



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This term we are restarting our 'Reading Buddies' initiative. This involves Year 12 and 13 students 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 sixth-form mentors have undertaken a training programme which has a proven track-record. The scheme lasts approximately 15 weeks.

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 participate in a range of engaging and interesting activities to develop their literacy and reading skills and confidence, with the mentors supporting both the student's language acquisition and comprehension. The sixth-form mentors will provide all the reading materials and resources.

I should be grateful if you would support us by encouraging your son/daughter to attend these sessions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Hazelton

Reading and Oracy Programme Leader