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Dear Parent/Carer,

At The George Eliot School, we recognise the importance of reading and we want to champion our pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading.

We are incredibly proud to be named after one of the most influential writers of all time. As you might expect we take every opportunity to celebrate and promote the work of George Eliot and encourage our pupils to be inspired and motivated by her determination for reading and literary success despite the odds stacked against her.

As such, literacy plays a huge part in our curriculum. We know that the benefits of reading are numerous and help to support not only academic success but help pupils to become critical thinkers, communicate more clearly and lead well rounded fulfilling lives. With this aim in mind, in order to support your child with their reading, next week we will be launching The Bronze, Silver and Gold Reading Award, where we challenge our pupils to read 50 books that we consider to be some of the best that literature has to offer, before they leave us in Year 11.

For every book completed, pupils will be asked to complete a short reflection to support them in their understanding of the big question: 'Why do writers write?'

We take every opportunity to celebrate pupils' reading success throughout the year. House points are available for every book from the challenge that is read. Pupils are rewarded with The Bronze Reading Award after reading their first ten books, twenty five books will see pupils obtain their silver award and they will reach the coveted gold award on completion of all fifty books. We celebrate these successes in Achievement assemblies and pupils will also be presented with a corresponding pin badge to wear with pride on their blazers.

There are several ways for you to support your child in their reading journey including: reading with them, discussing the books that they are reading and encouraging them to read texts that may be out of their comfort zone.

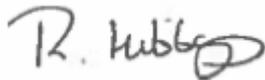
Why not try the reading challenge yourself alongside your children?

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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