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Dear Parents / Carers

We are really excited to be launching a brand-new initiative this year across Years 7-10 and Year 12. Our Tutor Reading Programme is about to kick off with a bang and we want to tell you all about it.

Key details:

When?	Every day during tutor registration time.
Where?	In tutor bases.
How?	Trained tutors read to their tutees, who track the text with a bookmark. These, along with the texts, will be provided by the school.
Which texts?	See the attached overview of texts allocated to each year group.
Why?	There is growing evidence in the field of education to suggest that the act of reading is one of the best ways in which you can improve academic performance in the long-term.

Key benefits of reading together:

1. A social experience that builds a sense of community and belonging
2. Regular modelling of fluent, passionate reading delivered by tutors
3. Exposure to countless words and phrases not found in everyday dialogue
4. Coverage of a wealth of themes and concepts valuable for personal development
5. On-going improvement in independent reading skills

We are incredibly proud to be a leading school implementing a programme on such a scale as this. From early feedback, its positive impact can already be seen. We are certain that the energy and commitment invested by each member of staff will reap huge gains, both on an academic and a pastoral level too.

Texts have been selected extremely carefully to ensure that the range of narratives available address age-appropriate themes but offer a high level of challenge too. We are dedicated to ensuring that progress is made at every stage of your child's learning journey and are sure that this new initiative will provide endless opportunities for that.

Strategies for supporting your child at home:

Be interested	ask about the book daily – <i>plot, characters, themes, predictions</i>
Be sensitive	ensure students have chance to discuss delicate themes that arise

- Be aware** feel free to purchase and read the book that your child is reading
(as long as they don't jump ahead in the book beyond their peers!)
- Be relaxed** offer a calm, stress-free environment that cultivates enthusiasm
- Be an example** let your child see you reading for pleasure on a regular basis at home

We are really excited about this adventure and hope you will join us in supporting our students with their reading journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at ksocket@parkhouseschool.org.

Yours sincerely

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Year 7

The Old Man and the Sea - Ernest Hemmingway
Artichoke Hearts - Sita Brahmachari
Boy 87 - Ele Fountain
Watership Down - Richard Adams
A Kestrel for a Knave - Barry Hines
The Boy Who Sailed an Ocean in an Armchair - Lara Williamson
The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall
Book of Greek Myths - D'Aulaires
Wonder - R.J. Palacio
The Girl of Ink and Stars - Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Year 8

Animal Farm - George Orwell
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman
I am Malala - Malala Yusef
A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness
Mud, Sweat and Tears - Bear Grylls
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S.Lewis
The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman
Coram Boy - Jamila Gavin
Eve of Man - Tom and Giovanna Fletcher
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah

Year 9

The Art of Being Normal - Lisa Williamson
Things a Bright Girl Can Do - Sally Nicholls
Nineteen Eighty Four - George Orwell
The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak
Clap When You Land - Elizabeth Acevedo
The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas
Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo

Things Fall Apart - Chinua Achebe
The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen
Chobsky
Slumdog Millionaire - Vikas Swarup

Year 10

Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro
Fahrenheit 451- Ray Bradbury
I am Legend - Richard Matheson
The Grapes of Wrath - John
Steinbeck
Hamnet - Maggie O'Farrell
Circe - Madeleine Miller
The Great Gatsby - F. Scott
Fitzgerald
Lord of the Flies - William Golding
Flowers for Algernon - Daniel Keyes

Year 12

The Midnight Library - Matt Haig
Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep - Philip
K. Dick
Beloved - Toni Morrison
The Wasp Factory - Iain Banks
I know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya
Angelou
Becoming - Michelle Obama
Bounce - Matthew Syed
The God of Small Things - Arundhati Roi