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Dear parent/ carer

Research shows good standards of literacy to be a key factor in educational success; pupils who read regularly have been shown to make improvements across the curriculum. With this in mind, I am writing to explain a new initiative for Year 7 pupils this year.

During the week beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> November, Year 7 pupils will be taken to the LRC to select a book which matches their reading age. These have been determined by a Reading Age test taken during September and October. Once selected, pupils will be expected to carry this book at all times as a compulsory piece of school equipment.

From Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November onwards, 20 minutes daily will be dedicated to private reading; this has been proven to be the minimum time required for pupils to make advances in reading development. 10 minutes will be allocated from Period 3 and Period 5 daily, irrespective of the timetabled subject. We encourage parents to support this programme by checking on your child's progress through their book, and encouraging them to read the book at home as well.

When your child has finished reading their allocated book, they are to report to the LRC after school as soon as possible to take a short quiz on the book read. This quiz will allow your child to earn points. Rewards will be put in place for pupils who amass high numbers of points throughout the school year. Pupils who fail to quiz once by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December will be required to stay after school during the final week of term to catch up with their reading and quizzing. We will send out termly reports to inform you how your child is progressing on the scheme.

We hope that you will support this vital new initiative and encourage your child to read for pleasure and make progress across the curriculum.

Yours faithfully

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