

We are happy for students to provide themselves with second hand or alternative editions of this text, however the one mainly being used in class will be the blue and white Scholastic Classic edition, ISBN: 978-1-407143-64-4. Please find a link to the Amazon page [HERE](#) where this text can be purchased from, alternatively, the text can be purchased from your local bookshop.

Students in receipt of the Pupil Premium government grant will be provided with a copy unless otherwise requested as outlined in my original letter. I also have a small stock of second hand copies that I am happy to give out as needed on a first come first served basis.

We are beginning this unit with a workshop from a theatre company on Tuesday 5 December 2023. As detailed in the letter sent out on Thursday 12 October, we would be very grateful if you could make the £3.50 contribution via the MCAS app as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Finally, I have seen that there is an excellent version of A Christmas Carol on BBC iPlayer: Mark Gatiss' recent theatrical production that is very close to the text. It is under A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story but is only available for the next ten days if you wish to take a look.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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