

10TH July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Set Text for ‘Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde’

As part of the new GCSE course for English Literature, all students have to study a 19th century novel. As a department, we have chosen ‘Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde’ by R.L. Stevenson as the most accessible text for our students. These texts will be purchased by the school and issued to students before the summer holiday. However, we highly recommend that this text is then bought by students from the department so that the copy issued becomes their own. If purchased, students will be able to highlight and make notes in their text which will be very useful for revision. As a classic work of fiction, these texts are good value, priced at £2.00. Kindle versions are available but a paperback copy will allow students to make notes to support their revision. If students decide not to purchase the text, the copy issued must be returned in excellent condition at the end of the course. Good study guides are available which we will recommend in due course but these are not a substitute for reading the text.

Over the summer holidays, we are setting Year 10 a challenge to read this set text independently and we will reward students with ADDS points for completing the reading. All classes will be working on this set text in the autumn term of Year 11 and studying key extracts from the text.

We wish all students every success in the GCSE courses for English Language and English Literature.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs J Preston
Head of English**

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