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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are sure you are aware of the importance of reading regularly; research shows that reading widely and often has a major impact on progress, vocabulary and ability in mathematics- and will affect the success your child has in their GCSE's. It is estimated that children need approximately 50,000 words within their vocabulary to succeed in school, and importantly, to be well prepared and confident for life beyond school. In light of this, as a school we are continuing our drive to ensure our pupils have regular opportunities to read for pleasure, both in school and at home.

Each pupil in year 7, 8 and 9 is expected to read at home for approximately 20 minutes per evening, and to log what they have read within their planner; this log is located at the back of the planner, just after the 'recommended read' section. Your child can take ownership of recording their reading, but please monitor and sign to show your support and encouragement. There will be weekly planner checks during form time and praise points will be awarded to all pupils who meet expectations regarding reading. If there are evenings during the week where it is not possible to read due to other commitments, it is acceptable to make up the time with longer reading sessions at other times. Please also feel free to add a comment if you wish, for your child's form tutor to see, they may also do this from time to time. To be completely clear regarding the school's expectations we have included an example a completed of reading log, with a suitable amount of entries for any given week.

We aim to foster a love of reading amongst our pupils and have invested significantly in our school library to ensure there are books to engage all ages, and interests. All our pupils can borrow books from the library, which will be organised during September, and at the start of each new half-term, so that pupils can still access our books, despite the arrangements in place for COVID. When books are loaned, we will ensure that the government guidelines are followed regarding shared resources. Books brought home by your child will have been left untouched for at least 48 hours and 72 hours if the cover is made of plastic. Information on how books can be loaned will be shared with your child in school.

There is also fantastic guidance available for parents at www.booktrust.org including recommended reads within age groups, books for reluctant readers, with advice on how to help your child with their reading. In addition, we have reading lists on our school website.

We thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards,

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