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Accelerated Reader has launched!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Accelerated Reader is a research-led program that helps encourage young people to read. It works by enabling teachers to manage and monitor pupils' independent reading practice. It is newly available for all Llanidloes High School pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and we are really excited to be able to offer this opportunity to all our Key Stage 3 readers from October 2021 onwards.



How does it work?

School pupils complete a Star Reading Test which then provides them with their recommended reading level or 'ZPD' range. They then select a book from the school library, starting off at the lower end of their range. When they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on the computer – passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read. The more the pupils read and quiz, the more quickly they'll progress through their reading range, reading increasingly challenging books! If they are reading at the recommended level for them, then most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all they learn and grow at their own pace.

What's changed?

To help encourage our young readers, all year 7s, 8s and 9s now have fortnightly library lessons where they will be reading with their English teachers and completing quizzes. They will also be reading at the start of English lessons and tutor period.



What can I do to help?

Please help to encourage your children to read at home as much as possible. They will progress faster through Accelerated Reader and strengthen their overall literacy skills if they read for the recommended 30 minutes per day at home and school. Please also make sure that your child brings a reading book to school every day. Finally, ask your child questions about the books that they're reading – they may even have a certificate which shows you how many books they've read and quizzes they've passed!



More good news...

The school librarian is working hard to catalogue 300 brand new books that have just been ordered into the library for Accelerated Reader. Llanidloes High School has also just won a bid to receive 100 recently-published books by BAME authors from Penguin, Random House.

For parents wishing to find out more about accelerated reader, please visit: <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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