



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 pupils have the amazing opportunity to spend one English lesson a week in the library. The main aim of these lessons is to offer a quiet and safe space for pupils to develop their reading skills with the help of the class teacher, library staff and any assigned teaching assistants. Our ultimate goal is to encourage a love of reading, whilst helping to support and improve reading levels.

At the beginning of every term pupils complete a STAR Reading Test which generates a reading level range and read age. The September 2022 STAR Test have been recorded in the front of their pupil planners.

Finally, we encourage pupils to read for at least 20 minutes each day, and it would be great if this continued at home throughout the term.

I have included further details about Accelerated Reader, and if you have any questions regarding the programme, your child's levels and scores, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on vlewis@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you for your continued support with reading.

Yours sincerely,

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Extra information regarding Cirencester Kingshill Accelerated Reader programme 2022-2023:

1. STAR Tests

Every term, pupils complete their STAR reading test which gives them a reading range and age based on their ability.

2. Quizzing books at home

If pupils want to complete an accelerated reader quiz at home they must use the school website and enter through "pupil work", "Year 7" "accelerated reader link".

<https://www.cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk/pupils/pupil-work/year-7/>

To log into their account:

- Use the school username 22, first initial and surname (for example, 22asmith).
- Password abc1 (unless pupils changed their password).
- If it ever asks for an authorisation code it is "admin".

3. Reading books:

We encourage pupils to have a reading book at all times during school, and to read for around 20 minutes per day. This could be reading in tutor time, at the beginning of English lessons and during Accelerated Reader lessons. Pupils are asked to read regularly at home either to themselves or be read to by an adult or sibling. They are allowed to get books out from the library before school, break/lunch and during tutor times. They must have at least one book which is within their Accelerated Reader range/level.

4. Challenge sheets:

Each pupil has a challenge target sheet for the AR lessons which they can add to at any time. Once the sheet is completed, they will receive a reward postcard home.

5. Weekly word counts:

Each Monday, the weekly word counts for each tutor group will be given to tutors and Miss Richards (Head of Year 7) to celebrate the success of groups and individuals.

6. Rewards:

To encourage pupil reading we have a series of rewards related to reading.

- If they achieve 100% on a quiz, pupils will receive a commendation stamp.
- Once all the targets on their challenge sheet are completed pupils will receive a postcard home.
- Every term the highest word count reader in the tutor group will receive a postcard home.
- If pupils receive a full level increase between STAR reading tests they will receive a postcard home.
- We are also issuing raffle tickets to pupils who achieve 80% or above on their Book Buzz quiz.

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