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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Lealands, we stress the importance of literacy and how this can greatly affect not only your child's academic progress, but highlight the impact that reading for pleasure can help children's confidence, understanding of other cultures, decision making and boost their happiness. Recent studies show that for students to be GCSE ready, they must have a reading age of at least 15 years and 6 months. (For more information, please see the following link which has access to great research

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/search/#!?q=&type=Resource&sortOption=Relevance&pageNo=2&cat=448>).

To ensure your child is ready, we use the programme Accelerated Reader to track their reading progress. Your child may have done this programme, or a similar scheme, in their previous school. Accelerated Reader is a once a week timetabled lesson situated in the school library, so your child has access to material that will help them succeed.

We will test students every term to establish their reading age. Once a student is tested, they will also receive a number target that they must reach by the end of each half term. To ensure their target is met, they must read an Accelerated Reader book for homework and quiz on it on the Accelerated Reader website, which you can access through the Lealands High School homepage. Books are worth a certain amount of points, and these points will then go towards their target. You can find these books in our school library, or alternatively your child can read a book from home or your local library, providing they are on the Accelerated Reader system. If you are unsure if a book is on the system, you can find out through using the website www.arbookfind.co.uk.

Many popular book titles are on the Accelerated Reader system, but if you are unsure please do not hesitate to contact Ms Rezaei, our Learning Resource Coordinator, and she will be able to assist you. A suggested reading list is also published on our school website, under the Learning Resource Centre section. If your child is reading a non-Accelerated Reader book, this means that they will not be able to quiz on it, and therefore we cannot track their progress. However, we always encourage wider reading for pleasure.

In order for students to reach their target, we expect them to read an Accelerated Reader book for one hour a week for homework, and recommend that they read for 5 twenty minute slots. Although, students are also reading during their Accelerated Reader lesson, this one hour of reading is not instead of their homework. We expect students to always have a book with them when in school, and it is vital that they have their reading book and reading log for days that they have their Accelerated Reader lesson. A member of staff will be checking their reading log to ensure that it is signed by their guardian as proof that they have read for homework. If your child has not completed

their homework, please do not sign it. Alternatively, feel free communicate via their log, as this will be used as a source of updates with their Accelerated Reader teacher.

We thank you for your continued support with the programme. Please do not hesitate to contact if you would like more information.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Boreham
(Literacy Leader)



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