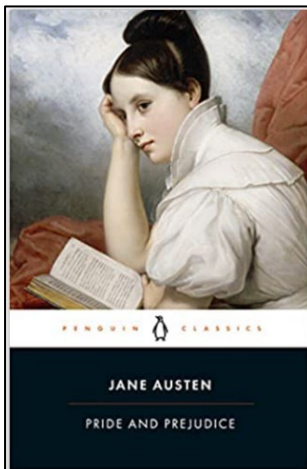
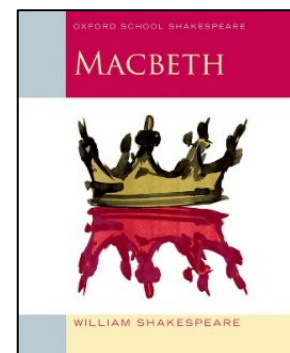


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing with information about your daughter's Year 10 English curriculum for September, where she will be studying the AQA English Literature and English Language GCSEs. We are excited about this varied and enriching course! We will cover Language skills throughout the course, interwoven with our studies of the texts for the Literature course.

In Year 10, the pupils will study Shakespeare's powerful tragedy *Macbeth*. Your daughter will also need her own copy of this play. We use the Oxford Schools Shakespeare edition which has excellent marginal notes to support studying this play. Please could you arrange for her to have a copy of this edition of *Macbeth* (ISBN: 9780198324003)? There are plenty of good film versions, and we are always on the lookout for opportunities for pupils to see this on stage too.



After that, we will move onto *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen's sparkling social commentary. Your daughter also will need her own copy of the novel. Please could you arrange for her to have a copy of the Penguin Classics Edition of *Pride and Prejudice* (ISBN: 978-0141439518)? It is important that she uses this particular edition, to make it easier to refer to specific page numbers in class. Your daughter should read *Pride and Prejudice* over the summer holiday so she has a good understanding of the plot before studying the text in class.

We also recommend the Connell Guides series of critical notes for both *Macbeth* and *Pride and Prejudice*, which are very accessible yet high-level extension reading for these two texts.

In Year 11, we will move on to two anthologies, both of which are produced by AQA and we will provide. *Power and Conflict* is a poetry anthology and includes fantastic poems such as 'The Charge of the Light Brigade', 'Ozymandias', and 'London'. *Telling Tales* is a collection of 7 short stories by a range of writers including Kazuo Ishiguro, D. H. Lawrence, Claudette Williams and Penelope Lively.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about your daughter's English GCSE course.

Yours sincerely,

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