

September 2021

RE: Accelerated Reader Expectations for Year 7&8 Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are running the Accelerated Reader program at Chase Terrace Academy for all Year 7 and 8 pupils and feel that this reading will go a long way to developing our pupils' literacy levels as they embark on their studies across the curriculum.

Your child will be sitting their Star reading test during their English library lesson at some point over the fortnight beginning Monday 13th September. In this session they will be shown how to login to Accelerated Reader both in school and at home and the expectations for reading and quizzing will be explained clearly. These details are also available in a library/reading booklet that will be handed out in the same session.

Once each pupil has completed the Star test, they will be shown how to take an AR book from the library. At Chase Terrace Academy, we expect every Year 7 and 8 pupil to have an AR book with them every day in school for Drop Everything and Read, and **we also expect that they read independently for a minimum of 30 minutes at home each day of the week**. It is also essential that when your child completes the reading of an Accelerated Reader book they **also complete the book quiz on the AR login within 24 hours** so that they can gain the minutes needed to bring their average engaged minutes up to the expected amount. Without completing the book quiz your child's average engaged minutes per day will not increase. The pass rate for the quizzes is 80% in order to gain minutes.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could support your child and encourage them to read for the expected reading minutes per day and complete the necessary book quizzes on the Accelerated Reader website. Some children may also need to be prompted to remember to complete the reading and quizzes, so a simple reminder may go a long way to engaging them. It is also the case that children may be more motivated to read if they regularly discuss what they have been reading with someone at home. Pupils and parents can access the Accelerated Reader website **via the school's website homepage and going to the 'School Life' tab**.

Please support your child to ensure they are meeting the expectations of the school for the AR program. Members of staff are also currently working with your child to help them get the necessary reading done, quiz regularly and hopefully increase their average engaged minutes per day.

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding the Accelerated Reader program, please do not hesitate to contact us at: ar@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk

Yours Faithfully,

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