







Give the gift of reading

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child approaches their GCSE exams and enters a new chapter in their education, whether that is with us in the Sixth Form, university, or the world of work we wondered if you would like to leave a **gift of reading for future generations**.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is “more important for children’s educational success than their family’s socio-economic status (OECD, 2002).” It is an activity with positive educational, social and emotional consequences. However, a study by the Literacy Trust shows that reading outside of school declines by 15.4% during secondary school.

Over the past year we have continued working hard to increase the number of children who use our school library and discover the joy of reading for pleasure. This has included:

- Running our annual Readathon - tracking a record breaking of minutes spent reading.
- Promoting book ownership for all, by partnering with publishers and charities to obtain free books to gift to students as prizes and book club reads.
- A record 27 applications for student librarian roles.
- Introducing a Silent Book Club and Any Book Book Club.
- Author visit assembly for years 7 & 10.
- Celebrating World Book Day, Lunar New Year, National Chocolate Day, Harry Potter Book day, V-Day, Burns Night, Holocaust Memorial Day.
- Year 7 tutor sessions in the library.
- Successful award of £500 grant from Tesco’s to kickstart our cosy corner project.
- Collaborating with our Learning Support Department to help students with their reading.
- Successful application to ReadforGood for a brilliant box of library books worth £500.

Our school library has been thriving and growing into a dynamic and popular space, which would benefit greatly from improvements to the library’s facilities.

We are asking for a donation of £5 for a new book for our library. If you would like to do this, please donate through Parent Pay. For each book bought, we can put a sticker in the front of the book acknowledging you as a donor and adding a short message. If you would like us to do this then please complete this short form once you have made your donation: [here](#).

Thank you for all your support and please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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