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Dear Parent/Carer

QEGS Reads - Compulsory Reading for students in Years 7 and 8.

As we start a new school year at QEGS, I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some of the things we do in order to improve your child's literacy and promote a love of reading.

Year 7 students will have a QEGS READS session which will take place during a designated English Lesson. The aim of these sessions is to aid your child's grasp of literacy, in regards to vocabulary choices, sentence structures, and story types, all of which are invaluable skills needed as your child progresses through their school years.

Following on from the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, each child in Year 7 will be given another **free book** from QEGS Library before the end of this term. They will be **required to read the book** as part of their homework so that they can take part in the book-related activities in the lessons.

Year 8, as they did last year, have their QEGS READS session during form. The pupils are expected to read a selection of books from different genres and complete a short review for each book. Again, the process of reading, either fiction or non-fiction is essential to their grasp of literacy, both in reading exam papers and in their own writing.

With each year group there are merits and lots of other rewards to be earned as they read, including an invitation to Afternoon Tea in the Library.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain that these are **compulsory** and cannot be opted out of. Our homework and literacy policy 2018 states that pupils are expected to complete a reading homework and this will then feed in to our QEGS Reads sessions. Our wonderful Librarians are extremely knowledgeable and would like any pupil who is unsure of which books they may like to go and see them, so they can help advise them what to read. The Library has a huge selection of books with something to suit all tastes and abilities.

We want the pupils to enjoy a range of reading, and whilst I understand some pupils may not like reading, it is a key part of their everyday learning and, as stated above, a homework task, which if not completed will result in the same sanctions that any other failed deadline would receive.

I look forward to your continued support as we strive to improve your child's literacy skills.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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