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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Reading at Wednesfield Academy

At Wednesfield Academy, we believe that reading is the foundation for all learning and plays a crucial role in the academic and personal development of every child. The ability to read effectively allows pupils to fully access their examination papers and the wider school curriculum. Whether it is understanding examination questions, analysing texts, or researching topics, reading is key to achieving academic success. Developing strong reading skills empowers pupils to confidently engage with their learning and reach their full potential.

We are committed to fostering a love of reading and ensuring that all pupils are given the tools and opportunities they need to become confident, enthusiastic readers. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the various reading initiatives and events that we have in place to support and inspire your child's reading journey.

World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our **World Book Day** celebrations! The costumes were absolutely fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many creative outfits bringing beloved characters to life.

We are grateful to our parents and carers for helping children prepare their costumes and to our staff for making the day so special. Your enthusiasm and support helped make this event a memorable celebration of reading.

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 17th – Thursday 20th March 2025

We are excited to announce that Wednesfield Academy will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** from **Monday 17th March to Thursday 20th March 2025!** This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to explore a wide range of books and engage with reading in a fun and exciting way.

The Book Fair will feature a variety of books for all ages, from graphic novels to exciting novels, non-fiction, and activity books. Whether your child is an avid reader or just beginning to explore the world of books, there will be something for everyone. More details on how to order books will follow.

Wednesfield Academy Library

We remind all parents that pupils can explore our well-stocked school library, a fantastic resource filled with a wide range of books for all ages and interests! Whether your child loves adventure, mystery, fantasy or non-fiction, our library has something for everyone. The library is also open before and after school every day, giving pupils plenty of opportunities to discover new books and enjoy reading at their own pace.

In addition to regular library visits, they can also enjoy our Pop-Up Library every Friday morning before school in the school canteen, where they can borrow and return books and explore a selection of topical reads and pupil recommended reads.

Wednesfield Academy Book Vending Machine

We are thrilled to introduce our Book Vending Machine, a fun and exciting way for students to earn their very own books. Our vending machine is stocked with a fantastic range of popular books, and students can win tokens to use it in a variety of ways; completing book reviews and handing them into the library, consistently displaying the school values and progress on Accelerated Reader.

Reading Ages on Pupil Reports

On your child's report, you will find their Reading Age score from the NGRT (New Group Reading Test). This test measures your child's reading comprehension and fluency, helping us understand their reading level compared to the average for their age group. The Reading Age score reflects how well they can understand and interpret written texts and provides valuable insight into their literacy development.

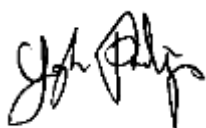
This score is an important part of how we track and support your child's progress in reading, and we offer a range of intervention strategies for pupils that need it. We provide interventions that overcome phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension barriers to reading. If you have any concerns about your child's Reading Age, please feel free to contact your child's house office.

Reading Webpage

Check out our reading webpage at <https://wednesfieldacademy.com/reading/> for helpful tips on how you can support your child's reading at home. It includes information about our reading curriculum and interventions, as well as a range of book recommendations for all ages. Explore the page today and discover ways to help your child become a confident, enthusiastic reader! At Wednesfield Academy, we are dedicated to creating a positive reading culture where every child can thrive. We are incredibly proud of the progress our students make and will continue to provide them with opportunities to grow as confident, capable readers.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to nurture your child's love of reading.

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips
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