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Dear Parents

Going Beyond homework week

You may have noticed in the calendar that week beginning Monday 1 October is the Year 8 Going Beyond homework week. During this week no subject specific homework will be set, instead students will be asked to read a fiction book. The Going Beyond resources available in the [Parents' Area of the website](#) provide examples of the books students could read as well as those available to them in the school library.

This initiative is part of our strategy to encourage academic curiosity and independent learning to enhance your daughter's curriculum experience. Once they have finished reading they will complete an evaluation log which a member of the Senior Management Team will then read, comment on and discuss with a group of students from each form group. The Going Beyond homework activity for Lent term will be to research and write about an ecological current affairs topic and then read a non-fiction book in Trinity term. All students in Year 8 will have the opportunity to discuss their Going Beyond homework activities with a member of the Senior Management Team at least once in the academic year.

I have spoken to Year 8 about this initiative in their assembly. I will also explain that they should choose a book they have not read before and that is different to the one they are reading in English. Please sign the evaluation log to confirm this.

I hope you feel able to discuss the book she is reading as well as the staff comment with your daughter. We hope this process will support the academic aspirations we have for the students and their academic curiosity not least in making them aware of the Going Beyond academic resources available to them.

Yours faithfully

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