

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

This week's letter is mainly focused on letting you know about some important reading opportunities moving forward. We also wanted to share with you information regarding the excellent online lessons being offered on BBC BiteSize, where our students will see some very familiar faces as it includes many teachers from our school. These lessons can not only be accessed via the website / app but also by using the red button on your TV. Secondary lessons start at 10pm every weekday.

Before we explain reading further we also wanted to let you know that next week:

Year 9 and 10 – all subjects will be accessed through Microsoft Teams

Year 7 and 8 – Humanities and MFL will be accessed through Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams can be downloaded as an app on any smartphone as well as on a computer / tablet device. Please see the website for answers to FAQs regarding the use of Microsoft Teams.

New reading opportunities for CHS students whilst at home.

Along with English, Maths and Science, READING is a priority on the new distance learning package. Students should aim for 30 minutes of reading each day separate from their subject based lessons. *Developing the Reading Habit* is a competition that we will be running within each year group to encourage and motivate students to read more for pleasure. Simply sign off each 15 minute block of reading a student has done and send a photo of the completed chart, along with the student's name and form to proud@chs.org.uk. Each entry will receive a certificate and there will be three prizes within each year group.

In order to support students with their independent reading, Chorlton High School has invested in two digital libraries to provide reading opportunities for students whilst they are at home. This will provide your son or daughter with new opportunities to read and extend their learning. Both libraries can be accessed using the same username and password to make it easier for students.

1. MyOn

MyOn is a personalised digital library providing access to over 5,000 digital books for students to read or listen to. Students can read online from any mobile device or PC without downloading any extra software. Titles can be matched to each student's interests and year group and those students in Year 7, 8 and 9 who already take part in the Accelerated Reader programme can also take quizzes on the books that they have been reading. (Please look out for a further email if your child does Accelerated Reader).

There are a large number of classic books available as well, particularly for Year 10 or 11 students that want to continue to expand their reading.

How does it work?

Students can access myON via <https://www.myon.co.uk>

Students then choose their school and log in using their computer username and the password "chorlton".

More information on logging into myON, can be found on the school website.

2. Ebook Library via SORA

We have also subscribed to an online library, which provides access to 1,500 e-books and audio books. These are available to read through Sora, the student reading app, on any device or PC. Students borrow the books on their account, in a similar way to an ordinary library.

How does it work?

Students using a mobile device or tablet will need to download the Sora app free of charge. For access on a PC go to <https://soraapp.com> To find Chorlton High School for the first time, use the set up code: **uksecondary**.

Students then choose their school and log in using their computer username and the password **"chorlton"**.

More information on logging into Sora, can be found on the school website.

We hope that access to these digital libraries will supplement the reading material that students have at their disposal, so that they are able to enjoy all of the benefits that reading for pleasure brings.

In the coming weeks there will be a number of virtual enrichment clubs and additional competitions running to motivate and inspire students with reading. These will be publicized through Microsoft Teams, CHS social media channels and the school website (include link to all reading /library related area here).

Student Login details for both myOn and Sora

Username: This is the students username that students use to access computers when in the school building. This is a combination of the year they started at CHS and their initials e.g. Year 7 student Joe Bloggs would have the username 19JB

Password: chorlton

In the meantime, if you have any issues accessing myOn or Sora, then do email admin@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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