



Tomlinscote School

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Accelerated Reader Programme

We would like to make you aware that all students in Y7 & Y8 will be involved in the Accelerated Reader Programme. During their timetabled lessons, they will have time allocated for reading and completing quizzes in the LRC.

Accelerated Reader is a computer programme that helps teachers to monitor children's independent reading practice. A termly initial Star Reader test assesses your child's reading level. They answer questions in a quiz that recalibrates the questions according to ability as your child answers them. Your child then selects a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, they complete a quiz on the book. You will be informed of your child's reading age against their chronological age on their Progress Report if not before. Your child's reading age is tracked and assessed on a termly basis to trace evidence of progress.

As with anything, performance improves with practice, so it is important to cultivate regular reading both in school and at home. Research shows that a person's reading age will decline if they do not read regularly and keep up the practice.

Students are set a reading home learning each week and are encouraged to make time to read every day. To monitor this, their English teachers will regularly check in with each student and discuss their quizzing activity and point targets with them. Students are set a point target each term which can be worked towards by completing quizzes on the books they have read.

As outlined in the Rules and Consequences section of their planner, students are expected to always have an appropriate reading book in their school bag. The LRC staff are on hand every day in the library during break and lunch to support students with book choosing and recommendations if needed.

I hope this information is of use to you and provides the basis of a discussion with your child. If you'd like to see the books the LRC offers, please follow this link:

<https://uk.accessit.online/tml00/#!dashboard>

Yours sincerely,

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