

Reading Buddy Scheme

We would all agree how important it is for children to develop a love of books and reading, without which it would be difficult to access many areas of everyday life.

As a college, we are always looking for ways to:

- Help all students to become better readers and
- Increase interest and enjoyment in books.

With this in mind, Mrs Cahalin, Lead Practitioner for Literacy, has launched a 'Reading Buddy' scheme within the college to support some of our new Y7 students.

Each week, 17 Y7 students meet with their Y9 Reading Buddy, who read with them and help them to improve their reading skills through sharing and discussing books. The Y9 students are all committed to this scheme and have had training to help them be effective mentors to our younger students.

We are very proud of our students for giving up their time to take part in this valuable initiative.

Comments from our Y9 Reading Buddies:

'It made me feel that I had made a difference to someone's life. It also made me happy about reading with her as I'd love to boost her confidence.'

'I felt like I had done something good. I was really happy. I loved meeting my reading buddy because I feel like I can help him; it is a wonderful experience and I am grateful for the chance to take part.'

'I really enjoyed the session because I enjoyed speaking and interacting with my reading buddy.'

'It was good to know I helped someone.'

'I felt respected and happy to help and have an influence on someone.'