

How to support your child's reading during school closure



Why reading during this time is so important:

In an average school day, students are exposed to 8 hours of reading - even Maths and Science are continuously displaying vocabulary that students are deciphering. In addition, every day students read for a minimum of 10 minutes in form time and up to 50 when they have a library lesson in Years 7 and 8. On top of this, we recommend that students read for 20 minutes at home too. Reading for 20 minutes a day has a huge impact on academic achievement, social integration and mental health.

It is therefore crucial that as well as the work set by teachers, students are doing at least 1 hour of daily reading - this can be split up over the day.

Where can we get books?

Unfortunately public libraries have closed for the time being so all form tutors have ensured that boys have at least one or two books borrowed from the school library.

Amazon Kindle provides a free Kindle App that can be used on all computers, chromebooks, tablets and smartphones to read e-books purchased on Amazon. In addition, Kindle Unlimited offers a 2 month free trial and allows users to download unlimited e-books from Amazon (£7.99/month thereafter).

What books should we read?

Each Friday Ms Mitchell, our school librarian, will be sending home the #RealMenReadFromHome newsletter with book recommendations for KS3, KS4, KS5 as well as a section for Staff and Parents. Each book will also have the ZPD so that students can select a book that is appropriate for their reading level and all recommended books will be available for download on Amazon.

Boys in Years 7 and 8 should continue to take Accelerated Reader quizzes and Ms Mitchell will be awarding House Points and nominating those with high scores. Older students should aim to write a Book Review for each book they read and email it to Ms Mitchell (p.mitchell@fulhamboysschool.org.uk) for House Points and GCSE non-fiction article writing practice.