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Dear Parent/Carer

## **YEAR 11 ENGLISH LITERATURE GCSE TEXT: *AN INSPECTOR CALLS***

Part of English Literature GCSE requires the study of *An Inspector Calls* by JB Priestley – the play Year 10 students will be working on when they return to school as Year 11 students in September. It is essential that students have their own copy of this text so that they can annotate it; annotating the text helps students to embed their understanding as well as allowing them – in due course – to prepare successfully for their final exam.

The reason we are preparing students to answer on *An Inspector Calls* rather than *Animal Farm* in their final exam is because we feel that they will have a greater chance of success in answering on this text. We came to this conclusion following extended discussion within the department, careful analysis of last year's exam results, students' experiences of studying *Animal Farm*, examiners' reports from the exam board, AQA, and the very positive feedback from current Year 11 students (and their teachers) after studying and answering on *An Inspector Calls* this year. I am aware that some students may have been revising *Animal Farm* independently having read it at the end of Year 9; the work that students have done will serve as useful preparation for *An Inspector Calls*.

The edition the English department will be using in September is published by Firestone Books (ISBN 9781909608405); the cost of this edition if ordered through school by the deadline below is £9 as we can benefit from bulk order discounts. After this date the cost will be £10.50.

We would like all students to have a copy of this text for the start of the new term. If you would like us to order a copy of the book for you, please would you pay through your ParentPay account **by Monday 12 August**. If ordered by this date, the book will be distributed in English lessons during the first week of the new term.

School copies will be available to students, but they will not be able to annotate these. Revision guides on *An Inspector Calls* are available on the online [school shop](#) under "English Resources"

If you have any questions, or if you cannot make payment by this deadline, please contact Mrs Cooper in the Finance Office at [lcooper1@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:lcooper1@waddesdonschool.com)

Yours faithfully

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