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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Accelerated Reader Scheme in Y7 and Y8

Accelerated Reader (AR) is the reading scheme we use in the academy to help us manage and monitor our students' independent reading. This letter provides information on the scheme and how you can support your child in their reading.

How does Accelerated Reader work?

Teachers determine your child's reading level using Star Reading tests. Star Reading tests are computerised reading assessments using multiple-choice questions that take approximately 15 minutes. We test our students four times a year. When your child has taken a Star Reading test we give them their reading level. Your child then picks a book at his or her own level and reads it at their own pace. When they have finished a book, your child takes a short quiz on the computer to check understanding.

AR gives students and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

What do we expect of our students?

- To have their AR books and Reading Logs with them for every English lesson and form time reading session and to read silently for the first 15/20 minutes of each lesson.
- To log all reading in their 'Reading Log'.
- To look after their AR book and return it to school when finished.
- To complete an AR quiz every time they finish a book. Students can find the link to AR on the Google Classroom that all students have been invited to.
- To work hard to meet the reading targets set by their teacher.

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How can I help my child?

- As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home, make it part of your daily routine – 15 minutes before bed is ideal.
- Discuss what your child is reading with them and encourage them to take a quiz as soon as they have finished a book. Students can access the quiz through the school website or by using the following link: <https://ukhosted70.renlearn.co.uk/6702281>.
- Help your child find books that may interest them - visit www.arbookfind.com.
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading alongside your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookshop on a regular basis and discussing books that each of you has read.
- You can find your child's password for AR inside their reading log or planner. If this has been lost, then they can ask their English teacher to have their password reset.

Yours faithfully,

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