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Dear Parents

Year 8 Going Beyond week: Trinity term 2018

You may have noticed in the calendar that week beginning Tuesday 8 May is the Year 8 Going Beyond homework week for Trinity term. During this week no subject specific homework will be set, instead students will be asked to read a non-fiction book or journal. In order to ensure students are making age appropriate choices they will be asked to obtain a parental or staff signature on their evaluation form. They will be encouraged to ask staff in the library for their signature and directed by them to the relevant book and journal section of the library. Students should also look at the [Year 8 subject Going Beyond pages](#) (available in the Parents' Area of the website) for reading recommendations.

This initiative is part of our strategy to encourage academic curiosity and independent learning to enhance your daughter's curriculum experience. Once they have completed their reading they will complete an evaluation log. A member of the Senior Management Team will then read and comment on their evaluation and meet with a group of students from each form group to discuss their work. 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 one point in the academic year.

I hope you feel able to discuss with your daughter her reading and the staff comment. 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 resources available to them in school.

Yours faithfully

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