

22nd November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are continuing with our Accelerated Reader programme for Years 7 and 8. Accelerated Reader gives students the opportunity to read a wide range of books suitable for their reading ability, teachers the information they need to monitor students' reading practice and the information they need to make informed decisions to guide their future learning.

The second STAR reading tests will take place this week; this will test and help us to assess students' reading ages and progress. This regular monitoring of reading ages allows earlier intervention and sets accurate targets to allow teachers to assist the development of key reading skills.

You can also access Home Connect through Accelerated Reader to monitor the quizzing students are doing. You will be receiving login details for this in a letter brought home by your child over the coming days.

Research proves that students who use Accelerated Reader are more likely to:

- enjoy reading
- have a favourite book
- agree that reading is 'cool'
- read regularly at least once a week outside class
- agree that they will get a better job when they grow up if they are good at reading
- engage in independent reading

Students in Years 7 and 8 are therefore required to bring a reading book with them to every Accelerated Reader lesson.

To access Accelerated Reader at home students should follow the link below and enter their username and password. This will allow them to complete quizzes and as parents you can see other books that they have read and quizzed on previously.

<https://ukhosted4.renlearn.co.uk/2250416/>

Please contact your child's English teacher for any further information or with support around reading.

Yours faithfully,



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