

National

Teaching School

## WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, our nominated charities this year are the Southend Toy Library, Rett UK and Little Bleeders.



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read which will be launched immediately and will run until the end of the Christmas holidays. This will encourage Year 7, 8 and 9 students to read for pleasure while they help raise funds for the charities, and each student will be asked to set themselves an individual reading challenge. Students will be supported by their English teacher when they set their challenges. However, we would be grateful if you could also get involved by ensuring that your daughter has set herself a challenge which is achievable, but will also encourage her to read demanding and stimulating genres, and by monitoring her progress with her challenges.

As part of the fundraising, the English Department will be running a sponsored

Students can list the books they intend to read, or set themselves the number of books they would like to read during the Readathon. Other reading challenges could be reading a newspaper article or a poem every day, independently researching a curriculum related topic, following blogs written about their interests, or a short story every week. Please note that books can be fiction or non-fiction. There are recommended reading lists available from the school library and we would encourage students to use the library to help them to find suitable reading material.

There will be prizes for the forms which embrace the Readathon through sponsorship and meeting their challenges. We would be grateful if you could encourage your daughter to do everything possible to achieve her challenge and help her to get sponsored by friends and family, using the sponsor form which she will receive in her English lessons.

Sponsorship money should be collected and brought into school during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Students should hand their money in to their English teacher during their English lessons, together with their sponsorship forms. English teachers and tutors will remind students of this prior to the Christmas holidays and once we return to school.





If you have any questions about the Readathon, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss O'Brien English Teacher