

Hurworth School Accelerated Reader Statement

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At Hurworth School we believe in encouraging all students to read as much and as widely as possible. We ask parents to help us in our mission to increase 'reading for pleasure' amongst our students. Reading competence has a massive effect upon learning in all subjects and prepares students for the more complex texts they will encounter in Further and Higher Education and the workplace.

Accelerated Reader is a great scheme designed to motivate and reward students for their efforts and achievements in reading. Students in Year 7 will take a 'Star Test' at the beginning of the school year to assess their reading ability. They will then be given a range of book levels from which to select a book of their choice. Students read their books and then take a quiz by logging on to a computer during their free time at school. This should take place as soon as possible after finishing the book. The scheme will award full points for a score of 100% in the quiz. If a score of 60%-90% is achieved, a portion of the full points available will be awarded. Students record this score and the number of points awarded on their reading logs.

Targets and rewards

All students work towards targets of reading for an average of 20 minutes per day and achieving 85% or more in all quizzes. Each student will be given an individual target for the amount of reading to be done (their 'Points Target'); this is based on the student's ability as estimated from the Star Test. Students will read during two 30-minute sessions per week within English lessons and 15 minutes during one form time per week. Some students will also receive an additional Accelerated Reader lesson per week or fortnight because of a reduced Modern Foreign Languages timetable.

Our students are rewarded frequently for progress and achievement in reading. On an individual basis, students receive green clicks for quiz results and prizes for meeting targets. Students' achievements also contribute to their form total. Winning forms are rewarded once a week and displayed on the leader board outside Room 20.

Monitoring

Star Tests will be taken again in January and June. Progress will be evident from an increase in scores. These screening tests also lead to intervention where necessary.

Borrowing library books

The library is open every lunchtime from 12.15-1.00 for borrowing or quiet reading. Library books will be stamped with a 'due back' date to help us keep track of them. Books can be brought back earlier than this date or renewed if necessary. We encourage students to use the free plastic wallets to help increase the life of the books.

If you would like to browse our library from home, go to www.arbookfind.com

and enter our code: [MK730488](#). This online catalogue provides information on the book level and points along with a plot summary and picture of the front cover. You can also search by author, title, book level, interest level and genre. The catalogue does not, however, give stock information. The book your child chooses may be already on loan. You can also look on this website without using the code if you want to search for a book that you have at home which your child might want to use as your school reading book.

Parent involvement

In September, Year 7 parents will be sent a letter by ParentMail with details of Accelerated Reader and instructions for searching our library database. We ask that parents encourage reading in any way possible and support Hurworth School's mission to encourage all of our students to enjoy and succeed in reading.