

## **Year 6 to Year 7: Literacy at St Anthony's**

- At St Anthony's we have a 'Reading Curriculum' designed to foster a love of reading and excellent readers. Your daughter will participate in a range of independent and guided reading activities across all subjects and within pastoral time.
- All Year 7 students have a dedicated 'Reading for Pleasure' hour once a fortnight where staff will use an evidence-based approach to reading and foster excellent reading habits with students.
- All students are modelled fluent reading and given opportunities to respond to texts within 'Expert Reader' time during form sessions.
- We strongly encourage you to read with your daughter at home. Evidence suggests that just 15 minutes of reading with your child per day increases academic outcomes and mental wellbeing significantly! Please see our 'Top Tips' document to help support your daughter's reading at home.
- Your daughter's reading ability will be tested at key points throughout the school year. If she is identified as in need of additional support, she will be invited to targeted reading intervention led by specialist staff.
- In school, we use Accelerated Reader quizzes to enhance student enjoyment of and progress in reading. Once she has finished reading a book, your daughter should complete an online reading quiz either at home or in school – more information will follow on this in September!
- Your daughter should always be carrying a reading book as part of her 'school uniform'. She is welcome to borrow a book from our school library, or to use the book box in her form room to select a book appropriate to her level.
- We look forward to meeting your daughter and would like to invite her to complete our fun 'St Anthony's Summer Read & Write' challenge over the 6 week holiday. Please submit entries to Mrs Pickering (Literacy Coordinator) in September to be in with a chance of winning a reading prize!