

## Year 7 Elite Reading Club with Mrs Stewardson

In October 2017 all Year 7 pupils sat a reading test, which generated a reading age for them. The aim is for a pupil's reading age to be in line with or higher than their chronological age. Reading is a fundamental life skill, which all pupils should seek to develop both within school and at home because it has been suggested that "teens who choose to pick up a book for pleasure are more likely to succeed in life." (*The Telegraph*).

We have many superb readers in Year 7, and we are introducing a number of different intervention strategies over the coming weeks to encourage all pupils to keep striving on with their reading. As part of these interventions we have launched our first ever **Elite Reading Club**, which will take place every Monday during DEAR. Every half-term the pupils will read a more advanced text with a member of staff who has a real passion for reading. The first session is being run by **Mrs Stewardson**, who has chosen to read *Bog Child* by Siobhan Dowd with the group – a hard hitting novel about the troubles in Northern Ireland during the 1980s. The 13 pupils involved all have a reading age of 15+ and are excited to get started on the text.



**Key aim – That every child should read for at least 30 minutes every day at home. Please can parents / guardians monitor that this is done.**

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