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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to improve the reading ages and ability of our students we are using a programme in school called **Accelerated Reader**. We would like to invite you in to explain how this programme works. Next term students will be bringing home their 'reading journal, and will be reading with you as part of their homework. We are inviting you into an information evening to show how you can best to support your child at home to help them make progress.

Research shows that pupils who read, increase their vocabulary and comprehension and therefore perform significantly better in school. Reading also builds a connection between spoken and written word and provides an essential foundation for important speaking skills for when students leave school. Other benefits of reading include:

- Improved mental health
- Reduction of stress and anxiety
- Improved concentration and the ability to focus
- Improved literacy
- Improved sleep
- Increased general knowledge
- Increased motivation

Currently in school students are reading in form time; in specific reading lessons and also as part of a new whole school initiative called 'Drop Everything And Read', which aims to improve the reading stamina of our students.

We would like to invite you in for a KS3 information evening where we will show you how we use Accelerated Reader with pupils in their reading lessons, and how you as parents can access it at home. We can also show you the library and the range of texts pupils have access to. We would also like to share some strategies with you that you can use to help support your child. Reading for as little as 20 minutes a day can significantly improve a child's reading ability and have a huge positive impact on their lives.

The dates for the evening are as follows:

Y7 on Monday 13th of Feb 6pm Until 7pm in the school hall

Y8 and Y9 Wednesday the 15th of Feb 6pm until 7pm in the school hall

Yours Faithfully



Helen Roberts/Joan Brown

(Head of Skills/Deputy Head of Skills)