



# FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## English Literature GCSE Revision Guides

As of Easter this year, Year 9 have started completing work towards their English Literature GCSE, which they will complete at the end of May 2019. The purpose of completing this GCSE at the end of Year 10 is so that students have fewer GCSEs to complete at the end of Year 11. Furthermore, by concentrating on their Literature skills for the duration of Year 10, we have found students make rapid progress and are more than ready for their GCSE in the summer – despite taking it a year early. Our current Year 10s, who have just completed their GCSEs, felt very prepared and are relieved to have one GCSE out of the way already.

As Literature requires a lot of memorisation of key quotes and understanding of the plots, characters, themes and relationships in three texts, students benefit from the use of revision guides. We have tried to 'buddy up' students in Year 9 with Year 10 students to complete a 'book trade' of revision guides. However, some students have not been able to get revision guides in this way. To ensure all Year 9 students have the revision guides, we will be ordering some.

Students will require the following **York Notes GCSE Revision Guides (9-1): 'A Christmas Carol' OR 'Jekyll and Hyde', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Romeo and Juliet'**. We will be setting summer and Christmas homework from these guides specifically. We have found these to be the best revision guides for the course and highly recommend them.

We have also sourced an additional revision guide from CGP for WJEC Eduqas Anthology Poetry, which has some excellent revision tips and ways to remember the poems in the anthology (an element of the exam that is also closed book.)

You are welcome to source these guides independently. However, as a school, we are subject to greater discounts than other retailers are. For all the revision guides in one pack, they will cost **£11.25**. (RRP for all the texts in the pack would usually be £23.93.) Should students have older siblings who already have the York Notes guides, we will have an option to purchase just the CGP revision guide for the WJEC Eduqas Poetry Anthology separately for £3.00.

To ensure students have their guides before the summer holidays, we would like to make an order as soon as possible. To this end, please could you pay for revision guides you require via ParentPay by **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. We will compile the order after school on this day to ensure the guides arrive as soon as possible. Any payments after this date will not inform the order we make.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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