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## Reading Age Scores Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

The reading ability of a student has a significant impact on how well they can access the whole curriculum. Abbey College places a huge value on reading, and puts in place interventions to help increase the reading ages of all our young people.

All students from Year 7 to 9 sit a reading test and this generates a reading age. We compare their reading age to their chronological age and if it is below their actual age, an intervention is put in place to support them. The intervention will aid pupils in developing the following: analysis, literal comprehension, inference and deduction and their understanding of vocabulary.

Reading age scores will now be added to pupils' reports. The score will show their reading age in years and months, for example, 14:10, would equate to a reading age of 14 years and 10 months. You will then be able to compare this score to the actual age of your son/daughter.

To help our drive to improve reading ages further we are requesting your help. Please encourage your son/daughter to read at home and listen to them read whenever you can. Students benefit greatly from reading to an adult for just 20 minutes each day. Discuss with them what they have read, talk about the language used and see what they can remember. Please ensure that they bring a reading book to the academy every day. This can be a book from home or one that they have borrowed from the English department.

Thank you in anticipation of your support, and if you wish to discuss this, or any other aspect of literacy provision at the academy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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