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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re Year 7 Literacy

I am very excited to be writing to you on behalf of the Humanities teachers at STFS to launch our new reading strategy. The assessment policy at STFS involves students sitting a summative assessment at the end of each term. The topics assessed in each of these is cumulative, so as we approach the Summer summative assessment, students will be required to revise and learn all content taught in Year 7. The reading strategy is aimed at supporting students with retaining this knowledge. Furthermore, we are aiming to promote a love of reading and further develop pupil skills in becoming independent readers which will stand them in good stead as the progress in their education, towards GCSE and A Levels.

Research shows that young people who routinely read independently and for pleasure find learning in all subjects much easier. Reading also supports their communication skills –whether that is through speech or writing.

We are providing all students with a reading book or resource for Geography, History and Philosophy and Ethics and we are asking for your support in encouraging your child to read and look after these at home.

To support children's reading practice at home, next week they will be bringing home the following:

- Violent Volcanoes Book
- A reading record log that students should use to write down when and what they read, and any useful notes
- World Religions Book (*To follow*)
- A collection of History articles (*To follow*)

Students will be rewarded via ClassCharts for their efforts with this. All books must be returned at the end of the summer term. Any damaged books, or books that are not returned may incur a charge.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Fiona Ell
Head of Humanities

