



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 9 English Students: Texts for GCSE English Literature

As part of **GCSE English Literature**, your child will undertake a linear assessment process with no coursework and closed-book exams. They will have to demonstrate confident and detailed understanding of whole texts in order to succeed. Like in previous years, our chosen works of literature are ***Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *Macbeth* and *An Inspector Calls***.

We are asking for a contribution to cover the cost of providing personal copies of these exam texts so that your child can annotate and make notes as part of their study. We have deliberately purchased the **EMC Full Text Student Edition** of *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* as it contains useful activities, helpful glossaries, essential wider knowledge and exam-style questions, which will prove invaluable to students throughout the course. This particular edition is not available to purchase from any shops or online bookstores. All three texts can be purchased for **£16.60** (retail price is approximately £30).

If the contribution is not paid, then your child will be given used copies in class to aid them in their learning, but they will not be allowed to annotate or highlight them, which is limiting.

Though recycling sibling copies is an option, we would always recommend that students make fresh and independent notes to reflect the individual experience of studying literature, and to assist their ability to learn independently.

Equally, students may wish to purchase different editions of these texts. However, there will likely be discrepancies with page numbers, which, from experience, can hinder smooth progress in class.

In recognition for payment, we do provide all students in September with an **A4 Lever arch file** and **dividers**, free of charge, so that they can organise their work over the next two years.

Please could you make payment by **24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. A reply slip is not required at this time. The EMC Full Text Student Edition of *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* will be handed out to students during Summer Term 2 as part of an introductory unit. We then ask students to read/listen to the whole story over the summer holidays ready for study in September.

Please make payment via your MCAS account – please go to the options under your child's photo on the left hand side of the screen and select the option for Beaumont School Shop, where you will be able to add "GCSE English Texts" to your basket. Please contact the finance office to discuss any MCAS set up queries or to discuss any financial assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Tatham  
English Department

