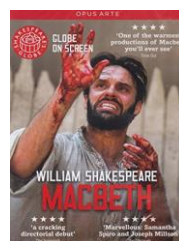
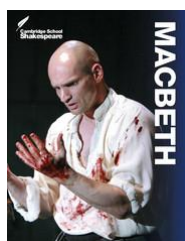


June 2023

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. The Globe Theatre in London is currently showing a production of Macbeth this summer if you want to experience the play live. 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 password staidans). Massolit is also a valuable online resource (username student@staidans.co.uk password: L1terature). There will be many resources available to students on their Class Teams for revision as they work through this unit.



Teachers will
introductory

upload a Macbeth
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.

We will be teaching the modern drama text from late January. Miss Fairburn has chosen to teach "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" (Bloomsbury Methuen Drama edition 9781408173350) from the AQA set text list. Mrs King has chosen to teach "Blood Brothers" (Bloomsbury Methuen Drama Modern Classics 9780413767707). All other classes will be studying "An Inspector Calls" (Heinemann plays 9780435232825).



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