



# Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to ensure your child's success at GCSE level, the English department has made the decision to begin the GCSE course in Year 9. Your child will be studying for two GCSE's: English Language and English Literature. Both GCSE courses provide a high level of challenge for students and in our experience, teaching some of the course content in Year 9, has been effective in helping students to realise their potential.

This term Year 9 will begin the study of a 19<sup>th</sup> century prose text: 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. In the Spring term we will then embark upon an in-depth analysis of Shakespeare's Scottish play: 'Macbeth'. The department has planned a wide range of activities to support learning, develop understanding and accelerate progress towards their targets. However, it would benefit your child enormously if they had their own copies of these texts. This will allow them to highlight quotations, make annotations and revise the text more effectively for the examinations they will have to undertake.

The department has negotiated a substantial discount with an educational publisher and copies of both texts can be purchased from school for a total of £8.00. This is also half the recommended retail price. Should you wish to purchase copies for your child, please complete the reply slip below and return it with all monies to your child's English teacher.

Pupils who do not have their own copy of the text will of course be provide with one. However, they will not be allowed to make notes or write in it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J CADMAN  
Head of English

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## Reply Slip

Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

English Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase copies of 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Macbeth' at a cost of £8.00

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

