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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Accelerated Reader

Now that your son/daughter has been a Deer Park pupil for a number of months, the English Faculty hope they have made the most of the opportunity they have to access the range of books that are available in the Powell's Learning Centre (PLC) in the centre of our school. The pupils can take out **three** books at any one time; and this facility is vital to your child's progress within the school. Our knowledgeable and well-informed librarians can guide them in choosing a book that will enthral, engage and motivate them in their reading journey.

As you are aware, all pupils in Year 7 have the opportunity to spend some of the English lesson time reading independently and completing quizzes using the Accelerated Reader guided reading online programme. These lessons are designed to develop their reading skills alongside ensuring that they are reading a book that both engages and challenges them. In order to get the most from the Accelerated Reader programme, the pupils should be reading independently for 20 minutes per day. By linking the books that they are reading to the Accelerated Reader quizzes the pupils are able to get instant feedback on their reading progress. The way to optimise this progress is for parents to encourage reading at school and at home.

This will ensure that pupils practise their reading skills and continue to make progress.

By reading for at least 20 minutes per day pupils will improve their reading ability – which will help them to understand and comprehend a wider range of texts across the curriculum. Our aim is for all pupils to achieve proficiency in reading across all subject areas in preparation for the GCSE curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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