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Dear parent/carer,

RE: PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO READ ACCELERATED READER 'UPPER YEAR' BOOKS

Currently in Year 7 and 8, pupils take part in Accelerated Reader (AR), a reading programme designed to support your child with their reading. We have a fantastic selection of AR books, covering all Book Levels and Interest Levels.

Book Levels
Books are given a Book Level between 1 and 13 depending on the difficulty of the text. Pupils choose books that are at the correct level for them using their ZPD (reading range given to them after completing a STAR test).

Interest Levels
The Interest Level is an indication of the age range a particular book will appeal to. There are currently three categories which we have here at CTA:

- Middle Years (MY) ages 9 - 11
- Middle Years Plus (MY+) 12 - 13
- Upper Years (UY) age 14+

The Interest Level should be taken into consideration alongside the Book Level when selecting appropriate reading material and this is something we always look at when pupils are taking books out. It is quite possible that pupils will enjoy books from a lower or higher Interest Level than the one most typically appropriate for them, however, Middle Years Plus and Upper Years books can contain stronger language and more adult themes than those at lower Interest Levels. Content in Upper Years books may also include, but is not limited to: relationships, drugs & alcohol use, swearing and crime.

If you wish for your child to be able to select and read any Interest Level book in our school library, you do not need to do anything, this letter is for your information only. However, if you feel that you would prefer that your child does not read Upper Year books, please can you email j.dutton@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk and we will make a note of this for future book loans.

Kind regards

Mrs Dutton
Learning Resource Centre Assistant