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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to inform you of what Accelerated/Star Reader is and how we are implementing it in years 7-9 to ensure that your child's reading is assessed and reviewed so that they read books which are challenging without being disheartening.

What is Star Reader / Accelerated Reader?

RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader







Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor a child's independent reading practice. The students at Moor House School & College know the programme as Star Reader but it is also referred to as Accelerated Reader.

Star Reading Test

Your child will complete termly Star Reading Tests. Star Reading is an online assessment used to determine a child's English reading level. It is a computer-based reading assessment program that uses computer-adaptive technology. The questions continually adjust to each child's responses. If the response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If they cannot answer a question or answer incorrectly, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20-30 minutes. Star Reading tests only provide a snapshot of the students' ability and therefore it is important for teachers and parents to regularly read with students to check and promote their progress in reading.

What is a ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development)?

A ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Each child will receive a ZPD range (reading level) after taking a Star Reading test. It is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPD. At Moor House, the students are assigned a colour reading level which matches their ZPD, please see below:

A Reader Book Level Guide	
	0.0-1.9
	2.0-2.9
	3.0-3.9
	4.0-4.9
	5.0-5.9
	6.0 +



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What are Scaled Scores?

The Scaled Score (SS) is calculated based on the difficulty of the questions and the number of correct responses. It ranges from 600 to 1400 and spans years 1–13 to cover all ages and abilities. This term will be included in your child's star reader report.

Accelerated Reader Quizzing

Children are encouraged to regularly choose a book that falls within their ZPD level and when they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on a computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read. If they are reading at the recommended level for them, then most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all they learn and grow at their own pace.

Quizzing Opportunities & Rewards

At Moor House, students are encouraged to complete quizzes in literacy programme and English lessons. There is also a Quiz Club every Friday lunchtime in the ICT room, where students can read more and complete quizzes. Children should complete a quiz within 24 hours of finishing a book. Therefore, the more reading they are doing at home and at school, the sooner they can begin completing quizzes online. For the students who complete the most quizzes in a term, they are invited to the Quiz Champions party where they can receive their special prize. Their certificates will be handed out in awards assembly and their names will be displayed on our reading rocket display board.



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Progress in Reading

Star Reading Parent Report

At the end of each term, you will receive a parent report which indicates the students ZPD and scaled score based on their most recent Star Reading test. Please do read through this and let the class English teacher know if you have any further questions.

Renaissance Home Connect

Please see the attached letter on logging into Home Connect where you can request to get email updates on your students' activities and progress on accelerated reader quizzes. Please note that this is for the accelerated reader quizzes only.

How can I help my child with using Accelerated / Star Reader at home?

As with anything, reading and understanding the English language improves with practice. According to research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day and achieve a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains. Encourage your child to read at home, discuss books, and ask questions about what they have read. The students can also log on to MYON to read e-books and complete quizzes.

Using MYON at Home:

The students can use a website or download the app for MYON. They can use MYON for reading e-books and completing quizzes.

<https://www.myon.co.uk>



The MYON Log-in details are in the students' planners:

Username: surname and first letter of first name

Password: myon followed by students initials



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