



# Preston Lodge

## High School

Dear Parent/Carer

6 July 2017

### Reading Over Summer

As we start the summer break, I would like to remind all families of the importance of young people keeping up their personal reading. As you will know, all of last year's S1 and S2 students used the Accelerated Reader programme to support and monitor reading for pleasure, and we are keen that the progress students made continues over the holiday period.

As a school we encourage parents and carers to take responsibility for supporting reader development, and we would suggest that all of our students:

- Select a wide variety of fiction for recreational reading
- Maintain a period of reading each day
- Try to read aloud and read with others, where possible

We know that reading for pleasure is a very positive factor in determining future prospects. Indeed, recent research carried out by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development revealed reading for pleasure amongst young people is *the* most important indicator of the future success of a young person.

There is no need to spend money, because all of our students are already members of the East Lothian Library Service. Students need to simply visit a local library, and the computer system will already have their school account details, so books can be borrowed without any new set-up required, and at no cost.

Our school librarian, Kate King, is offering Reading Recommendation Sessions in local libraries, where parents and/or their children are welcome to come along and discuss recommended books for their age and reading ability. These will run as follows:

Monday 17th July 3.45-4.15 Prestonpans Library  
Tuesday 18th July 3.45-4.15 Port Seton Library  
Wednesday 19th July 5.45-6.15pm Longniddry Library.

If parents would like advice online, they can email Kate on [kking@prestonlodge.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:kking@prestonlodge.elcschool.org.uk). Kate will then forward some book suggestions. Thank you for your support of our school reading programme, and we very look forward to working with you over the course of the next year as we further develop our young readers.

Yours sincerely

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