

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer,

For the first unit of study in English in Year 7, your child will be studying the novel 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. To really support your child's learning, we would like for each student to have their own copy of the text so that they can use it in lessons to make notes and annotations. This will enable your child to adopt good habits for later years and develop their independence which is vital and invaluable as your child progresses through KS3 and beyond.

With the heavy content of the English Literature GCSE in later years and the breadth of texts that students will be expected to study and remember, we feel that having a copy of their own text will really contribute to their future success in English.

We would therefore like to invite you to purchase a copy of the text via Parent Pay. The text itself will cost £5.30.

We would preferably like you to purchase this through the school to ensure all students have the same version of the text, therefore making life simpler when referring to page numbers in lessons.

There will be more opportunities to purchase other texts that students will be studying as they progress through KS3 and KS4 and we will keep you updated on this as we approach these units. We intend for students to purchase one studied text per year.

We will be starting 'Once' after the summer holidays and hope that you will be able to support us in your child's success in English.

If for any reason you have concerns about making payment, please contact Student Services and we can arrange a payment plan for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K Watts

Director of English