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ANGLIAN LEARNING

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following my letter to you in July, I wanted to update you on what is coming up in English lessons for our new Year 7 students. It has been wonderful to see them settling into their lessons, particularly their enthusiastic engagement with reading. All students should have now had a Library lesson and know how to access a wide range of reading books – they are of course welcome to bring their own reading books into school. I would like to highlight a few key things:

- All students need a reading book with them as part of their school equipment (this is checked in tutor time on a Monday)
- As part of our drive to ensure all students are reading, we take our Year 7 classes to Clare Library nearer the end of term (more details to follow on this)
- Year 7 students will soon be introduced to our homework system in English. At the beginning of this year, we established a Reading Homework Menu. I have attached this for your information. Students will have a copy of this in the back of their English books and will be asked to choose and complete four tasks per half-term. This will also be set on EduLink as a reminder for them. Your support with encouraging them to complete their reading homework is hugely appreciated. The menu gives them the opportunity to read in their own way and hopefully become lifelong readers.

Future events will include World Book Day and the opportunity to engage with authors. All Year 7 students have started their English lessons with a new class book: Birdie by J P Rose (a recent Carnegie Award nominee). Please take the time to ask them about the story and what they have learnt so far. I have also attached the recommended read for Year 7 which compliments what they will be learning in lessons this year.

If you have any concerns about your child's reading, please do get in touch with their English teacher or me.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Leanne Savage
Second in English