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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that next term your son/daughter will be starting a unit of work on the Victorian novel 'Jekyll and Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson in their English Literature lessons. During this time they will be studying the text in detail. Students need to have a copy of the novel in which they can make their own notes, record their thoughts, analyses and the work that they do in lessons, alongside the printed text. This will help students with classwork and with the revision they will need to complete before their GCSE examinations in summer of 2022.

Students should purchase the Sterling Unabridged Classics edition of 'Jekyll and Hyde'. This copy of the text contains notes, space for annotations and information that will support your son/daughter greatly in their study of the text. It is the text that teachers at King Edward VI will be using in the classroom and when planning and preparing lessons. There is an option for you to purchase this text via your Parent Pay account; once you log on to Parent Pay the book will be available to order at the discounted price of £7.96 (a 30% discount).

If you would like to order the text through Parent Pay the deadline for the order is **Monday 5th July**. The deadline has been put in place in order that students receive the books before the end of term so that they can read the text over the summer. Your son/daughter will be given the copy of the text that you have ordered before they break up for the summer holidays. If you choose to purchase the text elsewhere, all of year 10 will need to have copies of the text by September. They can be purchased from most reputable online bookstores; it can be brought from Waterstones online store for £10.99. The ISBN number for the text is: ISBN 9781402784026.

It is essential that students all have the same edition of the novella for several reasons. We do not yet know if there will be any temporary lockdowns next year or whether any work will need to be set remotely. It will be difficult to set work remotely if students are working from different texts with different page numbers. Also, if students are working from different texts, significant lesson time can be wasted trying to find certain pages. This is something we need to avoid more than ever at the moment. With this in mind, if you do choose to purchase the text independently rather than through Parent Pay, it is important that you get the edition referenced above.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there are any concerns. We appreciate your support in helping students to prepare for this element of their GCSE English Literature exam.

Yours faithfully

Miss R Phillips
Head of English

