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The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge

Dear Parent / Carer

The County High School, Leftwich is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure. There is good evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily perform better in reading tests than those who never do. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature.

I am delighted to inform you that the school will be taking part in the Achievement for All 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge running from World Book Day on 7 March to Children's Book Day on 2 April. This is a global reading challenge aimed at schools, libraries, families, community groups and organisations from all around the world to collectively read 200 million minutes. You can read more about the challenge via the website <https://200millionminutes.org/#about>

Introducing all children and young people to the habit of reading in everyday life can improve communication skills and brighten future prospects, unlocking new worlds and possibilities. 10 minutes of reading a day can make a huge impact to a child's development, so imagine what 200 million minutes could achieve. We hope that the 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge will encourage our students to read, and read for longer, both at school and at home.

From Monday 11 March, we are asking all Year 7 and Year 8 students to enter into their planner how many minutes reading they have done at home each day and would like parents to then sign the planner at the end of each week to verify the time spent reading. Along with the time spent reading at school during form time and Library lessons, this time will be entered onto the 200 Million Minutes website to provide a total for our school. At the end of the challenge, we will be able to see the total number of minutes our students have read.

Having parents engaged with reading will help to support our commitment to improving literacy standards and having your involvement with this reading challenge will support this. Please encourage students to speak to their English teachers or Form Tutors if they have any questions about the challenge.

We hope our students enjoy the challenge and more importantly enjoy the time spent reading.

Yours sincerely

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