



Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: GCSE English Literature Course

As you are aware, your child has already begun their preparation for the GCSE English Literature course. However, to ensure they achieve their best possible grade in GCSE English Literature, we strongly advise that your child purchases their own copies of the set examination texts. This will enable them to annotate key passages in detail. Additionally, the versions recommended below are both accessible and contain helpful notes on plot, theme and character to aid your child's revision. Having already purchased a copy of 'An Inspector Calls' in Year 9, below are the two further set texts your child requires for study:

When required	Recommended set text	
End of September  2025	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> by Charles Dickens	
	Wordsworth Classics edition	
	Available from <a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk">www.amazon.co.uk</a> @ £6.32	
	ISBN 978-1840227567	
End of February  2026	Grade 9-1 GCSE English <b>Romeo and Juliet</b> - The Complete Play (CGP)	
	Available from <a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk">www.amazon.co.uk</a> @ £9.05	
	ISBN 978-1841461229	

If your child receives free school meals, the school will purchase these texts for them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via [office@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@stbernards.southend.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,



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