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Dear Parent/Carer

Summer Reading Challenge

As the summer holidays approach, we want to encourage all Year 7 and Year 8 students to keep their minds active and their skills sharp by taking part in our Summer Reading Challenge. You can find full details on how to join [here](#).

Research shows that students who continue to read regularly during long breaks achieve significantly better results in their GCSEs, especially in subjects like English, Science, and even Maths. A strong vocabulary and confident reading skills directly support performance across the curriculum. Reading also boosts critical thinking, improves writing skills, and helps students engage more deeply with all subjects.

To support this, our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) offers a wide range of books tailored to all interests and reading levels - there really is something for everyone! Additionally, your child has access to the Ashlyns eLibrary, where they can borrow and read digital books anytime, anywhere over the holidays. To access the eLibrary, simply visit the LRC tile on your child's Chromebook and log in using their full school email address and the password Reading1. We have provided all students with step-by-step guidance on how to use this resource during their LRC lessons.

By encouraging your child to read over the summer, you are helping them build essential skills, maintain academic momentum, and prepare confidently for the new school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a lifelong love of reading and learning.

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