**Walton le Dale High School**

**Promoting Reading: The Key to Good Results**

**Reading for pleasure 'boosts pupils' results in maths'**

Children who read for pleasure in their spare time perform significantly better at school than other pupils, according to a major study.

Regular access to books between the age of 10 and 16 boosts pupils’ vocabulary and spelling skills and drives up standards in maths, it was claimed. In the first study of its kind, researchers found that children who receive bedtime stories from their parents as infants perform better than those who go without. But it emerged that reading for pleasure during secondary school had the biggest effect, with books judged to be more important to children’s development at an older age than the influence of their parents. The study by academics at the Institute of Education, part of the University of London, found that reading had the strongest effect on vocabulary development but the impact on maths and spelling was “still significant”.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10299763/Reading-for-pleasure-boosts-pupils-results-in-maths.html

**Why Reading for Pleasure is Crucial**

**Good Reads for Year 9**

* ‘Are You There God? It’s me, Margaret’ by Judy Bloom
* ‘Hatchet’ by Gary Paulsen
* ‘Boy Proof’ by Cecil Castellucchi
* ‘The Twilight Saga’ by Stephanie Meyer
* ‘The Amnesia Clinic’ by James Scudamore
* ‘Brave New World’ by Aldous Huxley
* ‘Brighton Rock’ by Graham Green
* ‘Catch-22’ by Joseph Heller
* ‘The Catcher in the Rye’ by J.D. Sallinger
* ‘Philip Larkin: Collected Poems’
* ‘The Count of Monte Cristo’ by Alexandre Dumas
* ‘Dracula’ by Bram Stoker
* ‘Empire of the Sun’ by J. G. Ballard
* ‘Noah Can’t Even’ by Simon James Green
* ‘Frankenstein’ by Mary Shelley
* ‘I, Claudius’ by Robert Graves
* ‘The Mosquito Post’ by Paul Theroux
* ‘Shakespeare: The World as a Stage’ by Bill Bryson
* ‘The Old Man and The Sea’ by Ernest Hemingway
* ‘One Day in the Life of Ivan Denizovich’ by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
* ‘One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest’ by Ken Kesey
* ‘Paddy Clarke Ha, Ha, Ha’ by Roddy Doyle
* ‘Remains of the Day’ by Kazuo Ishiguro
* ‘Scoop’ by Evelyn Waugh
* ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’ by Harper Lee
* ‘Burning Secret’ by Stefan Zweig

***Our school library has many of these books…please encourage your youngsters to borrow and read!***