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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 9 - English Literature - 'Romeo and Juliet'**

This year, students will undertake their first major study of a Shakespeare play: 'Romeo and Juliet'. Students will experience the teaching of this play in a way that is similar to GCSE. In order to help students prepare for the expectations of a GCSE study of a Shakespeare play we advise that each student purchases a copy of this text. Students will begin studying this play w/c 11 February 2019.

Purchasing a copy of the text will allow students the opportunity to make notes alongside the text itself, highlight relevant sections and truly experience the text as it will be taught at GCSE. Whilst we appreciate this is not their GCSE set text, having a copy of the play will be essential training for the skills required in the new English Literature GCSE specification.

The version that we recommend students purchase is the **Oxford School Shakespeare: 'Romeo and Juliet' (2008)** published by OUP **ISBN-13: 978-0198321668**. The text is currently £4.69 on [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) (alternative suppliers available).

If your son or daughter is Pupil Premium then they will automatically receive a copy of the text once the study of this play commences.

If you have any questions, please contact your son or daughter's English teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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