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Dear Parent/Carer

The students in Year 7 and 8 are using a software programme called **Accelerated Reader** as part of their English curriculum. This programme tests every student's reading ability at the beginning of each term, giving them a reading age and a range of book levels to choose from.

Your child will have a lesson every fortnight in the LRC where their reading progress is tracked by their English teacher, they will read books within their reading level and will be quizzed on them.

Accelerated Reader has a special feature called **Renaissance Home Connect**, which you and your child can access outside of school from any computer with an Internet connection. Renaissance Home Connect is fun and easy to use and it allows the teacher, you and your child to share information about the progress that they are making in Accelerated Reader.

We ask that you support your child's reading by listening to them at home and talking to them about what they are reading. Discussing the story will help them to understand the characters, plot and predictability of the book. When your child finishes a book they will complete a quiz; their target is to achieve 85% or over in order to ensure their reading progress is improving. **Renaissance Home Connect helps you improve your child's reading progress by allowing you to:**

- View your child's progress towards reading goals and reader certification, and view all books that your child has read and the quizzes your child has taken.
- Access a new online search tool, AR BookFinder, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject, or reading level.
- Receive emails that reveal results for Reading Practice Quizzes and Vocabulary Practice Quizzes and provide links to the Website where you can check progress.

Your child's login details have been sent to you in the post. If you have questions about **Renaissance Home Connect**, please do not hesitate to contact me on:
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Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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