

Fast Times at Marden High

Using Accelerated Reader

A passion for reading is important at Marden High, and we are launching an exciting new programme to ensure that all students play an active part in this creative environment. Accelerated Reader is an online resource that will support students with their wider reading skills, and develop their enthusiasm for reading during their time at Marden High School.

All Year 7 and Year 8 students will be required to use Accelerated Reader to guide, monitor and develop their independent reading whilst providing an online space for students, staff and parents/carers to celebrate and engage with our love for literature. Accelerated Reader will suggest books that students should be reading based on their reading range, track their progress and quiz students after each book. Every Friday, form tutors will check reading reports online and speak to individual students about the books they are reading - a chance to both support and celebrate. Furthermore, all staff will be able to access Accelerated Reading, supporting our interests in a whole-school literacy focus.

It is our aim that all students should have the chance to read for at least 20 minutes per day and reading for pleasure should be encouraged at every opportunity. This means that a reading book is a vital piece of equipment and should be placed on desks along with their handbook and writing material at the start of each lesson. Students are also permitted to read ebooks on portable and handheld devices as per our acceptable use policy. Please see the LRC section of the website for new releases, borrowing procedures and opening times.

So what do we expect from our students?

- * Take a book out from the LRC using their reading range (ZPD).
- * Read independently for at least two hours per week.
- * Complete a mini-quiz online as soon as they have finished a book.
- * Take out a new book as soon as they return their finished one.
- * Speak with tutors on a regular basis to discuss reading progress and targets.
- * Support and join our passion for reading.

Students can access Accelerated Reader directly through the Marden homepage. Parents and carers will soon be able to access and follow student progress through Home Connect, which will be launched this half term and further information - including login details - will be available shortly.

Thank you,

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