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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: Year 7 and Year 8 Autumn Reading Challenge

We are excited to announce that our Autumn Reading Challenge is here. We are challenging all our pupils to try and read 10 books, according to the instructions on the attached reading grid. There is no deadline for this challenge and it will run throughout the Autumn term. Pupils can log the books they have read on the attached form and hand the completed form to their Form Tutors or the school Librarian to win a prize. This is not compulsory but we would recommend everyone attempts the challenge.

As a school we recognise the importance of pupils reading for pleasure, and the impact that reading for 15 minutes each evening can have on academic outcomes. We ask that parents and carers take time to sit and listen to their child read, or read with them, modelling its importance.

To support our Autumn Reading Challenge, please note pupils will not be expected to complete the home-learning grid until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The Maths, English, Welsh, and Science home-learning will continue as normal. Please see a reminder of this below:

1. **Maths:** Pupils are set Maths questions every week to complete on Sparx Maths, an online programme.
2. **English:** Pupils are set a piece of English writing every week by their English teacher. This will be a '100 word challenge' using the new spellings that they are learning in class.
3. **Welsh:** Pupils are set Welsh vocabulary to learn by their Welsh teacher, once a fortnight. The vocabulary lists are given to the pupils by their teacher. The
4. **Science:** Pupils are set questions on Educake to complete at various points of the half term. Your child's Science teacher will let pupils know when the tasks are available.

To support pupils in completing these tasks we run a home-learning club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in school from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. This takes place in the library. In this club pupils have access to IT and adult support.

Please do encourage your child to take part in the Autumn Reading Challenge.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Headteacher