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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Frankenstein Book

We encourage all students in our top sets in English to aspire to the very highest possible grades. We aim to provide them with a wide range of literature texts in order to challenge their thinking, encourage them to engage with a variety of ideas and themes, and develop their skills as literary critics.

To this end, as part of their GCSE English Literature course, your child will be studying 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley in the Autumn Term. In 'Frankenstein', Shelley explores themes and ideas which are as relevant today as they were when she wrote the novel. The study of this text also provides an excellent foundation for an A Level in one of the subjects we offer within the department, should your child wish to pursue their studies in English further.

As 'Frankenstein' is a longer novel, we would like students to read the text in its entirety over the summer holidays, before they return to school in September. This will allow lesson time to be devoted to close literary analysis of the text alongside a focus on key passages from the novel. It will also allow more time for teachers to support students with their essay technique and the skills required to achieve their potential in the examinations.

We would like to offer students the opportunity to purchase a copy of this text through school for **£2.59**. Some students find it useful to be able to make notes in their text, and unfortunately we cannot allow them to do this in our school texts. Should you like to purchase a copy of 'Frankenstein' for your child then please make payment via Parentpay by **Monday 30th June 2025**. You are welcome to source your own copy of the book we recommend that you purchase the version with the ISBN 978-1853260230.

There is absolutely no obligation to purchase a copy; if you do not, your child will be loaned one from school.

I will write to you again in the autumn regarding the purchase of revision guides for all English topics.

I would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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