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Dear Year 7 Parents

I am very happy to share with you details of two exciting initiatives that we run at RGS Library, to encourage and support your son in his reading career.

Thanks to the generosity of RGS Parents, your son will soon be bringing home the 'Bookbuzz' choice that he made earlier in the term. The Bookbuzz scheme (www.bookbuzz.org.uk) aims to encourage reading for pleasure, independent choice and a whole school reading and writing culture. We at RGS Library feel privileged to be able to offer your son his choice from a carefully chosen selection of current popular titles, and we hope that you, as parents, will express interest in his book, encourage him to read it, and enjoy discussing it with him. Many thanks are due to the RGS Parents for subscribing to this scheme and for continued support of the Library and your boys' reading.

We are hoping that boys will be able to pass an Accelerated Reader Quiz when they have completed the book and that they all enjoy their choice and their future reading experiences at RGS Library.

You will also notice that most boys are now starting to bring home (and hopefully share with you) proofs of their reading success in the form of Accelerated Reader achievement and Word Millionaire certificates. The Accelerated Reader scheme is a powerful, internationally acclaimed tool which will encourage and assist your son in Reading for Pleasure. He will take quizzes in his scheduled Library lessons (and, if he wishes, during break/ lunchtime and other free time). The results of these will be monitored by his English teacher, to audit his reading level, determine his progress and support him in his reading choices. He will also be taking part in a hotly-contested inter House 'First Past the Post' reading competition, which will use his reading successes to progress his form and House along a racetrack, and measure his own 'Word Count' for placement on the Word Millionaires table (and further rewards).

This program has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect, which you and your son can access from any computer with an internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use. It allows the teacher, you and your son to share information about his progress in Accelerated Reader.

You can log in to Renaissance Home Connect from any computer with an internet connection and compatible browser. For a list of compatible browsers, type the following URL in any browser:

<http://support.renlearn.com/techkb/techkb/10624292e.asp>

To log in to Renaissance Home Connect

Website: <https://Ukhosted2.renlearn.co.uk/1893459/HomeConnect>

Your son has made a note of his Accelerated Reader User Name and Password.

I hope that you and your son enjoy sharing these reading experiences. If you have any comments, questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me at library@rgshw.com. If you would like to keep up to date with Library activities, check for updates on the School website, or follow the Library on Twitter @LibraryRGS.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. J. Jones
Librarian