

# READING AT SHOREHAM ACADEMY

At Shoreham Academy, we love to read! We have lots of different resources and initiatives to promote reading for pleasure.

## THE LIBRARY

We have a spacious and light-filled library which houses thousands of books. Miss Johnson is our extremely knowledgeable librarian, she's read many of the books and is always happy to find a student a read to pique their interest.

*COME AND MEET OUR  
LIBRARY DOG, PERDY!*

## READING LESSONS & ACCELERATED READER

Year 7 students have a dedicated reading lesson in the library once a fortnight. This is a chance for students to read independently or to a teacher a book of their choice, and to change books.

We use Accelerated Reader (AR) in the library. AR is a computer program that enables teachers and students to see progress in reading. Books are banded according to readability and when a student has finished a title, they get to take an interactive quiz on a computer. The results of these quizzes give the teacher an understanding of the level of an individual's comprehension and the student earns points that lead to rewards. Miss Johnson has a store of great prizes!

## MENTOR TIME READING

Once a week, Mentors read to students from a variety of classics and modern cutting edge fiction for young adults. Check out some of the books we read together!



## LITERACY INTERVENTION

Students sit regular reading tests throughout the year. If a student's reading age appears lower than their chronological reading age, then they may be put forward for a literacy intervention. We run two types of sessions: groups and one-to-one.

The group interventions typically consist of 4-6 students and one member of staff. They are designed to build on key strategies for reading using engaging texts and lots of discussion. There is a strong focus on spoken confidence, vocabulary and comprehension, and the intervention usually lasts 6- 12 weeks.

The one-to-one interventions consist of a student working with a trained community volunteer (Reading Mentors). It usually lasts 12 weeks and focuses on the same key strategies as the intervention groups.

## BOOK BUZZ AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

*GET IN TOUCH IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
BECOME A READING MENTOR!*

Ms Armstrong & Miss Scognamiglio run an informal and fun after-school club for Year 7s only. Book Buzz takes place in the library once a week. At the club, students get to participate in fun quizzes, games and activities. Additionally, the literacy team are always happy to help with English homework and advise on books at the club. Book Buzz is free and snacks are provided.

## DIRECT INSTRUCTION

For those students who really struggle with reading we have Direct Instruction (DI). A specially designed programme to help get students back on track with their reading and writing. These students are selected by the Literacy Team and will complete the programme over the course of the year.

## READING LOGS

A reading log is a great way to track what you have read and it provides mentors with a basis for discussion with individual students about what they are reading.

## YOUR TEACHER IS CURRENTLY READING...

Every teacher has a poster on their door telling students what they are currently reading. Teachers welcome students asking them about their chosen books and often an interesting discussion ensues!

## RED BOX PROJECT

The RED (Read Every Day) Box Project is a special initiative started here at Shoreham Academy to help those students who perhaps don't have access to many books at home.

Students can help themselves to a book off the shelves of the Red Box and take it home to read. They can either keep it, swap it or return it and then grab a new one. All the books are kindly donated by local bookshops, staff parents/carers and students themselves.

*PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY UNWANTED BOOKS TO US IF YOU'RE HAVING A CLEAR OUT!*

## AMAZING BOOK AWARDS (ABA's)

The Amazing Book Awards is a student-led book award with participating schools all over the south coast. Each year the students choose the longlist, the shortlist and the winners. This culminates in a big awards ceremony with the winning authors and students from all our participating schools.

## AUTHOR VISITS

Throughout the year, we are lucky enough to have regular visits from authors who give a talk and readings as well as answer students' Q&As. A few of the authors we've had in in the last couple of years include:

Teri Terry, Gillian Cross, Holly Bourne, Kevin Brooks, Chris Riddell, Steve Cole, Anne Cassidy, Darren Shan, Cathy Cassidy, Juno Dawson, Leo Hunt, Matt Haig, Simon James Green ... lots and lots more!!

## AND LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST...

### SHOREHAM ACADEMY POSITIVELY ENCOURAGES READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME!

We encourage parents and carers to read with their children and have conversations about what they are reading. We ask all parents and carers to support our aim of making reading a regular habit, ideally for at least 20 minutes a day.

Any problems or issues that parents/carers might like to discuss regarding literacy, please contact our friendly Literacy Team on:

LiteracyTeam@shoreham-academy.org.