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Monday 11th September, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Re – A contribution towards the costs of texts for AS English Literature (L6th students)

Your son or daughter has just started their new AS English Literature course. In this first year of the course students will study four texts, one of which is an anthology of poems printed and provided by the exam board AQA. The other three texts are Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* and E.M. Forster's *A Room with a View*. All students will be provided with copies of these texts in the coming weeks.

We feel that students are able to take better ownership of their set texts if they are able to highlight and annotate key sections of the text. This is especially true of the Shakespeare text where students can sometimes find the language of the plays less accessible, but also of *Wuthering Heights* which can also pose challenges due its length and complex structure. For these reasons we are encouraging students to buy their own copies of the text from the school so that they are able to annotate them fully. Students have the option of purchasing all three texts or just the two more challenging texts mentioned above. These two texts will be carried forward into the U6th part of the course for those who go on to complete the full A Level after the AS examinations this summer, while *A Room with a View* only features on the L6th (AS) part of the course. The cost for 2 texts is £8, while *A Room with a View* is an extra £6 (total £14).

Though we do strongly advise students to purchase these texts, I would also like to stress that this is optional and those who choose not to purchase texts will be provided with the same copies as their classmates (though they will obviously be unable to annotate them). Any parents who would like to purchase texts but feel unable to do so for financial reasons should contact myself in confidence (fearnleyb@ripongrammar.co.uk).

I would be very grateful if you could complete the attached slip and return it Mrs Grime in Room 16 via your son or daughter.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Fearnley (Head of English)

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English Department – L6th English Literature Texts

Name of pupil:

Form:

I would/ would not (please delete as applicable) like to purchase copies of the English Literature set texts for my son/daughter.

- I enclose a cheque (please delete as applicable) for £8 / £14 made payable to Ripon Grammar School
- I enclose cash to the sum of £8 / £14 (please delete as applicable)
- I have paid (please delete as applicable) £8 / £14 by ParentPay.

Signed: _____

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