



MERCHANT TAYLORS'  
School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Summer Reading Challenge

Each year the Library, in conjunction with the English Department, organises a Summer Reading Challenge with the purpose of encouraging our pupils to develop or maintain a reading habit over the summer holiday. The challenge is open to boys currently in the lower school and to those joining us in September. The current Fourth Form are particularly encouraged to explore different types of reading material in preparation for starting their GCSEs. The challenge also offers useful insight into the extent and nature of our pupils' recreational reading.

We have provided a PDF booklet containing tips for reviewing, recommended websites and a reading quiz, alongside space for book reviews and any other reading-related material your son may wish to include. His challenge is to fill in the booklet over the summer holiday and return it to his English teacher by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Prizes are awarded for originality, effort and quality of the content of the booklet, not the level or quantity of their reading.

- Please **Download** the PDF booklet and **Save** with your son's name added
- Alternatively, it can be printed and completed by hand

Every boy is expected to participate in this challenge and complete at least three reviews in their booklet, which will then be graded by his English teacher at the beginning of the Autumn Term – a grade which will contribute to the first official English assessment of the new academic year. Full instructions for taking part are included in the booklet.

The correlation between boys who are active readers and those who achieve highly in English at all levels, including public examination, is well known. Our greatest wish, however, is that every boy at Merchant Taylors' School discovers and nurtures a love of reading, in whatever form that may take; for it is a lifelong joy.

Thank you in advance for supporting your son in taking part.

Yours sincerely

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