



Eden Girls

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assalamu Alaikum/ Peace be with you

Eden Girls' School Slough is delighted to introduce our Star Reader initiative for the second year, to encourage and motivate students to delve into the benefits of reading. The scheme has bought in a huge selection of books in our library to entice the girls to read a range of genres.

Reading is one of the most impactful and beneficial activity a student can engage in during their school years and into adulthood. It rapidly builds an immense vocabulary bank; it fosters a thirst for knowledge: reading builds secondary cultural capital characteristics such as empathy. Moreover, reading helps us to focus and reading daily can help us concentrate in other areas of our lives too. Above all, reading together fosters and nurture a strong bond between parents and children.

The Star Readers secondary edition provides a list of recommended reading catering for each year group. The books vary from modern day classics such as Private Peaceful, the Hunger Games Trilogy to age old favourites such as To Kill a Mocking Bird, Alice in Wonderland and The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe. All the books align with our leadership specialism and are age appropriate for the individual year groups. Although all the books are age appropriate, parents may want to develop a reading plan to support their child where required.

Please go to <https://tinyurls.com/yyrf3g9e> to see the Star Reader books.

At Eden Girl's School Slough, the English Department and the school librarians will continue an exciting number of initiatives to enthuse and support the girls to meet our new and stimulating reading challenges. The initiatives include prestigious bronze/silver and gold certificates, medals and vouchers in conjunction with many more prizes at Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four. The launch of emoji book reviews, animated video reviews and a very sensational launch of our Star Books reading clubs for staff and students accompanied with a mug of hot chocolate.

I hope the Star Reader's Initiative foster a love of reading and develops knowledge, compassion and creativity. Please do take time to look through our Star Readers booklet with your daughter.

Kind Regards,

Aliza Qureshi on behalf of The English Department

