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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 students will be studying their first GCSE English Literature (Edexcel) text after half term: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. It is extremely helpful for students to have their own copies of the text to enable annotation, notes, highlighting and subsequent revision activities, therefore we ask that students have their own copies.

Texts are available from outlets such as Harris and Harris Books in Clare (Harris & Harris Books – New and old books for readers of all ages) and Amazon: A Christmas Carol - The Complete Novel with Annotations and Knowledge Organisers: for the 2026 and 2027 exams (CGP School Classics): Amazon.co.uk: Dickens, Charles, CGP Books: 9781789089462: Books

We also recommend this dyslexia friendly version: A Christmas Carol (Dyslexia-friendly Classics): Barrington Stoke Edition: 0 : Charles Dickens: Amazon.co.uk: Books

There are second-hand copies available and other editions that you might find more suitable. We do have a few second-hand copies donated by our 2025 Year 11 leavers, which we are happy to distribute to students on request.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me with regards to this request.

Yours faithfully

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