## Seven Kings School

At Seven Kings School the joy and fundamental importance of reading is grafted into the bones of our school community; everyone at Seven Kings is active and enthusiastic in embedding and sustaining a culture where reading pedagogies, attitudes and behaviours are understood and habitual so that all Seven Kings learners thrive through reading, enjoy reading and read with purpose, listening actively and thinking responsively, where our young people are able to build agency in their own
 lives and take the opportunities the world has to offer.

## Evidence: British Cohort Study

Of the 17,000 members, 6,000 took a range of cognitive tests at age 16 . We compared children from the same social backgrounds who achieved similar tested abilities at ages five and 10 , and discovered that those who frequently read books at age 10 and more than once a week when they were 16 had higher test results than those who read less. In other words, reading for pleasure was linked to greater intellectual progress, both in vocabulary, spelling and mathematics. In fact, the impact was around four times greater than that of having a parent with a post-secondary degree.

Reading clearly introduces young people to new words, so the link between reading for pleasure and vocabulary development is expected. But the link between reading for fun and progress in maths may be more surprising.

## Your right to read

In its 2018 report on the "The Case for Children's Rights to Read" the International Literacy Association (ILA) concludes that "At a basic level, reading enables the individual to function. Beyond that, we know that reading enriches the life of that individual personally, socially, and culturally. The ability to read truly represents the difference between inclusion in and exclusion from society."

## The power of reading

We know that reading must be at the core of our curriculum as it develops in each of us:

- Concentration
- Language (vocabulary)
- Intelligence
- Creativity
- Empathy



## I asked ChatGPT to 'Give me 5 strategies teenagers can use to turn themselves into passionate and committed readers'

Certainly! Here are five strategies teenagers can use to become passionate and committed readers:

1. Set aside dedicated reading time: Encourage teenagers to set aside a specific time each day or week for reading. They can create a schedule that includes their other activities and assign a time slot for reading.
2. Choose books that align with their interests: Teenagers are more likely to enjoy reading if they choose books that align with their interests. They can browse ba genre or topic and read reviews to find books that are a good fit.
3. Find books that interest them: Teenagers should find books that they enjoy reading, rather than books that they feel they "should" read. They can start by exploring different genres, asking friends for recommendations, or browsing bestseller lists.
4. Join a book club or reading group: Joining a book club or reading group can provide teenagers with a supportive community of readers who can share recommendations, discuss their favorite books, and provide motivation to keep reading.
5. Use technology: Teenagers can use technology to enhance their reading experience, such as using e-readers or audiobooks. They can also join online book communities to share their thoughts and recommendations with other readers.



## Libraries \& Books In Numbers

## Primary

- 3.7K Phonics
- 1.4K Picturebooks
- Room for 40 children in Primary
- 14 Story Sacks
- 2.8K Non-Fiction
- 4.8 K Y1-6 Fiction Chapterbooks
- Numerous Booksets
- 60 Books for Skygarden collection
- 862 Active Primary borrowers this year
- 17.8K Books issued to Primary September 2022-now
- $£ 117, \mathbf{3 1 4 . 4 3}$ worth of stock issued to Primary this academic year!
- 406 Collins Big Cat Phonics books. Multiple copies


## Secondary

- 3150 Books
- 37,000 resources.
- Room for 75 seated children in Secondary
- 290 Graphic novels/graphic non-fiction books
- 325 Manga
- Access to 1655 eBooks via Wheelers.
- 20 Guided Reading Sets
- Over 2000 free books distributed since the start of the pandemic
- Currently 1839 books on loan -
- 1175 of these are overdue! 64\%!
- 35 Student Librarians and DofE volunteers doing over 40 shifts a week!



## 5 strategies for effective library lessons



## Check

What books do students have out?

Talk to them about their reading.

## One-2-one reading

Who are the students with low reading ages? How often do they read with an adult in lesson?

Model good reading habits.
Do the students see you reading?

## Guided Reading

All students could be in small groups with a set Student Led Guided Reading

A group could be with the teacher or an LSA

## Hold students to account for their reading

Students present to the class about what they are reading or share what they have read with the group they are in.


## Celebrating Reading on the Primary Campus.





## A question for you...

How can we publicly celebrate our reading community and share our best reads?

