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GDA/Accelerated Reader

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Re: Accelerated Reader Programme (Years 7 & 8)

Reading is a vital component, which lies at the heart of everything students do in their education. A student who regularly reads a variety of books will make more progress in their school life compared to a student who reads very little. In order to support students with their reading, we use the Accelerated Reader programme. This allows students to track which books they have read and take quizzes to consolidate their understanding.

- At the beginning of every English lesson in Year 7 and Year 8, students silently read for 10 minutes.
- Every fortnight, they also have one lesson in our school library.
- Alongside this, students should be completing at least 30 minutes of reading on a daily basis at home.

To support your child's reading, we would like you to encourage them to complete quizzes on Accelerated Reader. They should ideally quiz within 24 hours of finishing a book. A full set of instructions on how to access this can be found in every term's Knowledge Booklet for Year 7 and Year 8.

Accelerated Reader can be used at home on a laptop, tablet or phone or by simply typing this link (<https://ukhosted64.renlearn.co.uk/1959548/>) into the address bar.

In order to celebrate the achievements of students, the English department have introduced prizes to reward students. These prizes are:

- Certificates for those who read the highest number of books, complete the highest number of quizzes or for those who show a clear improvement in their reading ability.
- An end of year 'cinema experience' for the top classes in Year 7 and Year 8
- Pizza parties for high performing individuals across Year 7 and Year 8
- A special trophy displayed in the classroom of the highest performing class, which is rotated.
- A range of other smaller prizes, given out by class teachers, to celebrate achievements on Accelerated Reader

This has caused a real 'buzz' amongst students; we would like it if you would continue to encourage your child to read, both at school and at home, as this will reinforce the positive atmosphere already created amongst our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

If you wish to discuss any element of Accelerated Reader programme, please contact Mr Charles via email at mcharles@robertnapier.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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