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Dear Parents/Carers

Purchase of 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Of Mice and Men' for GCSE Literature

In Year 11, students study a drama text and a novel for their GCSE English Literature examination. The regulations regarding the use of such texts in examinations require that the copies students use must be 'clean' which means completely free of any annotation whatsoever. This clean copy is provided by the school both in class for students to read and study, as well as for use in the summer examination itself.

In order to ensure that these copies remain 'clean', students are not permitted to take the texts home at any point during the school year, *including for revision before the exam*. However, experience has shown that most students like to have their own copy which they can annotate and then use for revision.

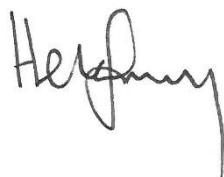
Amazon currently sell these texts more cheaply than we are able to secure them from the publisher, but unfortunately, as a school, we cannot bulk buy from them. Buying both texts from Amazon will also enable you to take advantage of the free delivery service they offer. The details of each text are below and it is helpful if students' own copies are the same version as we use in school to best prepare them for the exam.

***An Inspector Calls* J. B. Priestley** (Heinemann hardback edition: ISBN 9780435232825)

***Of Mice and Men* John Steinbeck** (Longman hardback edition: ISBN 9780582461468)

If you would like a copy of the text, but financial circumstances make this difficult, or if you have difficulty accessing Amazon for any reason, please ask your child to speak to their English teacher or to me as there are ways we can help.

Yours faithfully,



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