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GM/hr/Y7-9 accessing accelerated reader
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As you are no doubt already aware, key stage three students are accessing Accelerated Reader as a tool for us to monitor their reading practice. Each time a student reads a book, or an Accelerated Reader article, they take an online quiz that assesses their comprehension and reading progress over time.

The data produced from this enables us to better understand the quality of literature students have been reading, the regularity of their reading, and how well they are understanding what they have read. Additionally, we are testing all key stage three students at different intervals across the academic year to identify their reading comprehension level and how this is evolving over time.

Last term we began to include Accelerated Reader quizzing as part of home learning in English. Students have been asked to ensure they read for enjoyment regularly, ideally around twenty minutes per day, and to increase their use of Accelerated Reader as a tool to allow us to monitor this. Students are expected to quiz fortnightly, and we have introduced a range of reading celebrations and rewards to help promote this in school.

Parents often ask us how to promote and support reading at home and so I would like to bring to your attention a new presentation we have created that is available to you on the school website: <https://www.stjosephstrentvale.com/academic-life/ks3reading/>.

Within the presentation, different strategies are introduced and explored specifically to use at home to help create a positive reading culture. These are evidence based and endorsed by the government as part of their research evidence on reading for pleasure. The video will remain on the school website for you to access should you wish to try different strategies or keep referring back to it.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

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