



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
(Romans 12:2)



How do we support the reading of our children at St Bernard's?



We have designed and written a **READ** curriculum for our KS3 students. **READ** is our acronym for 'Read Everyday and Develop'. We are incredibly passionate and proud of the aims which our **READ** curriculum is built upon as our book choices are deliberately chosen to inspire:

- A cultivation of empathy and understanding within students.
- A sense of escapism to new cultures and customs.
- A curiosity that inspires each student's sense of social justice.
- Lifelong routines that will support our children's mental, emotional and academic success.

What does this look like?

- All children in KS3 have a discrete hour of '**READ**' on their timetable, led by an English specialist.
- Each term, every child is given a free novel, along with a tailor-made booklet which includes tasks and talking points about the content and challenges within the book.
- Children are tested through our **READ** curriculum lesson using Accelerated Reader to identify individual literacy scores and reading ages. We re-test our children termly so we can plan essential reading interventions and celebrate achievements and successes.
- In addition to the **READ** lesson, children experience '**reading for pleasure**' in their weekly **Positive Discipline** hour. Students are expected to bring an age appropriate reading book of their choice and complete Accelerated Reader quizzes to support comprehension skills. All children have a library induction lesson each year to support with selecting book choices.
- Additional **literacy interventions** are planned for children with the weakest literacy scores. These are provided by a dedicated literacy specialist from the Student Support team.



Final note...!

At the end of Y7 and Y8, the St Bernard's average scaled scores has been higher than the respective national averages for the past two years' (Based on Accelerated Reader data, 2023).

At St Bernard's we believe that without reading you cannot truly know God and his intentions for us to live a fulfilled and productive life. The gifts experienced through reading is the gateway to experiencing life to the full, a mission St Bernard's aims to fulfil behind all our **READ** work. If you would like to learn further details about the **READ** programme specifics at St Bernard's Catholic High School, please contact the **READ** lead, Ms L Lee (llee@sbch.org.uk)

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