



Southerly Point
Co-operative
Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

Years 7/ 8 Reading Focus

At Helston Community College we place a great deal of importance on reading; reading for pleasure and reading as a tool to improve academic outcomes. The reading age requirement for GCSEs is becoming higher and higher, with the reading age requirement for GCSE Geography being a little over 17 years.

We want to do the best for the students in our care. Last year we began a strong focus on reading in Year 7. In the academic year of 2018-19, 67.5% of our Year 7 students improved their reading age by more than one chronological year. We hope to build on this outstanding progress by embedding reading more firmly into our curriculum. As such, every student in Years 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to visit our library this half term in order to select a reading book. This book (or any other book they may wish to bring in) will be a part of their required school equipment. It is expected that every pupil should have a book on them throughout the school day.

Dedicating 15 minutes of each day to reading with your child is proven to have a positive impact on their reading outcomes. We would be grateful for your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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