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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to be able to write to you with details of the Tutor Time Read programme which all tutor groups in years 7, 8 and 9 participate in twice a week. We hope that these sessions help promote the joy of reading and expose pupils to stories and perspectives beyond the scope of their normal reading habits.

How the sessions work:

Educational research suggests that texts being read to pupils, modelled by a skilled reader, helps aid comprehension. Therefore, the form tutor reads aloud to the form from a fiction text for around 15 minutes. Pupils have their own copies of the text and follow along to promote active reading habits.

Which books and why:

The aim of the Tutor Time Read sessions is to give regular reading for pupils and we have tried to select texts that are engaging but also thought provoking in the themes they tackle. Each year, pupils will read 3-4 novels. The texts for each year group can be seen below:

Year 7 (Thursdays and Fridays)	Year 8 (Tuesdays and Fridays)	Year 9 (Thursdays and Fridays)
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes	A Kind of Spark by Ellie McNicoll	Brother in the Land by Robert Swindells
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo	A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness	The Moth (short non-fiction stories of succeeding against the odds)
The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q. Rauf	The Giver by Lois Lowry	The Pearl by John Steinbeck
		Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

The link between the classroom and home:

Successful readers tend to talk about what they have read. At the end of each session there are one or two questions that the form group respond to in order to consolidate their understanding of the story.

This process can also, if you wish, extend to the home. Simply asking a little about the text your child is currently reading, getting them to summarise what has happened so far or give their opinion on a character or some of the themes the story is addressing, can help strengthen their knowledge and enjoyment of the book.

If you have any questions about the Tutor Time Read programme then please email Marcus Jones (mh.jones@huntington-ed.org.uk)

Best wishes

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