

Reading for pleasure



Why is it so important?

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Why read?

- Reading for pleasure has been proven to improve students attainment across a range of subjects, not just English.
- Reading improves attainment in subjects like Mathematics and reading comprehension is the strongest factor in improving scores in Sciences.
- Reading helps improve vocabulary acquisition.
- Reading can increase empathy and self-confidence.
- Allows for a safe space for students to learn about complex issues such as conflict.

Some tips for reluctant readers:

- Ask for our recommendations - we have a range of recommendations based on interest. These will be shared via the school Facebook page and website over the next term.
- Find books that connect to something they're interested in.
- Find books of their favourite films: Harry Potter, A Series of Unfortunate Events, Hunger Games etc.
- Graphic novels and manga - we have a range of these stocked in the library and local libraries will also have their own range.
- A 'phone free' hour.
- Reading aloud - whether that's to you, an older sibling or even the family pet, reading aloud can improve your child's confidence and reading fluency.
- Audiobooks - perfect to listen to in the car together.
- Incentives.
- If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, they will have access to Accelerated Reader which can help support you and your child in creating the motivation to read. Please watch the accompanying video to find out more.