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Dear Parents / Carers

Since September, Year 7 pupils have been enrolled in a programme called *Accelerated Reader*. The aim of this is to raise engagement with reading, testing current reading abilities and helping direct individuals to the most appropriate books for their reading level. Each pupil has a login to a system where, upon completion of a book, they can take a quiz to ascertain their understanding and retention of that book.

Now that pupils are familiar with the format of the system and the location of the new library, we are looking to raise engagement further this term by introducing a range of incentives:

- Upon completion of a quiz, pupils achieving a score of 85% or higher will be awarded reward stickers, which can be spent in the school rewards shop
- The Accelerated Reader system converts completion of quizzes into points, relative to the number of correct questions answered and the difficulty of the book. For every 10 points earned, pupils will be entered into a raffle for a voucher, to be drawn at the end of the Lent and Pentecost term
- Certificates will be issued in rewards assemblies
- The top performing form in terms of points awarded will be rewarded with a breakfast at the end of each half term

Countless research shows that regular reading is vital for children's education at all levels, and for this programme to be successful, pupils should be reading for **at least 15 minutes every day**. I would be very grateful for your support in encouraging your child to do this at home, in a quiet environment that is free from distractions. All Year 7 pupils should have a library book at all times, connected to the Accelerated Reader programme, and should be reading this where possible.

You can now check your child's progress by logging into *Home Connect*. This can be accessed from the following link or by using the blue link at the top of the school website.

<https://ukhosted2.renlearn.co.uk/1918302/homeconnect/>

You will need your child's school login for this, which they have permission to share with you. Once logged in, you can see how your child has performed on their most recent quiz and view the books they have recently quizzed on.

I look forward to celebrating the reading success of all pupils over the remainder of the academic year and would like to thank you in advance for your invaluable support, particularly in the encouragement of daily reading.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter, please contact your child's English teacher in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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