

Read All About It!

Issue 1

Reading is essential for the continued development of children's academic and emotional progress. Frequent reading will see drastic improvements in a student's vocabulary, understanding of grammar, writing ability, and attention span. Perhaps most important, though, would be the benefits of improved reading comprehension and attainment. Research suggests that while many children are capable of reading a word or sentence in front of them, they often struggle to actually interpret what it is they have just read.

Regular reading is the best and only way to change this. Reading will also enhance a student's quality of life, as it will enable them to access a wide array of stories that will engage, entertain and educate them. As they progress through their academic life, an ability to research well becomes more and more vital. A strong foundation of reading is necessary for them to acquire this skill, regardless of what subjects they wish to study. Ideally, to ensure good progress, students should aim to read for around thirty minutes a day.

What can you do?

- Encourage your child to read for pleasure without overtly pressuring them - young people often view reading as a chore, associating it with homework or mandatory reading. These schemes are already in place for them, so remind them often of the joys of reading for fun.
- Take an interest in their interests. Children are more likely to read things related to what they already enjoy - help them find texts relevant to their passions.
- Encourage them to visit their local library or school library. Remind them they can find a large variety of different books and resources there - available to lend for free!
- Model reading. Show your child first hand the joys of reading by taking part in it yourself. This has the additional bonus of being a fun and relaxing way to spend your downtime.

What do we do?

- Regularly test students' reading ages via the use of Accelerated Reader, enabling us to find texts that are suited to their needs and reading ages.
- Full access to a well-stocked and diverse library, featuring texts relevant to all interests, ages, subjects and backgrounds.
- Full access (for Years 7-9) to myON, a digital library boasting over 9000 different texts.
- Schemes rewarding students who read and quiz regularly on Accelerated Reader with prizes.



News from the Library

So far this year, students have taken out a total of 758 books. Diego in 9F1 has read the most number of words, totalling 1,024,894. We have created a Platinum Jubilee Reading list for students to enjoy!