



Parent Guide

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Accelerated Reader

Here at Trinity Catholic School, we want to develop a lifelong learners who to read. During years 7, 8 and 9 your child will be participating in the Accelerated Reader programme.

What is Accelerated Reader?

This is a programme that helps us monitor and manage your child's reading practice. Your child will complete an initial reading test and, following the results of this test, they will choose a book from our library. This book will be at their appropriate reading level and they will read this both in form time, reading lessons and at home.

Each time they finish a book they will take a quiz on that book- passing that quiz will indicate they have understood what has been read. Over time the reading range (ZPD score) will increase and more complex titles become available for them to read.

How we are here to help your child to develop their reading:

- *Helping your child choose a book that is appropriate and interests them*
- *Asking probing questions as your child is reading the book but before they take a quiz*
- *Pairing reluctant or unconfident readers with trained students from our sixth form to help and encourage them*

How much will your child read at school?

Your child will read every morning during registration every morning they are not at assembly. In addition to this, year 7 and 8 pupils will have one English lesson per fortnightly teaching cycle in the library.

Students will have the opportunity once a week to take quizzes in the library during registration, as well as break and lunch times being available to complete quizzes.

How you can help your child become a better reader

As with any skill, greater performance is the result of practice. The best way to do this is to encourage your child to read as much as possible at home.

Try to create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, try to make as many books available as possible, visit the local library and try to let your child see you reading as much as possible. This isn't consigned to just fiction, students develop their reading skills with newspapers, magazines and e-readers.

When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to try and ensure your child is comprehending what they are reading. Try to make a habit of discussing books that each of your child has read.

Home Connect- see what your child is reading

You can access information as to what your child is reading, and the progress they are making, by logging into their Accelerated Reader account from any home computer, phone or tablet. Your child's log-in details will be contained in their school planner.

Checking if books at home are on the AR site

Here at Trinity we want students to read whatever they are interested in. If your child wants to bring in a book from home then you can check online to see if that title has an available quiz. As AR has over 27,000 available quizzes, there is a good chance that your child's book will be suitable.

Search for available quizzes at: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>



The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About Us', and 'Help'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Collections'. A search bar contains the text 'harry potter' and a 'Go' button. The search results are displayed as a list of books, each with a small image of the book cover and a brief description. The first result is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling, with an AR Quiz No. of 200738, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 12.0, and a rating of 4 stars. The second result is 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' by J.K. Rowling, with an AR Quiz No. of 207654, EN Fiction, IL: UV - BL: 7.2 - AR Pts: 29.0, and a rating of 4 stars. The third result is 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' by J.K. Rowling, with an AR Quiz No. of 201922, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 6.7 - AR Pts: 14.0, and a rating of 4 stars. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with 'Refine Your Search' options, including 'Interest Level', 'Fiction/Non-fiction', and 'Topic'.