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Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 10 ENGLISH LITERATURE GCSE TEXT: *THE SIGN OF THE FOUR*

Part of English Literature GCSE requires the study of *The Sign of the Four* by Arthur Conan Doyle. It is essential that students have their own copy of this text so that they can annotate it in preparation for their English Literature examination. There is no doubt that where students are able to annotate their own copy it helps to embed their understanding of the text. This then enables them to prepare better for the final exam in Year 11.

We will be using two editions in September. The first is published by Amazon (ISBN 9781494335922) and the cost of the book if ordered through school by the deadline below is **£6.00**. The second is a **dyslexia-friendly version** published by Firestone Books (ISBN 9781545050866); the cost of this edition if ordered through school by the deadline below is **£10.00**.

We would like all students to have a copy of **either the Amazon or dyslexia-friendly** text for the start of the new term. If you would like us to obtain a copy of the book for you, please order from the [school shop](#) by **Wednesday 20 August**. If ordered by this date, the book will be distributed in English lessons during the first week of the new term.

School copies will be available to students, but they will not be able to annotate these.

A Text Guide (ISBN 9781782948537) and Workbook (ISBN 9781782948537) for *The Sign of the Four* are also available to order from the [school shop](#) at a cost of **£4.25 each**. These should be collected from the finance office; please allow 2-3 working days for your order to be processed.

If you have any questions, or if you cannot make payment by the deadline, please contact Mrs Cooper in the Finance Office by email at lcooper1@waddesdonschool.com before 20 August.

Yours faithfully

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