

Dear parent/carer

In 2018 pupils studying English at NBHS achieved record levels of success in SQA examinations, well beyond the national average. Teachers in the Literacy Faculty want this to continue and develop, along with the excellent standard of attainment and achievement demonstrated in literacy generally across all subjects by NBHS pupils.

Pupils and staff in NBHS have been asked to consider how parents and carers might contribute towards keeping literacy standards high for our learners.

Here are some suggestions.

- Encourage young people to read for at least 30 minutes every day.
- Have newspapers and/or magazines handy in the house.
- Have books available for journeys.
- Make reading a feature of bedtime.
- Find and explore book/film 'tie ins'.
- Ask your young people about preferred genre and try to make these available.
- Take your young person to the library and encourage them to withdraw a book.
- Make access to technology a condition of reading for 30 minutes.
- Try to make the level of challenge in literacy age appropriate.
- Consider a reward system for reading.
- Try using some of the book suggestions which are included with this letter.

We know that you share our belief in the importance of developing literacy skills in young people both for academic assessment purposes and for life in general. Please give some thought to how much reading your child regularly experiences. If you are concerned about any aspect of this then consider using some of the suggestions given above.

Please also let me know if there is some strategy that you may have used with your child which has been effective but which is not listed above. We would be glad to hear about it. If you should have any questions about literacy at NBHS please let me know.

Many Thanks

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