

How can parents give the gift of reading and ensure their child reads for pleasure?

- **Set the expectation of 10-20 minutes daily reading.**
- **Read with your child whenever you can (even those at secondary school).**
- **Limit screen time.**
- **Provide books or encourage the use of the school or community library.**
- **Show an interest in what your child is reading.**
- **Set an example by reading your own books.**



Bishop Challoner Catholic College Mission Statement

'Our Catholic School is a living and caring community of Faith, an extension of the home, and an integral part of the Catholic community.'

**IN OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN
BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC
SCHOOL WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD
BY DEVELOPING OUR FULL
POTENTIAL AND IN OUR SERVICE
TO OTHERS**



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**At Bishop Challoner, we
encourage our students to read
for pleasure.**

**Why is reading
for pleasure so
important?**



'Reading for pleasure' is when a pupil chooses to read a written text such as a book or magazine, or listens to an audiobook, for enjoyment

Reading for pleasure is different to learning literacy, which our pupils do in the classroom with their English teachers.

Pupils should be encouraged to choose the books that they read, based upon a number of factors, including:

- Their own interests.
- The genre of the book.
- The length and difficulty of the book.
- The size of the font within the book.



Some books are designed especially for pupils with dyslexia and other learning difficulties. Other formats such as audiobooks allow for pupils with visual impairments to experience reading for pleasure. There are books available for everyone!

Reading for pleasure improves...

School Work

Spelling and vocabulary
Focus and concentration
Memory
Knowledge
Speed of reading and writing
Analytical thinking



Mental Wellbeing

Relaxation and stress reduction
Empathy and compassion
Mental stimulation and creativity
Confidence and independence
Enjoyment and entertainment

Reading for pleasure is the single intervention most likely to have a significant impact on a pupil's future



How do we encourage reading for pleasure at Bishop Challoner Catholic College?

- School library with space to read and borrow books .
- New stock is added every year .
- e-Library for e-books and audiobooks with over 6,000 books.
- Year 7 induction and guidance for students to choose a book they might like.
- Year 7 reading diary booklets.
- Reading Eggs.
- School reading promotions, celebrations, and competitions.
- Paired reading.
- Book clubs.
- Book Buzz.
- Library Monitors.
- Reading Ambassadors.
- Book Monitors.