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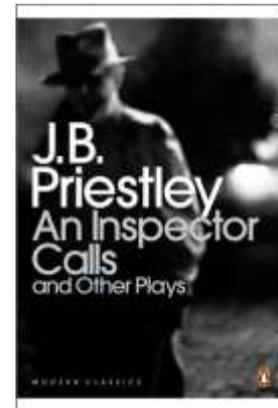
**Year 9 students**

Dear Parents and Carers

From May 2018 the English Department will be moving on to study a modern play text for your son / daughter's GCSE English Literature qualification. The new Literature exams, now being fully **closed book exams** means that students need to purchase their own copies of set texts, with the intention of annotating them to support their study. I wanted to give you further information on how this can be done in time for the beginning of this unit in May.

The text will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Century classic play 'An Inspector Calls,' by J B Priestley, and there are two ways in which this book can be acquired. You may want to purchase a fresh copy from any retailer – most online retailers will sell the edition depicted on the right for £6.99 or thereabouts (it is the 'Penguin Classics' edition).

Students who are PP will hopefully receive a copy through the PP budget, which I will negotiate at this end – and so will not need to pick up a copy of either text initially. I will be in touch about students that qualify for this in English this year.



There are also a number of study guides available for 'An Inspector Calls.' I would recommend the CGP Guide, for its affordability, user friendliness and helpful format and notes – but there are a host of other guides to support the study of this play.

This edition (CGP) retails around £6, depending on where you get it – but other possibilities include:

York Notes Study Guide (£5)

GCSE English Lit Study Book – Cambridge edition (£10)

Philip Alan Lit Guide (£7)

Letts Explore Study Guide (£5)

There are others, but they can be limited in numbers – and ease of use with this demanding play text.

If there are any difficulties with getting these texts, or you have any further enquiries, can you please contact me directly?

Yours sincerely

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Head of English

