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Dear Parent / Guardian,

During a recent KS3 Parents' evening, I received numerous requests of book recommendations for students in Years Seven and Eight. Please find below links to popular reading material for this age group. With Christmas fast approaching, these lists give the option of sourcing a very worthwhile gift for your child!

For those who prefer to use the library, we have a very well stocked school library and Mrs Henry, our excellent school librarian, is always willing to work with students to find a book that they will enjoy.

You may remember that I wrote to you at the beginning of this academic year with information for encouraging those who may be more reluctant to sit down with a book. In support of the reading list below, I will reissue this letter to your ParentPay account.

Reading regularly at home, either independently or with an adult, significantly improves a child's literacy. Age-appropriate literacy skills support students to be successful both in school and the world beyond. As part of their English lesson, students in Key Stage Three are supported by their teacher to read independently for thirty minutes per week. It would be an appropriate aim to match this at home. The thirty-minute goal can be split into smaller sessions if needed.

Whilst my aim is for all students to be confident independent readers, I realise that all children are different; some may need more support and encouragement than others. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's reading further, please do not hesitate to contact: **abell@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk**

With kind regards,

Annie Bell
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