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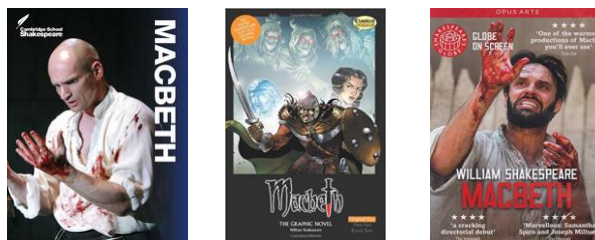
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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Shakespeare Text

Your son/daughter is now preparing for Year 11 and we will be embarking on the Shakespeare unit for the English Literature course in September. All classes will be taught "Macbeth" and therefore students may find it helpful to have their own copy to annotate for revision purposes. We are suggesting that students purchase the Cambridge University Press edition below (ISBN 9781107615496) which currently costs £6.78 but may be cheaper on Amazon. Having the same edition in class makes it much easier for the student to find page references. The notes in this edition are particularly useful on the context of the play and assist understanding with the language of Shakespeare. Additionally, there is a graphic novel version of the full text from Classical Comics (ISBN 9781906332037) that may be useful for pupils with a more visual learning style which is currently available on Amazon for £7.54. Please be sure to buy the FULL TEXT version as there are three separate editions. If you wish to purchase a DVD to support their study, we recommend the Globe on Stage edition (2014) as pictured below, also available on Amazon. Past students have found the Snap Revision Macbeth (published by Collins) very useful. There are also many resources on Moodle (found on the school website) for revision and the Audiopi podcasts (students have been given login details).

You might also be aware of the Rose Theatre (Shakespearean Pop-up Theatre) in York this summer where other Shakespeare plays like *Hamlet* and *Twelfth Night* are being performed between 25th June to 1st September. We will not be able to take a trip from school but I would highly recommend Year 10 students seeing Shakespeare in performance.



Year 10 have worked very hard this year and we have been pleased with their attitude and performance towards the challenges they are facing. If you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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