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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our reading strategy, we are committed to improving standards of reading for all students through a consistent approach across the curriculum, and we actively foster a love of reading through our regular morning reading sessions.

Continuing the habit of reading, into teenage years helps students to:

- deal with their increasingly complex world, and understand some of the adult issues they will have to grapple with
- know they are not alone – that others may be thinking and feeling the way they do
- open lines of communication, particularly if parents, teachers, librarians provide opportunities to discuss what teens are reading
- share and see how others have found solutions to problems
- develop their vocabulary
- broaden their imaginations
- improve their writing
- deal with the increasing demands of school work
- gain confidence when speaking.

Every student in Year 7 and Year 8 read with their tutor group twice a week and also receive a one-hour library session every fortnight. During the first half of the academic year, year 7 students will be reading, 'The Five Clues' by Anthony Kessel and 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. Year 8 students will be reading 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' by Mark Haddon.

If you have any questions or would like further advice on how to encourage your child to read more at home, please email me at [harrisk@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:harrisk@haileyburyturnford.com).

Yours faithfully

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