



Blackburn Central HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you to tell you about our tutor guided reading programme, which all students in years 7-9 are now taking part in during progress time. It is designed to challenge students' reading and thinking beyond what they may choose to read themselves independently, or what they may study and analyse in English lessons.

Tutor-led reading aloud

Once a week, progress tutors read to students for around 20 minutes during progress time. This time is used for the tutor to model reading aloud to students. Research indicates that this is very helpful for young learners and supports them with developing their understanding, vocabulary, pronunciation and spelling. They will also be exposed to a range of cultural references that will help them to better understand the world around them.

Year 7 tutors have begun the year by reading '*Can You See Me?*' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcroft

Year 8 tutors have begun the year by reading '*Ghost Boys*' by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Year 9 tutors have begun the year by reading '*Thief*' by Malorie Blackman

Reading for pleasure and challenge at home

We hope that your child will engage in and enjoy their progress time sessions and that these may be the basis for further discussion and reading at home. Reading for learning, purpose and pleasure are life-long skills and we know that you will be keen to support our drive to increase the quantity and quality of reading that our students engage in.

Here are some suggestions of activities to further support your child:

- Ask your child about the book being read to them during progress time
- Continue to read aloud to your child
- Join the local library (You may also wish to visit the Library and Community Hub that has recently opened at Noorul Islam Mosque on Audley Range)
- Find the book version of a film and compare interpretations
- Download audio books to listen to and discuss together
- Encourage your child to read non-fiction books related to their interests
- Download a news app and discuss current world affairs

Thank you for your support in this important aspect of your child's life.

Yours sincerely,

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