

17th September 2019

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer

Re: Year 7 Kindle Reading Device

All Year 7 pupils will receive a 'Kindle' as part of Ashmole Academy's commitment to whole school literacy and new technology. The new GCSE curriculum has further heightened the importance of reading a wide variety of texts and this initiative is designed to address this additional rigour whilst also encouraging a passion for reading.

Each Kindle will be preloaded with:

- up to 30 texts, comprising fiction and non-fiction, suitable for each individual's reading ability and relevant to the topics taught in English lessons
- a range of teaching materials such as key word lists and Home Study tasks designed by each department across the curriculum to assist with studies in lessons and at home.

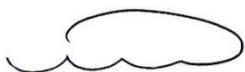
It is important to note that traditionally published fiction and non-fiction texts will still be available in the school Library and this scheme is designed to complement this provision. Students are expected to read 20 books in each academic year and our English teachers will monitor this closely through your child's Reading Journal. You should encourage your child to read for 20-30 minutes per day to instil a habit for reading, enabling them to achieve our target and develop skills necessary for their success at GCSE and A-Level. Students who are reaching or exceeding our target during the school year will be rewarded and invited to begin reading from our Gold and Platinum reading lists.

This Kindle initiative is entirely funded by the school so there is no cost to you. All students are expected to take responsibility for their device, case and recharging equipment for the duration of the school year. **The device, case and charger are returned to us during the summer term, or prior to any agreed leaving date, and any lost or damaged equipment will need to be replaced at a cost of £59 per Kindle, £6 per case and £2 per cable.**

Kindles will be handed out before the October half term and will be ready to use immediately. Tutors and English teachers will demonstrate to the pupils the key functions of the Kindles and further guidance will be published in a letter, on the school's website and Firefly. Students are expected to bring their Kindle to school every day, ready to be used in English lessons and during some form sessions.

Please complete the reply slip below to confirm that you understand the expectations of the Kindle initiative.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Littleford
Assistant Head Teacher

REPLY SLIP
(Please return to Form Tutor)
Kindle Reading Device

I/We understand the expectations of the Kindle initiative and understand that I/We will be responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing damaged or lost devices and equipment.

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: _____