



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Dear parent/carer

Queen Mary's Grammar School and the charity Read for Good are running a Readathon between 22nd November and 7th January for all students in key stage three. We would like your child to join in.

Research from the OECD has shown that those who regularly read for pleasure are more likely to be happy and successful throughout their lives. We have organised a Readathon to motivate and inspire students to read, in the words of the poet John Milton, 'any books whatever' come to their hands and so build the habits that will help them in later life.

A Readathon might be described as a 'sponsored read'. Students find people among their family and friends who will sponsor them to read books. They are motivated because the money they raise in sponsorship helps Read for Good, a charity, to provide a regular supply of new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the United Kingdom. Some of the money also goes to the library at Queen Mary's Grammar School and will directly help us.

We as a department are convinced of the impact that a Readathon can have. In 2017-18 the National Literacy Trust surveyed 49,047 pupils to compare those who had and those who had not participated in a Readathon. Compared to those who did not take part in a Readathon, those who did:

- enjoyed reading more
- read more widely
- were more likely to read in their free time
- were more likely to carry on reading even when they found a book difficult
- were more likely to use a library
- reported higher levels of happiness.

This was the case regardless of age, gender or background.

All you need to do is two things. First, take a look at what your child plans to read. You might sit down and help him complete a list of books that he would like to get through over the coming weeks. These books might be fiction or non-fiction and the list could include audiobooks. Second, help your child find sponsors among family and friends. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (a link which can be shared with all sponsors).

There is no pressure to raise money; £1 counts as well as £100. And if, for whatever reason, your child cannot or does not want to secure sponsorship, they can still participate in what is, at root, a celebration of the importance and the joy of reading by setting themselves targets and joining in with their classmates. Thank you for the support of your child's education.

Kind regards

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You might start with...

Year 7

In the library	Always available on Sora
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Land of Roar</i>• <i>Strange Worlds Detective Agency</i>• <i>Malamander</i>• <i>Ghost Boys</i>• <i>The House with Chicken Legs</i>• <i>Troo Friend</i>• <i>Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow</i>• <i>Can You See Me?</i>• <i>Done Racer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Haunting of Aveline Jones</i>• <i>The Bewitching of Aveline Jones</i>• <i>Mystery of the Night Watchers</i>• <i>The House of One Hundred Clocks</i>• <i>The Terrible Two</i>

Year 8

In the library	Always available on Sora
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Bunker Diary</i>• <i>Adam-2</i>• <i>High Rise Mystery</i>• <i>Look Both Ways</i>• <i>Life of Riley</i>• <i>The London Eye Mystery</i>• <i>The Graveyard Book</i>• <i>Show Us Who You Are</i>• <i>Rooftoppers</i>• <i>Brightstorm</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Frederik Sandwich and the Earthquake that Couldn't Possibly Be</i>• <i>Girl (In Real Life)</i>

Year 9

In the library	Always available on Sora
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>White Rabbit, Red Wolf</i>• <i>After the Fire</i>• <i>One of Us Is Lying</i>• <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i>• <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>• <i>The Outrage</i>• <i>Outwalkers</i>• <i>Every Line of You</i>• <i>Ace of Spades</i>• <i>Heartstream</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Metamorphosis</i>• <i>Me and Earl and the Dying Girl</i>• <i>The Epic Crush of Genie Lo</i>