



16 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have all been really pleased about the way students have come back to school. It is fantastic to have everyone looking so smart and ready to learn.

BBEC Reads

As part of school improvement this year we have launched 'BBEC Reads' to Years 7, 8, and 9. Research shows that the act of daily reading either independently or by being read aloud to is one of the best ways of improving performance at school and this is what we want for all our students. We know that lots of our students are avid readers, but that others aren't. As well as the reading that takes place in lessons, BBEC Reads will give all children in Years 7, 8 and 9 the chance to gain the benefits that regular reading provides.

What is it?

During each tutor period, Monday to Thursday, tutors will read aloud for a short time to students who will follow in their own copies of the book.

What will students read?

We have selected a wide variety of books that we hope students will enjoy; some are challenging, some are not necessarily books that students would naturally come across, but all books, we hope, will provide a really good read. The books we have chosen include a range of authors from different backgrounds and a variety of different themes. We want BBEC Reads to be truly inclusive. Students will not necessarily read all the texts we have selected for their year group. The full list for Year 8 is attached.

How can you support BBEC Reads?

Parents/carers often ask us what they can do to help and we would love you to be part of BBEC Reads. We've put together a few ideas below:

Be interested – ask your child about the book that they are reading and display positive attitudes towards reading.

Be encouraging – the library is open from 8am until 4pm. Students can access the library to find other books by the author they are currently reading and copies of the text they are reading in tutor time can also be found there.

Be an example – let your child see you and other adults reading for pleasure.

All our tutors are really excited to be reading to their groups this year and students have been very positive as they have made the start on their BBEC Reads journey. We hope that we can develop in our students a real love of reading as well as helping their learning.



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If you would like any more information or to discuss BBEC Reads further, please email admin@buttershaw.net and we will get back to you.

Thank you for the support you have given us in making the start of the year so positive. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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Year 8 BBEC Reads

Boy, Everywhere – A.M. Dassu

The Boy Who Steals Houses – C.G. Drews

The Bone Sparrow – Zara Fraillon

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman

The Wheel of Surya – Jamila Gavin

I am David – Anne Holm

The Giver – Lois Lowry

The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Milwood-Heyward

After the War From Auschwitz to Ambleside– Tom Palmer

Witch Child – Celia Rees

The Little Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

I am Malala – Malala Yousafezi

Windrush Child – Benjamin Zephaniah



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