



# BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 7 Students

## Reading Matters

Here at Borden Library we aim to create a learning environment for our students that encourages independent learning, but it is our priority to encourage our boys to Read for Pleasure. It is important to get the message out there to our Year 7 Parents and Guardians that reading is fun, and that reading matters. Research has proven that children who read are happier, healthier, more empathetic, and more creative. They also do better at school. Children who read do better in life in many ways – educational attainment, confidence, communication skills, wellbeing and health. Quite simply, and I reiterate, Reading Matters. Together, with your help we can really make a difference.

We have the Accelerated Reader programme here at Borden, and many of our Year 7 boys are outstanding readers. But I feel there are a number of boys who are not taking advantage of the many benefits this programme offers. With your encouragement I'm certain we can change this – within school I offer small rewards for boys that achieve well. Also, it's possible to track your son's progress by checking his on-line bookshelf. There is the opportunity to earn certificates – when these are achieved we offer 'Honours Reader' status – this, once achieved, offers a reward of a £10 book voucher.

If you would like any further information on Accelerated Reader, or indeed have any questions you'd like to ask me regarding book recommendations, or advice on what to read next, I can be contacted by email [lbrown@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:lbrown@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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