



**Rossett School**

Success for everyone

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Accelerated Reader**

At Rossett we have made it a priority to promote a reading culture because we recognise that reading is a vital skill that is necessary to success in all subjects. Also, we know from research that strong reading skills are one of the most important indicators of the future success of our students. Furthermore, there are a great many benefits to be had from the enjoyment of simply reading for pleasure.

In order to develop our students' reading skills, all our Year 7 and Year 8 students take part in the Accelerated Reader programme. This involves students choosing books from the excellent range in our resource centre, reading for 25 minutes each day and then taking a quiz to check their comprehension of the book they have read. Students also have the opportunity to enlist the support of our very own resident book expert, school librarian Mrs Huett.

As parents, you can make a huge difference to your child's attitude to reading for pleasure. Therefore, in order to maximise the impact of Accelerated Reader, I have attached some key information about the programme. Please encourage your child to discuss with you how Accelerated Reader works at Rossett and also to encourage him/her to read either with you or independently at home.

#### **Benefits of improving your child's reading:**

- According to the National Literacy Trust, studies show that reading a variety of literature independently by the age of 15 is the single biggest indicator of future economic success.
- Reading teaches your child about the world around them. Through reading, your child will learn about people, places and events outside their own experience which gives them vital background knowledge that they need for **all** the subjects that they study at Rossett.
- Reading improves your child's vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills.
- Finally, reading for pleasure is a marvellous form of entertainment.

If you wish to discuss this further, or have any other questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me through the school: [efazakerley@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:efazakerley@rossettschool.co.uk) or 01423 564444 ext: 309.

Yours sincerely

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