



St Peter's Catholic High School

A Specialist Visual Arts College



SMG/ABA

13th July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to request your support in helping to facilitate the success of your child in their English GCSE examinations. As you are aware, due to the change in English examinations for your child this year, the English Literature terminal exams are 'closed book'. Historically the English department has provided GCSE texts for each child and re-used the texts with the next cohort/Year group to study that text however this year we have an unprecedented situation where both Year 10 and Year 11 will be studying A Christmas Carol at the same time. As such the Department does not have the funds to provide each student with their own copy.

With this in mind can I request that a copy of A Christmas Carol be purchased by yourselves for your child. Each student needs a copy for the start of the new academic year 2016-17. This has the added benefit of allowing the students to annotate their own copies. Making their own personal notes to demonstrate understanding and to improve and personalise revision will only enhance their chances of attaining successfully. This again reinforces the idea of pupils taking responsibility for their own learning.

The recommended version of the text is listed below, retailing at £4.79 on Amazon:

A Christmas Carol: York Notes for GCSE 2015 Paperback – 4 Aug 2015

(ISBN-10: 1447982126)

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that your child is successful in their English GCSE. Please let school know if you are having trouble sourcing the text prior to returning in September.

Yours sincerely,

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