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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that your child has been selected to take part in our Peer Reading Program. As well as supporting your child with their reading development in class, the purpose of this program is to encourage further engagement with reading, to widen their reading diet and to build pupils' confidence in reading aloud.

The reading component of the English GCSE sees materials aimed at reading ages 18+. As a school we are working hard to broaden pupils' experiences and you can support us with this also. Please encourage your child to read newspapers, magazines, fictional stories and non-fiction books and articles at home. Please question them about it.

Your child will read twice weekly during form time with one of our Reading Mentors. Please make us aware if your child is not able to participate in this.

100% of the students who have previously taken part in our Peer Reading Program said that they felt that Peer Reading had helped them with their reading and that they were able to use the skills that they had worked on to support them in other lessons.

The Peer Reading Program will take place during form time on a Tuesday and Wednesday. This will begin when pupils return in January and run for one half term.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you require any further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss R Hibbins

Assistant Director of Learning English



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