

## Launch of Key Stage 3 Reading Booklet

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**“Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.”** Vera Nazarian

Dear Parent

Research has shown that reading regularly will enhance a child’s examination potential and language skills. Furthermore, with the new GCSE English Language focusing even more on SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and the National Curriculum’s focus on Reading for Pleasure, it seems more important than ever to make reading an enjoyable but compulsory part of your child’s study schedule.

Your child will already have at least one English lesson a fortnight in the library where they are encouraged to browse, choose a book of their choice and spend some time quietly reading. The English Department is now launching a reading booklet to support Key Stage 3 pupils to flourish and develop as accomplished and enthusiastic readers. Pupils will be required to make a record of what genre of books they are reading, how many and their thoughts on the text. There are also opportunities within the booklet for creative tasks for which pupils can gain achievement points when completed. Your child will be able to bring the booklet home from the week beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>.

We would ask you for your support in this launch of the reading booklet by discussing with your child what they are reading and encouraging them to spend quiet time at home reading a book of their choice. The English Department promotes the reading of fiction and non-fiction and would suggest a variety of both as being the most useful and beneficial.

Finally, if your child is a rather reluctant reader then we would like to leave you with this quotation by J.K.Rowling: *“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book”*. We hope that it inspires you and your child to work together to find a book(s) they will enjoy. Should you have any queries about the above please do not hesitate to contact your child’s English teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

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