



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

ACCELERATED READER

I am writing to provide you with some information about Accelerated Reader, our award-winning reading programme. All Year 7 students receive one weekly lesson designed to encourage regular reading practice. Your child has recently taken a reading assessment and their book level has been recorded in their planner (p.56 Accelerated Reader Log). They have been issued with a reading book within their level and in order to establish a regular habit of reading at home, your child has been set a weekly reading homework.

Once your child has finished their book, they will take a computerised quiz in school, which will check their understanding of the story. If they achieve an average of 85% or more, they will proceed to more challenging books.

To achieve optimal success, it is vital that your child brings their reading book to school every day and reads for at least twenty minutes. Although some of their reading will be done in school, there will be some days when this will not be possible. We therefore request that parents/carers work with us by checking the *Accelerated Reader Log* in the student planner on a daily basis. It would be extremely beneficial if you could support them in their reading at home by listening to them read at least twice during the week. We also request that you sign the log at the end of each week.

Confidence and ability in reading can be a source of great pleasure and personal satisfaction. It is also the heart of academic success, not just in English but in all subjects. In each Learning Cycle, our students' efforts and progress in reading is rewarded in a special 'Celebration of Achievement in Reading' assembly. In this assembly, the highly sought after 'Star Reader' and 'Millionaire' trophies will be presented by our Headteacher, Mr Sugden; I have asked your child to tell you all about this assembly!

Further information about the programme can be found on the school website, including an information booklet - *A Parent's Guide to AR*.

We very much look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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