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Dear Parent or Carer

You will be aware that regular reading is crucial in developing your child's literacy levels and in ensuring that they achieve their potential across the curriculum. St Martin's is therefore committed to creating as wide a range of opportunities for reading in school as possible.

In view of this we expect that all Year 9 students carry an appropriate reading book in their school bag at all times and would appreciate your support in achieving this. The firm expectation is that students have a suitable text with them in the same way that they are expected to be equipped with pens, pencils and a ruler for the school day.

As was the case in Year 7 and Year 8, your child will engage in 20 minutes of compulsory DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time per day. This will take place either in a lesson or within form time.

The books that students will be expected to read can be selected from the school library, but also from local libraries or book shops and, if this is the case, we would ask that parents monitor their child's choice of reading material to ensure it is suitable for the classroom. The books used for DEAR time can be either fiction or non-fiction but magazines or newspapers are not appropriate.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Lelliott', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr I Lelliott
Assistant Headteacher

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