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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Supporting Reading at Parmiter's - Year 7 Book Provision

At Parmiter's, we are continuing to develop a strong culture of reading, because we know that reading is one of the most important foundations for success in school and beyond. Students who read widely build vocabulary, improve their understanding across all subjects and develop the confidence to engage fully with learning.

Last year, we introduced a weekly "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR) session for Year 7. The aim was simple: to give students regular opportunities to experience reading as a shared, purposeful activity and to hear fluent reading modelled by adults and peers. Feedback from students and staff has shown that the programme has been a positive step. Many students reported improvements in their understanding, fluency and confidence, and staff consistently noted that these sessions helped create a calm and focused start to the school day.

However, one of the clearest messages from both students and staff was that engagement depends heavily on the quality and range of the books available. Students told us they are more motivated to read when texts feel relevant, interesting and varied. As a result, our next step is to broaden and strengthen the range of books we can offer.

To support this, we are asking for your help.

We have created an [Amazon wish list](#) of carefully selected books that we believe will engage a wide range of readers in Year 7. These texts span different genres and styles, including humour, thriller, science fiction and contemporary fiction, so that more students can find something that captures their interest.

The books we are hoping to add include:

- ***Ghost*** by Jason Reynolds - Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw has been running his entire life - literally - ever since a terrifying night when his father chased him and his mother with a gun. When he accidentally races a local elite track team and wins, the coach recruits him.
- ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry - Jonas lives in a highly structured "perfect" society without pain, war or color. When he turns 12 and is selected as the "Receiver of Memory," he begins to learn the dark secrets of what his community gave up to achieve complete peace.
- ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*** by Chris Grabenstein - Kyle is a 12-year-old game fanatic who gets chosen to attend an exclusive, overnight lock-in at the town's brand-new, high-tech library designed by eccentric game maker Luigi Lemoncello. When morning comes, the doors stay locked, and the kids must solve a series of puzzles and riddles to find the secret escape route.
- ***The London Eye Mystery*** by Siobhan Dowd - Ted and his older sister, Kat, take their cousin, Salim, to the London Eye. A mysterious stranger offers Salim a free ticket and they watch him board a capsule at 11.32am. Ted tracks the capsule with his eyes for its entire 30-minute rotation. But when the wheel lands and the doors open... Salim is not inside. He has completely vanished into thin air.

If you are willing and able to contribute, you can do so by purchasing one or more books from our [Amazon wish list](#), which will be sent directly to the school. Every book donated will go straight into use with our Year 7 students.

We understand that not all families will be in a position to support this programme and there is no expectation to do so. However, any contributions will make a genuine difference by helping us provide a richer and more engaging reading experience for all students.

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Thank you for your continued support in promoting reading at Parmiter's.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Carter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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