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Dear Parent / Carer

As a school, we are always pursuing opportunities to foster a love of reading in all our pupils. Reading is a fundamental skill that not only increases vocabulary, reduces stress and develops empathy, but also strengthens language skills, thus empowering our pupils to become more articulate and confident communicators.

The role of parents / carers in the teaching of reading remains paramount to a child's progress and this is highly valued by the school. With this in mind, The English Department are providing all pupils in KS3 with an anthology of short extracts taken from 19th-21st century novels that will be theirs to take home and read with you. Each extract in the anthology is accompanied by a series of questions to encourage pupils to discuss the texts they have read (and, we hope, enjoyed!) Your child's teacher will allocate two extracts for them to read with you each half-term and you and your child can then use the questions to guide your conversation about the text.

No written work is required as the goal here is to develop each pupil's confidence in reading and articulating their personal response to the texts they have read. This will not only prepare pupils for the type of discussion they will encounter throughout their academic career, but by providing short extracts from a diverse range of texts will also allow pupils to discover which books they most enjoy.

It is our hope that you will join us in this new project and that together we can inspire a love of reading in your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

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