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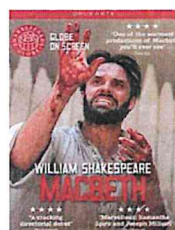
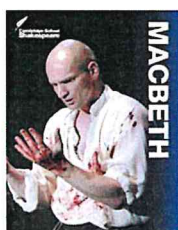
Dear Parent/Carer,

Purchase of "Macbeth" text for GCSE English Literature

Your son/daughter 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 requesting that students purchase the Cambridge University Press edition below (ISBN 9781107615496) on ParentPay for £7.50 by 13th June 2025. 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 password staidans). Massolit is also a valuable online resource (username student@staidans.co.uk password: Literature). There will 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. We'll expect students to have completed the tasks by their first English lesson in September when they will also need to bring their text.

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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