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Dear Parent/Carer,

All pupils in Years 7 and 8 at Prestatyn High School are enrolled in Accelerated Reader as part of our whole-school literacy improvement plan. Accelerated Reader is an online computer program that monitors pupils' independent reading practice and progress. Pupils take online reading tests (STAR tests) four times during the school year. These tests assess pupils' reading skills and identify the level that they should read at for optimal development. Pupils then choose books at their own level, using the colour-coded system, and read them during directed time in school and at home. When they finish reading books, pupils take short quizzes on the computer. Passing a quiz indicates that the pupil has understood what has been read.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are required to carry a suitable Accelerated Reader book in their school bag every day. They are directed to complete silent, focused reading during registration sessions at least three times per week and during dedicated lesson time for up to one hour each week. In addition to this, group tutors will set Accelerated Reader homework, expecting pupils to read for a minimum of ten minutes each day at home. This will be monitored through pupils' "engaged time" on Accelerated Reader, which calculates the approximate time spent reading per day based upon the length and complexity of the books that pupils pass quizzes on. If using the directed reading time productively, pupils should be able to maintain the expected 20 minutes of engaged time per day that they need to achieve if they wish to be invited to participate in year group trips in the summer term.

Pupils can log on to Accelerated Reader through the link on the school website at any time, allowing them to check their progress and to search for new books that they might enjoy within their identified reading range. Reading quizzes can be accessed between 8am and 5pm on school days.

As with all aspects of their education, your support for Accelerated Reader is vital to your son's/daughter's success. I hope that you will encourage them with their reading and celebrate success with them as they improve and progress.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T.A.Vincent
Literacy Co-ordinator

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