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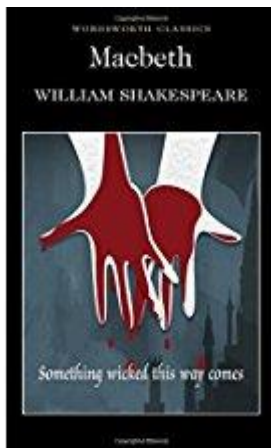
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of the GCSE English Literature course, pupils must study "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare. We would like to recommend pupils buy their own copies so they can annotate, highlight and personalise for their own use whilst preparing for the exam over the remainder of their course. Successful literary critiquing often includes colour coding, margin annotations, folding over of pages and the use of multi coloured post its. As you can imagine, we cannot afford to purchase whole sets of texts, which could not be used in subsequent years.

When studying the Shakespeare play in class, it is easy to refer to acts, scenes and lines rather than page numbers, so we do not mind which version is purchased and we leave this to your own preferences. The smaller, paperback text pictured below is popular and currently available on Amazon at a price of £2.99. The Heinemann hardback edition is more enduring, has more space for annotations and contains additional activities and notes, but costs £12.49.



If you are unable to purchase the text, a copy of the novel will obviously still be provided for your son/daughter but it must remain unannotated. Please could you let me know if this is the case.

Pupils will begin studying this play at the beginning of Assessment Cycle 2 which begins on 11th December 2023. Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of English