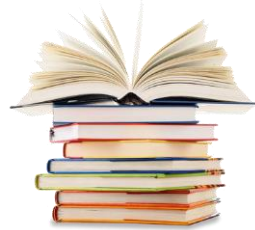
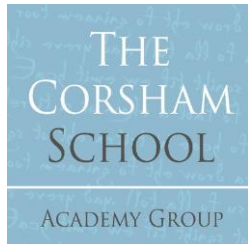


Y7 - Encouraging Literacy Information

Literacy includes reading, writing, speaking and listening.
Thank you for supporting literacy at home.



Why reading?

- ❖ Extensive research shows that improving student's literacy levels can have the single biggest influence on their success and outcomes, both academically and in later life. For example, a student who reads for 20 minutes a day is 90% more likely to score higher on standardised tests than peers.
- ❖ Furthermore, reading develops personal qualities such as empathy, improved well-being and offers insight into a range of different worlds, cultures and perspectives.

Y7 Accelerated Reader

- ❖ Every Y7 student takes part in 'Accelerated Reader' to encourage reading.
- ❖ There are three 'Star Tests' a year, which monitor reading progress. Reading scores are recorded in the student handbook. These scores help students select appropriate level books from the library.
- ❖ Students should be reading for 20 minutes a day and quiz fortnightly.
- ❖ Students can quiz on any device by logging on through SharePoint, using the Renaissance Icon.
Example login details for a Y7 student in 2024
Username: 24j-bloggs Password: Corsham24

There are Corsham credits and prize draws throughout the year for students reading and quizzing regularly!

Bookbuzz

- ❖ All Y7 students select and receive a **free** 'Bookbuzz' book. They receive this in the Autumn term.
- ❖ You can find out about this scheme online at:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/students/bookbuzz-books/>

Corsham Reads

- ❖ All tutor groups participate in an ambitious reading project: 'Corsham Reads'. Tutors will read aloud to their tutor group for two tutor sessions a week.
- ❖ The books have been selected as they are challenging, rich in vocabulary and thought-provoking.
- ❖ Each student will be provided with a book and bookmark so that they can follow along, enjoy the story and share the positive experience of reading.
- ❖ Encourage conversation at home about these books. What do they enjoy? Who is their favourite character and why?

Ideas for Reluctant Readers

- ❖ Try games that encourage literacy, such as Night Zoo Keeper (www.nightzookeeper.com).
- ❖ Use the 'Book Trust Book Finder' to help find your next read (<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>)
- ❖ Try e-books, audiobooks, magazines or articles on a subject of interest.
- ❖ See our reading lists on sharepoint, or visit Ms Burn (LRC manager) in the library for help selecting an engaging read.

Ideas for encouraging literacy:

- ❖ Ask about Accelerated Reader and encourage quizzing at home.
- ❖ Read to the student as they follow along, listen to them read aloud or take it in turns!
- ❖ Ask questions about what they are reading e.g. What do you like about the story? What do you think will happen next?
- ❖ Model good reading habits and discuss the books that you are reading.
- ❖ Make use of e-books or audio books. You can access lots of these for free on YouTube.
- ❖ Encourage reading the newspaper or articles about a topic of interest.
- ❖ Link books and reading to films at the cinema or video games they know.
- ❖ Share stories to encourage oral literacy e.g. discussing your day.
- ❖ Talk about new words that they discover. Look them up together and encourage using new vocabulary.
- ❖ Encourage any and all writing activities. Students could write diaries, letters, blogs, articles or imaginative pieces like stories, poems and descriptions.