



# Quick Guides

## Reading

Reading is very important at MRC. We want all students to be readers. It enables young people to experience the world beyond their immediate surroundings and unlocks their access to the whole curriculum. We want to establish a culture that promotes the importance of reading both at school and at home. As a result, we have in place a 'reading for pleasure and purpose' programme that equips students with the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

These are the ways we promote reading:

1. **Year 7 – 10 Whole School Reading:** this takes place in tutor time, with each year group reading a carefully selected, age-appropriate text aimed at improving literacy and broadening students' cultural understanding.
2. **Sparx Reader:** Years 7 – 9 are set weekly 30 minutes reading homework on this online platform, to improve their level of literacy.
3. **MRC Library:** is used by all students at tutor, break and lunch times. It is well resourced, in collaboration with the Portsmouth Library. It aims to support all stakeholders and provide stimulating / exciting reading materials.
4. **Reading Intervention** – students in years 7 – 9 whose reading age is below national expectation are supported through an intervention programme designed to address each child's specific reading needs (decoding and phonics, fluency and comprehension) and accelerate their progress.
5. **Reading at home:** We encourage students to read at home for pleasure and encourage parents to discuss novels and texts with their child. Please take a look at the reading poster on the school website and listen to the school podcast on reading [here](#) to find out more.