



13 December 2021

Dear parent/guardian/carer

Reading Homework – Focused Reading Week.

We are writing to inform you of a slight change, for the week beginning 13 December, to your child's daily reading homework. As you know, part of our directed homework for students in KS3 is personal reading. This is set for 30 minutes per night, aside from one Hegarty task, and one French reading task, each fortnight with space dedicated to recording this in student planners.

We are very proud to call ourselves a reading school, and hope that your child is enjoying the freedom of choice that we offer them in terms of reading for pleasure. We are also delighted that we have recently been able to invest even more in our student fiction library, and now offer a choice of 6500 fiction books to our students.

With the breadth of fiction we offer in mind, we are asking students to undertake some reading homework of a different nature before we break up for Christmas. The relevant reading resources and tasks will be loaded to a shared Google Classroom for which the class code is **eyevjkj** (there is also a QR code at the top of the letter which will take you straight to this shared Google Classroom). Each night there will be a different focus for the set reading:

- seasonality;
- post-16 learning;
- extra-curricular activities;
- current / world affairs;
- self-care and wellbeing.

After reading, your child will explain to you what the set text was about, and they will ask you to complete a postcard that they will return to their tutor. They will explain to you what they understood from the text, and the postcard will contain some key words that you can use to prompt them or support them.

We hope that you enjoy this reading experience with your child, and very much look forward to receiving your postcards during and after the process.

If there are any reasons why this task might be problematic, access to technology for example, please inform your child's year office as we may be able to support your child in our after-school homework club.

Yours sincerely

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