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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 Tuesday morning between **10:40am and 11:15am**, the first initial meeting starting on **Tuesday 8 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 Tuesday. Year 8 learners will be reading **Ghost**, written by Jason Reynolds. This text is the first in a series, largely based around sport. Set in a modern-day city, the text follows the life of 7th grader, Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw as he struggles to overcome a difficult childhood and attempts to find a new direction in life with the help of his mentor, Coach Brody. Key topics explored are as follows: working through difficulties, domestic violence, mixture of family, friendship, school and relationships, making the right choices. 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 10 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 10 Reading Leaders are very keen to get started and I very much look forward to our first meeting on Tuesday 8 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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