

# Be Your Best Self

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Dear Parents

## Texts for GCSE Drama – Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

For Section B of the AQA written examination for GCSE Drama (Component 1) the chosen set text is **Blood Brothers** by Willy Russell. Your child will be studying this text in class and will need to answer an extended question worth 44 marks in the examination next year.

We find it highly beneficial for students to have their own copy of the set text so they can read and re-read the play, annotate it during the teaching process and have their notes accessible for examination preparation.

We would be grateful, therefore, if all students could purchase their own copy of the text as soon as possible and certainly before the start of February.

Normally we would offer to purchase the book on your behalf but, given the current situation we would advise that you purchase the book directly from an online book store. The cost is approximately £9-12.00. Please make sure when ordering that you are purchasing the correct edition of the book as follows: **'Blood Brothers' – Willy Russell, Methuen Modern Classics– ISBN: 978-0413767707.**

In addition, there is a useful text book that goes alongside this to help prepare students for the written exam. It may be beneficial to also have a copy of this Play Guide, especially given the current circumstances. The play guide is approximately £14.00 online and the details are as follows: **'Blood Brothers Play Guide for AQA GCSE Drama' (paperback) by Annie Fox – ISBN: 978-1911208709**

For parents of students who have been advised they are eligible for Pupil Premium, students will be provided with a copy of **Blood Brothers** and the cost will automatically be taken from their Pupil Premium funding. If your child is not eligible for Pupil Premium but your personal circumstances mean that you would struggle to meet the costs of the play text please do let me know via email.

Yours sincerely

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