



# Woodrush High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the shared reading that your child will be taking part in during form time. Once a fortnight, form tutors will read a novel to the class while students follow the text. The aim of these sessions is to support students' reading and to encourage pupils to read ambitious texts that cover challenging themes and new language. The reading programme is designed to be enjoyable and will not include comprehension-style tasks, but there will be opportunities available for students to discuss the issues raised in their book.

Throughout the year groups, students will be collectively reading a library of popular secondary texts and there are further resources online should you wish to explore them at home with your child.

Year 7

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

OR

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Year 8

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon

OR

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Year 9

Anne Frank's Diary

OR

The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger

A number of the books deal with sensitive cultural, racial and social issues, and contain occasional choice language (such as swearing and insults), which are all within a literary context. The intention of the shared reading is to explore modern cultural texts with students in a safe learning environment.

If you would like further information or have questions regarding the books. Please email me [croberts@woodrush.org](mailto:croberts@woodrush.org) or speak to your child's progress leader.

Yours faithfully,

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