

PS591/25-26/CSY/KLA

Friday 10 July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our preparations for next year's GCSE English Literature curriculum, I am writing to inform you that your child will be studying the play *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley. This text is a key component of the AQA GCSE English Literature course and is widely taught in schools across the country.

An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley is a powerful and thought-provoking play that encourages students to explore themes of social responsibility, class, gender, and morality. It also contains content that includes references to sensitive issues such as alcohol misuse, suicide, and implied sexual exploitation.

We want to reassure you that these topics will be approached with care, sensitivity, and maturity in the classroom. Our aim is to help students engage thoughtfully with the text and its historical and social context, while also fostering respectful and supportive discussion. As always, we will ensure that all students feel safe and supported during these lessons.

If you have any questions, concerns, or feel that your child may need additional support while studying this text, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In addition to this, as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all students, we will be reviewing and, where necessary, adjusting our Year 11 English groups for the 2026–27 academic year.

Any decision to move a student's teaching group will be based on recent mock examinations, in-class assessments, and teacher observations. The aim is to ensure that students are placed in groups that reflect their current progress, learning needs, and potential.

Please be assured that any changes are made with the intention of supporting each student to achieve their best and to thrive in a learning environment that suits their individual strengths.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Cherie Sykes
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