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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope your child(ren) has (have) settled into the new school year well. Please find below a short outline of some key aspects of literacy at Campion.

Library

The school library is stocked full of new releases, old classics, fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels. It is open from 8am before school, at break and at lunch. Our new system Librosoft will be launched with students in the next few weeks. They will be able to log on, browse and reserve books from home. Mrs Capon, our librarian, is on hand to offer advice and guidance should your child(ren) need it. Please do encourage them to visit the library regularly.

Age appropriate books

The library stocks a range of books for all ages covering a range of themes and topics. Please talk to your child about what they are reading and monitor what they are bringing home. **Should you wish for us to limit what they are borrowing (either by genre, content, topic or reading age), please email Mrs Capon, n.capon@campion.northants.sch.uk, and we can set that up.** Students at Campion have a range of reading ages, interests and hobbies and we would prefer not to limit their choices without your instruction.

DEAR

DEAR stands for (Drop Everything and Read). It appears once a fortnight on your child's timetable as a lesson. The aim of this lesson is to promote reading for pleasure. DEAR groups usually have a class reading book they share, discuss and enjoy reading together. Reading skills and vocabulary taught in DEAR should benefit your child in other areas of their learning. One tutor morning a week is dedicated to DEAR as well. At 2pm every day, all staff and students take part in 5 minutes of quiet reading. Most students are proving to be very organised and are bringing in a book every day.

Planners

We are heavily promoting the benefits of reading in school and ask you to encourage your child(ren) to read for a minimum of ten minutes, five times a week at home as well. Students know this should be recorded in their planners. Please can you help them with this and sign the planners weekly? This amount of time is proven to have significant benefits in many areas of life including (but not limited to); better mental health, reducing stress, improving quality of sleep, academic success, broader vocabulary knowledge, better ability to express emotions and feelings, reducing feelings of loneliness and improving tolerance and communication.



Handwriting

Handwriting is monitored constantly in lessons by classroom teachers and all students complete a handwriting task at the start of Year 7 to help us put early intervention in place. If you have any concerns about your child's handwriting, please email n.evans@campion.northants.sch.uk.

Enjoy your next book!

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