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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, from the beginning of next week we will be starting a brand new, cross-curricular reading initiative throughout Key Stage 3.

In readiness, from this Monday on we ask that every Year 7, 8 and 9 pupil brings a reading book to school as part of their daily routine. We will, of course, provide a selection of 'in-class' reading material for those who may forget.

From the start of next week, the opening ten minutes of each lesson will be a dedicated period of reading time and this will become the culture of the school day. We are fully committed to developing our pupils' literacy skills and would ask for your support in placing reading at the centre of our learning agenda.

This marks the latest stage in our strategic effort to support and develop all pupils' reading skills; indeed, we plan to introduce an 'Accelerated Reader' programme as the term progresses and will be 'relaunching' the library as the hub of learning at Islwyn High School.

With the collected focus on independent reading at the start of lessons, this will also generate time for our teachers to share Google Classroom resources with those pupils currently isolating from school. As such, we hope the benefits of the scheme enhance the learning opportunities of those pupils both in classrooms and studying from home.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support in this venture.

The Senior Leadership Team,
Islwyn High School.