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Dear Parent/Carer

Accelerated Reader at Strood Academy

We are pleased to be launching Accelerated Reader to our Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Developing a lifelong love of reading

Accelerated Reader is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice while promoting reading for pleasure.

A student reads a book, completes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. It's that simple!

Students respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills.

It has been proven that regular reading, for both pleasure and educational purposes, increases literacy



<u>development</u> and is <u>linked to academic success</u>. With this in mind, we have set all students a target to read 5 books by their next Star Reading test*.

To support your child in achieving this target and encourage them to read at home regularly we recommend a minimum of 10 minutes reading a day.

Home Support - Renaissance Home Connect™

To help support and monitor your child's reading development: Renaissance Home Connect™ allows the teacher, you and your child to share information about their progress in Accelerated Reader. Renaissance Home Connect can be accessed on any computer, tablet or phone, which has an internet connection.



<u>Click here</u> to log into Strood Academy's Renaissance Home Connect™ or alternatively, use the following web address:

https://Ukhosted28.renlearn.co.uk/2240769/HomeConnect

Log On Information

Username	This is your child's unique Strood Academy username. e.g. 11PEAJO01
Password	ABC



Monitoring Progress

Progress on Accelerated Reader is monitored in two ways;

Quiz scores: Students need to complete the book quiz within 48 hours of finishing their Accelerated Reader book. The target is to score 85% or more on the comprehension questions.

Star Reading Test: 4 times a year, your child will complete the Star Reading Test. This will provide their current reading comprehension score, as well their readability range (reading development score for Accelerated Reader).

*SR Tests take place: Term 1/ term 2/ Term 4 and Term 6

If you would like further information regarding Accelerated Reader at Strood Academy, please do contact the English Faculty.

Kind regards

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