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Dear Parents/Carers

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Key Stage Three English

I am writing to inform you of the texts studied at Key Stage Three in English.

Your child will be studying a variety of texts studied at Key Stage Three following the National Curriculum. These texts do contain some adult themes and explicit language. Therefore, I would like to make you aware that the English department will respond to these themes and explicit language sensitively when teaching your child.

Please see the KS3 curriculum outline below:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn Term 1	Gothic Narrative Writing: 19 th Century Fiction Extracts	Blood Brothers by Willy Russell	Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Autumn Term 2	Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo	Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah	Conflict Poetry: A selection
Spring Term 1	Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare	Culture Poetry: A selection	Politics
Spring Term 2	Introduction to Poetry: A selection	Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare	19 th Century Texts: A selection
Summer Term 1	Stone Cold by Robert Swindells	Sherlock by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Summer Term 2	Adventures in Comics	Diversity (A selection of Non-Fiction Writing)	A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher or me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Wiles
Second in the English Department



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