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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we continue with the post-pandemic recovery, it is more important than ever to ensure that our students are developing their reading and Literacy skills. In order to support this, we are doing a number of things in school and would appreciate your support at home to help further develop your child's skills.

- Accelerated Reader is a programme that is designed to raise students' engagement in reading. All students in years 7-9 have a login and password and have three dedicated tutor slots per week already in place. We would like to encourage students to use this programme at home also, this is accessible to all students online.
- Our school library is being constantly restocked with a range of new reading materials (both fiction and non-fiction) thanks to a recent grant from The Foyle Foundation. All students are able to borrow books to read both in school and at home. Students can also request new titles to be purchased by completing a request form which can be found in the library. This means that if they see new titles advertised online or on the television, that they are able to request these books through the school library and are able to borrow these to read at home. We recommend that students read independently for at least 20 minutes daily.
- Follow the library on Twitter [@tbaLitNum](https://twitter.com/tbaLitNum) for updates about new books/magazines, reading competitions and the chance to join our student librarian team.
- Book clubs are available to students in KS3, which gives them access to group reading with English teacher supervision, the opportunity to share ideas and enjoy reading for pleasure.
- Interventions across KS3 - including small group reading using age-appropriate books and phonics intervention for all those with an identified SEN need, these are designed to plug any learning gaps.
- Student librarians have been appointed across the Year groups of 7 – 10; supporting in book recommendations for other pupils, writing book reviews, supporting younger students with reading intervention.
- Monthly library competitions are accessible for all students, each of which are advertised in the classrooms and the Library.

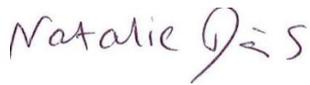
**Other ways to support your child:**

Access this website to see suggested reading lists for different Key Stages and age group, this may give you and your child some inspiration with what to read next. <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

1. Encourage reading at home - this could be through any available magazines, newspapers, books, comics, or online news articles.
2. Contact Literacy Coordinator, Miss N Morris (Assistant Principal), if you have any queries regarding literacy in school or if you simply need advice on where to start with supporting your child with reading at home.
3. Visit your local library to borrow further materials at no cost to yourselves.
4. Consider reading together at home to enjoy and share a story or series of stories together.

Competency in literacy is a key skill that affects your child's future options as they grow older, with the added disadvantage of missed learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is essential that we make student literacy a priority both at school and at home.

Yours faithfully,



Miss N Morris  
Assistant Principal (Literacy Co-ordinator)