



CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL



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The Paired Reading Club

Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of the main aims of Castlehead's English Department is to help all pupils develop their reading skills so that they can cope with all the demands made of them as readers, not only in English, but in all subjects in the secondary school.

We have, within the school, a well-established **Paired Reading Club** which has proved to be highly successful in further developing reading skills and extending a child's reading experience. The club has also been credited with building self-confidence and making the transition from P7 to secondary all the smoother.

After a two-year break due to COVID-19, Paired Reading Club was reintroduced in 2021 and was a huge success. We found that the junior pupils who regularly attended enjoyed taking part, built up friendships with their senior partners and further developed their reading skills. The programme also helped us to achieve our **Gold Reading Schools Award**.

The scheme involves senior pupils working with first year pupils on **Wednesday between 12.40 - 1.10pm (lunchtime)**. Your child will spend the time reading and discussing their chosen book. All senior pupils have been trained to use specific techniques in order to further develop your child's reading skills. Every pupil can choose from our fantastic range of books from our school library.

If you would like your child to take part in the Paired Reading Scheme, please complete the reply slip below and ask your child to return it to their English teacher or myself. If you have any questions about the Paired Reading Club/Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the school and I will try to be of help.



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The first meeting for pupils willing to be involved in the Paired Reading Scheme **is at 12.40 pm on Wednesday 4th of October in Room 113 (Miss Anderson's Room).**

Yours sincerely,

Clare Anderson (Teacher of English)

I give permission for _____

of class _____ to take part in the Paired Reading Club/Scheme.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Please ask your child to return this reply slip to Miss Anderson or to their English teacher.
Thank you.



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