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Dear Parent/Guardian,

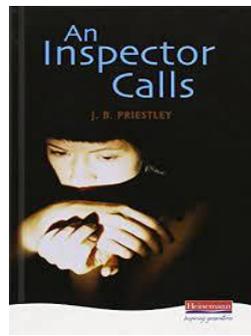
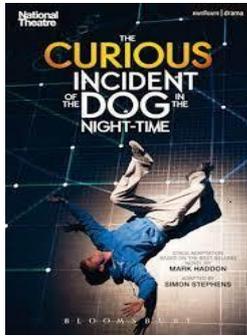
### Year 11 Shakespeare Text

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). 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. 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. Past students have found the Snap Revision Macbeth (published by Collins) and the Audiopi podcasts very useful (students have been given login details: username [staidans@audiopi.co.uk](mailto:staidans@audiopi.co.uk) password staidans). There will also be many resources available to students on their Class Teams for revision as they work through this unit.



Teachers will upload a Macbeth introductory unit of holiday homework on their class Teams by the end of term. There is a menu of task choices. We'll expect students to have looked at the tasks and completed at least two or three of them by their first English lesson in September when they will also need to bring their text. There are extra tasks for those students who would like to push themselves a bit further.

Ofqual have now informed schools that there will be no reduction of course content in English Literature for students sitting their exam in 2023. We will therefore be teaching the modern drama text from late January. Miss Fairburn and Mr Bean have chosen to teach "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" (Bloomsbury Methuen Drama edition 9781408173350) from the AQA set text list. All other classes will be studying "An Inspector Calls" (Heinemann plays 9780435232). There is a production of "An Inspector Calls" being performed at York Grand Opera House in February. We are planning to take a school trip and will let you know further information as soon as possible.



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,

Sarah Fairburn  
Head of English