



Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, the reading ability of a student has a massive impact on how well they can access the whole curriculum. To this end, the academy places a huge value on reading, and has a number of initiatives and interventions in place to help improve the reading ages of all our young people.

To help our drive to improve reading ages further and faster we are requesting your help with two things.

First of all, please encourage your son/daughter to read at home, listening to them whenever you can. Students benefit greatly from reading to an adult for just 20 minutes each day. Our Principal, Mr Burns, spent 20 minutes every day for 6 weeks listening to his daughter read, and at the end of the 6 weeks, his daughter's reading age had increased by one whole year.

Secondly, please ensure that they bring a reading book to the academy every day. This can be a book from home or one that they have borrowed from the academy library free of charge.

During E.R.I.C. (Everyone Reads in Class) after Christmas, all Year 7 and 8 students will be given the opportunity to read this book each day, as well as regularly being read to by their Progress Tutors from books supplied by the National Literacy Trust, with whom we are working this year.

Thank you in anticipation of your support, and if you wish to discuss this, or any other aspect of literacy provision at the academy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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