

16th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you are already aware, reading is an essential aspect of pupil learning. It has been repeatedly shown that students who read on a regular basis achieve more than those who do not read at all. Reading helps broaden a student's understanding of vocabulary, develops their understanding of the wider world and helps give them a natural flair when writing. Reading is also an excellent form of recreation and can help reduce stress levels. As such, we fundamentally believe that every student has the right to read and are reviewing the ways in which we can support students with their reading.

To help further encourage students to read and develop their love of reading, the following strategies will be implemented into the Year 8 curriculum from the 28th February.

- All Year 8 students will be expected to carry a book as part of their equipment. Students may use their library book or a book from home. Form tutors will check that students are carrying their book each morning in form.
- Year 8 students will be given reading records. As part of their homework, they will be expected to read for 20 minutes on at least 3 occasions during the week. These reading records will then need to be signed by a parent/carer.
- All Year 8 students will also begin an exciting new reading programme during form time in which they will engage in a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- For some students, reading intervention plans will also begin during form time to help them become strong, confident and independent readers.

We hope that in time, these interventions will allow students to grow in confidence and develop their love of reading. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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