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Dear Parent

Reading Records

This year we have decided to move away from the Accelerated Reader programme and instead introduce a Reading Record system. Students should record everything they are reading at home and school in this record. We ask that students are encouraged to spend, at least, 20 minutes reading independently each day as part of their English Homework and that a parent signs each entry to verify that their child has read.

Reading regularly is key to students' development in English as they pick up on new vocabulary, spellings, writing styles which, will support them with the creativity of their own writing. Similarly, with the increased challenge of the new GCSEs in English, and subjects across the board, it is becoming increasingly evident that students need to be confident, competent and widely read readers in order to be able to access the reading passages and content given.

Students who are struggling to find books they are interested in should either talk to their English teacher, the Librarians or use the genre coding system in the Library to support with this. There is also a live 'Recommended Reading' list which will go onto Google Classroom pages.

Please be aware that students will add their ZPD Score (reading range) to the front of their Reading Record when they receive the results of the Star Reader tests at the start of each term. Please sign to show that you have seen this.

We are grateful for your continued support with improving the reading of our students.

Yours faithfully

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