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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Book Clubs in Schools

Your child has been selected to take part in our new book club programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to immerse themselves within the wider school, develop their confidence and collaborative skills, as well as experiencing the enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

The sessions will take place once a week on a Monday morning between **10:40am and 11:15am** the first initial meeting starting on **Monday 7 March 2022**. During this time, your child will be involved in discussions based on what they have read throughout the previous week. Learners will be asked to read prior to the sessions. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to meet the reading requirements, as this will mean they are prepared and can be actively involved in group discussions.

Learners will be given a copy of the text during the first session and will be expected to bring this with them every Monday. Year 7 learners will be reading **Goldfish Boy**, written by Lisa Thompson. This text surrounds a boy (Matthew) with OCD, we later learn that his younger brother has died and the protagonist blames himself for 'infecting him'. Matthew remains stuck in his bedroom, watching everything that goes on in the street. During the text he witnesses the disappearance of two children. The narrative follows him attempting to piece together the events along with another child. Key topics we will explore are as follows: family tragedy, mental health, crime, loss of innocence, loyalty. If you have any concerns regarding this particular text, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your child will have two Reading Leaders from Year 9 working with them, we truly feel this is a wonderful opportunity for your child to get to know others and will hopefully build their confidence speaking aloud and contributing within a group setting. Our goal is to encourage reading for pleasure, we hope the Book Club is a starting point to eventually inspire lifelong readers.

Our Year 9 Reading Leaders are very keen to get started and I very much look forward to our first meeting on Monday 7 March 2022. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself on 01384 986550 or via email amerrick@thelinkacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Edwards-Morgan
Principal



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