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Dear Parents and Carers

We celebrated World Book Day this week with a series of events in school. Thank you to Miss Cheale and Mr Groom for organising all of our engaging activities to highlight a love of reading. Several teachers have taken part in the "The Book You A Door" activity, where classroom doors have been decorated to show teacher's favourite books. Students have enjoyed working out the titles of the books, and nominating the teacher who created the best door display.

The importance of literacy cannot be underestimated, and developing reading and writing are essential skills for all students. The average reading age of a GCSE exam paper is 15 years and 7 months. This is why our Accelerated Reader programme, and ERIC sessions in form time are vital to developing reading skills. It goes without saying that students will make additional progress when they read at home too – it doesn't really matter what the text is either, as long as students are reading something!

Finally, a belated thank you to Mrs McHugh, Mr Dowson, Mr Gurney, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Gillard for their support in running a successful trip to Paris last week. The Media trip created many memories for students, and I am grateful to all staff involved who gave their time to organise and support this.

With best wishes

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School