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Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

We would like to support all parents and carers to promote reading for pleasure at home during lockdown. The more our students engage in reading, whether for pleasure or for academic purposes, the more successful they will be across the curriculum.

In terms of reading materials, all students in years 7, 8 and 9 continue to have access to **Accelerated Reader** and **MyOn**, web-based programmes that encourage children to read for pleasure. Students can access Accelerated Reader directly from the student portal, and MyOn via www.myon.co.uk. Both sites require students to use the same logon and password. The logon is our students' regular PC username, and the password is Hum1. Our subscription to MyOn gives students access to over 5,500 digital books, both fiction and non-fiction, which they can read from a computer, tablet or phone.

In addition, all students can access an online newspaper called **The Day** from our student portal. Every day, two news articles are uploaded and students also have access to the entire back catalogue of news stories with links to multiple curriculum subjects. *The Day* helps all students form the regular habit of spending a few moments making the connection between the world of school and the wider world around them.

Finally, you will find a multitude of engaging literacy resources to help students to learn at home on The National Literacy Trust's website at <https://literacytrust.org.uk>. Within Family Zone, there is a home learning platform for families including links to an audio book club and, with 'Zone In', there are activities for older students to boost their skills and beat the boredom of being at home.

In partnership with The National Literacy Trust, **Oak National Academy** has just launched a new virtual library which will provide free access to books for all children. The Virtual School Library offers free reading and writing content from much-loved children's authors - providing a free-to-access book every week from the platform's author of the week. Jacqueline Wilson has been chosen as their first author of the week and students can currently enjoy free access to *The Story of Tracy Beaker*.

If you require further information regarding our literacy programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

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