



20th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

During the final summer term, we are planning to deliver a bespoke reading programme for all KS3 students. Our intent is for students to make rapid progress in their literacy and reading skills. Reading is the driving force of the school and underpins how students access the whole curriculum. To highlight the importance of this, the average reading age of a GCSE exam paper is 15 years and 7 months. Therefore, we need to equip our students with ambitious reading skills to enable them to access the best opportunities available.

During the previous two terms, we have used reading and in class assessments to identify the reading needs of all learners. Students will be grouped according to their particular reading development area. There will be two strands to the curriculum:

- one cohort will be taking part in a faster reading project;
- one cohort will be completing our reading development course which has been specially designed by experts at School Improvement Liverpool.

There may be some change to groups in English and other subjects affected on the timetable: MFL, RE, Geography and History. These changes will only be for the final term. At the end of the academic year we will review the groupings of pupils as they move into the next academic year.

If you require any further information, please contact myself or your child's English teacher.

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours sincerely

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