

What is 'Accelerated Reader'?

AR is a structured online reading programme which encourages your child to read for pleasure and helps to build their reading stamina as they move towards the greater independence which is part of primary to secondary transition.

It enables teachers and pupils to enjoy reading the process together by providing opportunities to share personal reading journeys.

In addition, the programme allows teachers to closely monitor and evaluate our students' reading habits and progress.

All students in Year 7 and Year 8 will follow the Accelerated Reader programme as part of their English curriculum and during timetabled tutorial lessons.

How does the AR programme work?

Students take an initial online test to ascertain their reading level at the beginning of the academic year. They will then read from a wide range of books within their level. At the end of each book, they complete a short quiz. The aim is to achieve 80% or

above. Once the quiz has been completed, students receive instant feedback which they record on the designated pages of their school planner. They are then ready to move on to choose their next book.

The LLC has a wide range of books for all levels of reader. It is very well resourced and regularly updated with new stock.

Each new term, students' reading levels are assessed again to ensure they are reading at an appropriate level of challenge for them.

How can parents get involved?

Reading with confidence allows students to access the curriculum with greater ease. By making habitual reading for pleasure a part of our weekly routine at The Chantry, we aim to create lifelong learners and lovers of reading.

You can support this by:

- Encouraging your child to discuss their reading on the AR programme with you
- You can follow their progress on the AR programme from home, via:

<https://Ukhosted37.renlearn.co.uk/1896371/HomeConnect>

From this you will be able to see how many books your child has read; how many quizzes have been taken and passed; how many points they have earned and the level at which they are reading. (You will need to use the student login used at school to access the information - your child will have this in their planner)

- Share positive reading experiences with your child and encourage them to do the same
- If you have questions about the programme or you are concerned about your child's reading, please talk to us.

Contacts are outlined below:

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