



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:

- Winning the David Vaisey Award for a new graphic novel section in the library.
- Participating in World Book Day’s book distribution scheme.
- Hosting Stroud Book Festival with author Tanya Landman.
- Organising an exciting calendar of library events.

We are asking for donations to continue improving our library collection. 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 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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