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Dear Parent / Carer

We have been reviewing our provision of Literacy interventions this term with the intention of implementing improved, more targeted provision.

To date, all students in Years 7 and 8 have participated in our Accelerated Reading Programme for an hour each week, to ensure that the crucial, fundamental skill of Reading remains a key focus for all. This scheme will continue for all students until their Reading Age is considered to be 'At or Above the Benchmark for Intervention'. Support and teaching will continue with trained staff whose priority is to ensure the speedy progress of such students.

However, many of our students are competent and confident readers who are keen to read unfettered from the constraints of the ARP; we have therefore removed such students from the scheme in order to provide a more challenging shared reading opportunity with their English teachers. 'Reading to Challenge' lessons will ensure that good reading habits are nurtured and celebrated through more complex texts that will hopefully inspire and maintain a love for reading in our students.

Your child knows whether or not they are on the Accelerated Reading Programme (i.e. if they spend a weekly lesson in the school's library). It would help your child's progress enormously if you could reinforce the need to read for 30 minutes daily and to discuss their reading with them to confirm a full understanding.

Should you have further questions, please do email me and I will be more than happy to explain further.

Yours faithfully

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

