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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope your son/daughter have had a great start at Lealands High School. We focus a great deal on literacy, knowing the importance of this skill and how it will help our students in all aspects of learning.

We encourage students to have a reading book with them at all times as part of their school equipment. To make reading accessible to all, we have a Learning Resource Centre which is open to all students after school and on certain allocated break times. Students are allowed to borrow up to three books at a time for a maximum of three weeks. Although we are currently not charging fines if books are returned late, we do still ask for you to be aware of the due dates and for them to be returned. If books are damaged or lost, a replacement cost will be incurred to ensure our stock will not be depleted. Thank you very much for your understanding in this matter.

All Year 7s and 8s take part in an Accelerated Reader lesson once a week where we monitor their reading. Students are expected to read for one hour a week as part of their extended learning. This is in line with what the government recommends to ensure that your child's reading age progresses. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that your child does this along with signing their reading log weekly. In their reading log, we will be writing down and updating their reading age which is determined by the STAR test they sit every term. To help with communication we will be contacting you with text messages/via the MyEd app, so you are aware of your son/daughter's development towards their target.

For Accelerated Reader lessons, students are welcome to bring in a reading book from home. A suitable book is one that is on Accelerated Reader and is in their range. You can check this by using the website [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk). Students are advised to read only one book at a time so they can make progress towards their Accelerated Reader target.

There is a list of book suggestions on the Lealands High School website, under the Learning Resource Centre tab, if you are looking for recommendations. Alternatively, please feel free to contact Ms Rezaei for suggestions.

Thank you for your support with this programme. The success of Accelerated Reader is largely due to the support and encouragement of parents/carers, so thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

Miss Rezaei  
Learning Resource Co-ordinator