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Dear Parents/Carers,

Accelerated Reading (AR) Program – Year 7 and Year 8

I hope this letter finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love for reading and promoting literacy among our students, I am excited to announce the launch of the Accelerated Reading (AR) Program for Year 7 and Year 8 students.

What is Accelerated Reading (AR)?

AR is a computer programme designed to encourage students to read more and to improve their reading comprehension skills. Children choose a book that falls within their ZPD level and when they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on a computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read. If they are reading at the recommended level for them, then most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

Reading is the number one factor that contributes to a child's success both personally and academically.

What is a ZPD level?

A ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Each child will receive a ZPD after taking a Star Reading Test. It is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPD.

Star Reading Test

Your child will have already completed a Star Reading Test. Star Reading is an online assessment used to determine a child's English reading level. It is a computer-based reading assessment programme that uses computer-adaptive technology. Questions continually adjust to each child's responses. If the response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If they cannot answer a question, or answer incorrectly, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

How will AR be delivered in school?

Over the next two weeks, students will be introduced to Accelerated Reading (AR) during their English lessons. They will complete an induction lesson in the library and take home their first AR book to read. Students will have an AR lesson once a fortnight in school.

How can you support your child with AR?

We expect our students to be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes a day, as this is when AR is most effective in improving students' reading abilities. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and engage them in conversation about the books they are reading. If you wish, you may even enjoy listening to your child read to you. They are never too old!

Completing AR Quizzes

Students should aim to complete the book quiz within 48 hours of completing their book. They can take the quiz in the school library or at home. Students will be rewarded for passing AR quizzes with King's Points and interform league tables.

Students can access AR from the school website: <https://kings.patrust.org.uk/literacy/>.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Accelerated Reading Program, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your child, every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hancock'.

Mrs S Hancock
Assistant Headteacher