



#TNHAreads

Reading for pleasure is not only important because it improves performance in reading tests; it has a much wider significance for children's education. Research shows that it brings benefits that help pupils achieve more across the whole curriculum.

(From Reading: the next steps. Supporting higher standards in schools March 2015. DfE).

Welcome to our first KS3 reading newsletter.

This term sees the launch of the TNHA Reading Strategy (#TNHAreads). It is a key priority of the academy to ensure that all students have an opportunity to read frequently in lessons and are encouraged to read widely for pleasure outside of the academy. There is much happening in the academy to celebrate reading and lots going on behind the scenes to ensure reading is a key feature across the curriculum.

What is happening?

- Teachers are making sure that there are more opportunities for students to read in lessons.
- The teaching of reading and vocabulary are a focus this year with displays of key words in classrooms.
- Literacy lessons for all Year 7,8 and 9 students are in place with some amazing books purchased for us to read.
- All Key Stage 3 students will complete a reading test in the first term. Students needing support with their reading will be offered an appropriate intervention.
- Plans to update and remodel the academy library with a view to opening the resource again for students at lunchtimes and at the end of the academy day.



These are some of the new books we have purchased for literacy lessons this year.



Do you like reading?

Would you like to have the opportunity to read and discuss challenging and thought-provoking books from some of the most influential writers of the 20th Century?



Any keen readers in

Year 9?

It would be great to see you join the Year 9 book club on a Monday lunchtime in C2. A safe space to read and discuss books. Some fantastic book choices to share....



The reading corner.....

9B1 are reading 'The Last Paper Crane' by Kerry Drewery. In this book Mizuki, a young Japanese girl, talks to her grandfather about his memories from August 1945 and the aftermath of the atomic bomb.

These Japanese Haiku's, inspired by the book, were written by members of the class.



'Blossoms fall slowly, koi swimming delicately, leaves drop heavily'. (HM)

'Traditionally, home to a whole empire, holding history'. (JB)

'Rivers of deep blue, ride down past all the mountains, back to their salt home'. (KH)

Do you have any old fiction books that you no longer need?

TNHA is on the lookout for book donations. If you have any old children's/ young adult reading books that you no longer need please consider bringing them along to the academy and donating them to our library. Donation bins can be found in the foyer.



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Book Drive 2021

Help us build our library with your old books.

To encourage more students to read for pleasure, and help rebuild our lovely library, we would be very grateful for any donations of old fiction books (for ages 10-18years) that you no longer need at home.

Students can drop these books into the collection bins in the foyer.

