

Welcome to Our Brilliant Book Group

A book group aimed to encourage and celebrate independent reading for our Year 7s - and their parents / guardians!

Thank you for completing my Google Form and for expressing your interest about joining this group. We plan to run the book group as follows:

Online event

One of the last Mondays of every half term (date may change due to school event clashes)

4.30-5pm

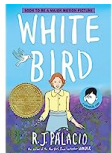
Open to Year 7 parents and pupils

Please come along to as many as you can - this is a voluntary group, but we'd love to see as many of you there as possible! Mrs Pogson will be running the group.

Our suggested list of titles are outlined below. They can change if the group decides on alternative texts (this is just a starting point). The first group will begin after half term and we will be reading "Bob, No Ordinary Cat (adapted version)" by James Bowen.

We have used a combination of our Year 7 Must Read book list ([Year 7 Must Reads](#)) along with some current award winning titles to generate this list of books.

Book Group Date (4.30-5pm)	Our Reader	Genre	Link to Book Group Meeting
Monday 7th December	'Bob, No Ordinary Cat' James Bowen (adapted for early teen readers) 	Non-fiction	
	'The Mighty Miss Malone' Chris Paul Curtis 	Historical Fiction	
	'Where the River Runs Gold' Sita Brahmachari	Adventure	

			
	'Drone Racer' Andy Briggs 	Science Fiction	
	'Just Like Everyone Else' Sarah Hagger-Holt 	Coming of Age	
	'White Bird: The Graphic Novel' by R.J.Palacio 	Graphic Novel	

Instructions:

- You will need to find a copy of each “Book Group Read” at the start of each half term - purchased or loaned from a local library. We may have some in school to lend too. Please ask your child to check with their English teacher.
- Enjoy reading the book at home with your Year 7 child!
- Some ideas as you read:
 - (a) Perhaps use your reading to generate discussions about the characters and themes of the book - who is your favourite character and why? What themes crop up? Why are they important etc.
 - (b) Use the “Be the Boss Bookmark” together (attached) to help ask questions, generate predictions, clarify key vocabulary or make summaries about your reading
 - (c) If there is one, watch the film version of your book after your reading - which do you prefer and why?
- Mrs Pogson will update the above table with a Google Meet link or email you with a link prior to the Book Group taking place. Click on the link to join the

Book Group at the end of each half term, and enjoy taking part in discussions about the book.

We hope the group will generate an informal discussion about the book; likes and dislikes, character, themes and writing style. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, or Mrs Pogson.

Mrs Maunder-Hand

BE THE BOSS!

Predict



Use clues from the text or illustrations to predict what will happen next.

- I think...because...
- I predict...because...
- I suppose...because...
- I think I will learn...because...

Question



Ask questions as you read.

Ask some questions that have answers in the text.

Use the question words: *Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? and What if?*

Try asking some questions that can be inferred (worked out) by looking for clues in the text.

Clarify



How can you figure out a difficult word or idea in the text?

- Try sounding it out.
- Try breaking it down.
- Reread and read ahead to see if you can work it out.
- Think of another word that might fit
- Think about what would make sense.
- Talk to a friend, or look it up in the dictionary or on the internet.

Summarise



Using your own words, sum up the main ideas from the text in order.

- This text is about...
- This part is about...
- First... next... in the last paragraph...
- Then...
- Finally...