



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This half-term, we are restarting our 'Reading Buddies' initiative. This involves students from Years 10-12 acting as reading mentors to younger students in the school to help them to develop their reading skills and also their comprehension and confidence in reading. This will also have a positive impact upon the confidence the students have in their own oracy skills. All the mentors have undertaken a mentoring training programme which has a proven track-record.

I am writing because your son/daughter has been identified as a student who would benefit from this additional support with his/her reading. The mentoring sessions will take place once a week for half an hour in school during tutorial time. During the 1:1 sessions, the students will read aloud from a range of texts using Sparx Reader with the mentors supporting both the student's language acquisition and comprehension.

The first Reading Buddies meeting will be held at 11.50am on Wednesday 13th November in the Main Hall. Your son/daughter should go there instead of to their tutorial or assembly. The day and time of the mentoring sessions will be arranged during this first meeting.

I should be grateful if you would discuss this with your son/daughter and support us by encouraging him/her to attend the first meeting and then the mentoring sessions after half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Hazelton

Seconded Senior Leader with Responsibility for Reading