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Dear Parent/Carer

Reading Update

I am writing to provide an update on reading at Hall Park.

We are delighted to have reached the milestone of 50 million words read by students this academic year. Ten students have achieved 'Word Millionaire' status and will receive their reading badge. This has been a busy term for reading events, including World Book Day, the Redhill Trust Book Awards and our inter-house Poetry by Heart competition. The Big Quiz is currently being contested in tutor time and the winners will represent Hall Park in the trust final. Four students recently attended the trust creative writing workshop where they worked with Lisa Williamson, best-selling author of 'The Art of Being Normal' and 'All About Mia'.



DEAR time (KS3)

Students in Year 7 to 9 complete DEAR ('Drop Everything And Read') time for 15 minutes every day. This provides a regular opportunity for students to read for pleasure. Please encourage your child to bring their DEAR book to school every day. Students can loan books from the library during their reading lessons and at break and lunchtimes.

Parents and students can now access our library catalogue online via Oliver. Please visit hallpark.oliverasp.co.uk to browse our collection.

Renaissance Book Finder

Year 7 and 8 students can also use Renaissance Book Finder to browse books with Accelerated Reader quizzes. Parents can visit arbookfind.co.uk or students can log into their personalised account at tinyurl.com/HallParkAR.

Book interest levels

To help inform decisions about reading books, we have introduced a labelling system for relevant books in the school library. This is based on information from book publishers and professionals at Renaissance. Labels indicate the maturity of the book content and language and can be found on the covers of relevant books. This new system will help students and parents to make decisions about the books that they take on loan from the library, as well as recommending that certain books are only suitable for students in certain age groups.

Please contact our librarian Miss Hudson on hudsonr@hallparkacademy.org.uk should you have any queries relating to specific books.

Lexia (KS3)

Lexia PowerUp Literacy is an online literacy acceleration platform. If your child uses Lexia at school, they can also use it at home.



To log into Lexia, visit lexiapowerup.com, select Student and enter the following credentials:

Normal school username, e.g. **23bloggsj**

Password: **HallPark1**

Please use one of the following browsers: Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari. To use on an iPad, download the Lexia PowerUp Literacy app. Please note Lexia is not currently supported on mobile.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on thompsond@hallparkacademy.org.uk should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Thompson'.

Mr D Thompson

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