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Dear Year 7 Parents & Carers,

A very warm welcome from the **Great Marlow School Library**, where I am looking forward to meeting all our new Year 7 students over the next two weeks.

I wanted to reach out and share some helpful information about our Library Lessons, our reading-tracker app, and our whole-school commitment to **Reading for Pleasure**.

Reading is our 7th “R”, and as well as enjoying their fortnightly library lessons —choosing books, reading, and taking part in engaging activities — students can also join in with a range of lovely extras. Our weekly **Key Stage 3 Book Club** will be starting soon, we have Form time reading once a week, plus an exciting author visit planned for November. Our much-loved **GMS LitFest** is planned for early March in conjunction with World Book Day. Please do keep an eye on the GMS website for updates.

We would be delighted if you followed our Instagram page **#greatmarlowschoollibrary** for news and new books, and we warmly welcome any new parents and carers who would like to join our **Staff, Parents & Carers Book Club**. For more information, please email **Mrs Ben Haj Ali** via school.

Please also look out for your child bringing home important details about our reading-tracker app, **Beanstack**, which helps record reading minutes at home and in school, and offers fun chances to win prizes and achievement points for students on our Leaderboard or completing online book reviews. As part of the English curriculum, students are expected to read two books per month and around 60 minutes per week at home. If you have any questions at all, again please contact **Mrs Ben Haj Ali**.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Ben Haj Ali

Library Manager / Teacher & School Reading Lead