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Dear Parents and Carers

Supporting Your Child's Reading with Beanstack

As part of our commitment to fostering a lifelong love of reading, Year 7 and Year 8 students have been using the **Beanstack** reading tracker app during their English library lessons and at home to log their reading progress and take part in challenges.

As you will be aware, from this term onwards, **mobile phones will no longer be permitted during lesson time**. This means that all Beanstack reading logs will now need to be completed at home. Students will be reminded to record their reading in their planners, and we kindly ask for your support in encouraging them to update their Beanstack minutes outside of school hours.

Why this matters:

Reading regularly offers huge benefits for teenagers:

- **Academic success** – Improves vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills, which support progress across all subjects.
- **Mental wellbeing** – Reading can reduce stress, improve focus, and provide a healthy escape from daily pressures.
- **Personal growth** – Encourages empathy, creativity, and curiosity about the world.

Your encouragement at home—whether by asking about what they're reading, setting aside quiet reading time, or helping them log their minutes—can make a real difference.

Thank you for working with us to help our students develop strong reading habits that will benefit them for years to come.

Yours faithfully

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