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Dear Parent/Carer

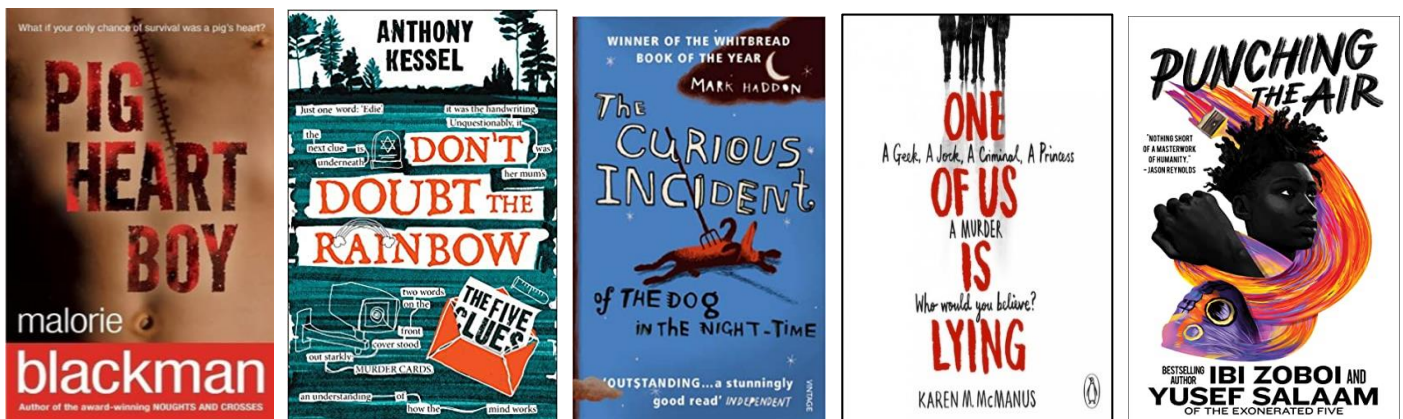
As part of our reading strategy, we are committed to improving standards of reading for all students through a consistent approach across the curriculum, and we actively foster a love of reading through our regular morning reading sessions.

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, 8, 9 & 10 read with their tutor group twice a week, students in Years 7 & 8 also receive a one-hour library session every fortnight. During 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. Year 9 students will be reading, 'One of us is lying' by Karen McManus. Year 10 Students will be reading, 'Punching the air' by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam.

If you have any questions or would like further advice on how to encourage your child to read more at home, please email our Literacy Coordinator, Mrs Harris at harrisk@haileyburyturnford.com.



Yours faithfully

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