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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 GCSE English Literature Set Text – A Christmas Carol

We are writing to you concerning the English literature examination course that your child is currently following in year 10 and 11, in particular about the set texts that students need to purchase to begin their next examination unit.

As you may remember, we wrote at the beginning of the year outlining the texts that your child would be studying and which editions we would prefer. It is now time for us to study the second of these texts.

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 and 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. Students are now beginning to study their 19th Century text: **A Christmas Carol**.

A note of the text, the particular edition that we would prefer and the recommended retail price follows. Texts are available from Amazon or your local bookshop will also be able to order for you. Copy and pasting the ISBN number (see table below) into the site will take you directly to the correct book.

A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens	Scholastic classic edition (blue and white cover)	ISBN: 978-1-407143-64-4	RRP: £5.99
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Texts can often be found for less than the recommended retail price. Second hand copies are also widely available and perfectly acceptable. We keep a small stock of second hand, previously annotated copies at school on a first-come-first-served basis in case of need.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we will use that to pay for this item. Please get in touch with Mrs Nibloe (hnibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk) if you **do not** wish us to do this.

Please have all orders completed as soon as possible to support your child's learning of the text in class and at home. Students should ideally be ready to begin their reading after Christmas.

We thank you for your support with your child's GCSE. If you have any further queries, please contact either myself at Irogers@sackvilleschool.org.uk or the Curriculum Team Leader of English, Mrs J Grimes at jgrimes@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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