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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Tutor Reading Programme (DEAR - Drop Everything and Read)**

At Maiden Erlegh School we are committed to ensuring that all students can read at their age level and appreciate the value of reading. To help ensure that students are exposed to a wide range of high quality age appropriate and diverse texts, we have created our own canon of texts which are read during tutor time across the whole school.

The Maiden Erlegh Tutor Reading Programme is designed to:

- Model fluent reading for students.
- Expose all students to a broad range of texts and ideas.
- Develop the cultural capital of our students beyond their existing realm of experience.
- Provide opportunities for students to share in the experience of reading for pleasure.

Three times a week during tutor time students will be asked to read a set text alongside other members of their tutor group. The texts have been pre-selected to ensure that they cover a range of genres and are age appropriate in terms of reading and interest level. We are asking parents for support in funding the purchase of these books which will then rotate through tutor groups. We would be very grateful for a suggested voluntary contribution of £10 to support this scheme. Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association (MESPA) have kindly agreed to match parental donations. Payments should be made using ParentPay which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

As always please do contact us with any questions or for advice about how to best support your child with reading. Your child's tutor Head of Year or Mrs Garner, Reading Lead, will be happy to assist you.

In addition to this we continue to advocate 20 minutes of reading for pleasure every day for every student and do ask for your support with this.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Garner', with several horizontal strokes underneath.

**Mrs L Garner**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Reading Lead

