



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 Shakespeare Text

Your son/daughter is now preparing for Year 11 and we will be embarking on the Shakespeare unit for the English Literature course in September. All classes will be taught "Macbeth" and therefore students will find it helpful to have their own copy to annotate for revision purposes. We are suggesting that students purchase the Cambridge University Press edition via Parentpay. Having the same edition in class makes it much easier for the student to find page references. The notes in this edition are particularly useful on the context of the play and assist understanding with the language of Shakespeare. The texts will be given out in September by teachers to those students who have bought a copy.

I'm taking this opportunity to recommend further resources for additional help. There is a graphic novel version of the full text from Classical Comics (ISBN 9781906332037) that may be useful for pupils with a more visual learning style. Please be sure to buy the FULL TEXT version as there are three separate editions. If you wish to purchase a DVD to support their study, we recommend the Globe on Stage edition (2014) as pictured below. Past students have found the Snap Revision Macbeth (published by Collins) and the Audiopi podcasts very useful (students have been given login details: username staidans@audiopi.co.uk password staidans). There will also be many resources available to students on their Class Teams for revision as they work through this unit.



Teachers will upload a Macbeth introductory unit of holiday homework on their class Teams by the end of term. We'll expect students to have completed the homework by their first English lesson in September when they will be given their text.

Year 10 have worked very hard this year and we have been pleased with their attitude and progress. I will contact you again in the autumn term when teachers have decided on their text choices for the modern play unit which we start teaching in the spring term of Year 11. If you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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