

19th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to launch our 2023 Summer Reading Bingo for all students who will be in Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 in September.

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a significant impact on attainment across the curriculum, and reading during the summer will help to prevent what is known as the 'summer slide'. Reading is also brilliant for boosting confidence, for developing empathy and for escaping into fictional worlds.

The Summer Reading Bingo challenge is one of many initiatives we offer to students. The goal is to read as many books as possible that fit into different categories. Each book can only be counted towards one category, even if it might fit into several categories. Students need to write a brief review of each book they read on the google form uploaded to their English Google Classroom. Students could also complete a review on lined paper (or typed) and then give their book reviews to their tutor in September, and will receive an Achievement Point and a raffle ticket for each book they have read. We will draw raffle tickets in late September and these students will participate in a 'lucky dip' prize event.

Students can access the Summer Reading Bingo challenge on their English google classroom. Each category has a link to recommended books that students could borrow from the library over summer.

Audiobooks count for the challenge (and these are free from public libraries). It would be wonderful to listen to a book as a family if you are travelling during the summer. Please note that one of the categories is 'a book that your parent/carer read as a child', so you might reread a book from your childhood with your child!

Thank you in advance for your support of our Summer Reading Bingo challenge.

Yours sincerely,

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