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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following our recent reading age assessments, we have identified that your child would benefit from some additional literacy support. To help them continue making strong progress, they will be taking part in the *Paired Reading* programme here at Penistone Grammar School.

Paired Reading takes place once a week during a 20-minute mentor-time period, ensuring that students do not miss any lesson time. In these sessions, your child will read alongside a trained Year 12 mentor, who will guide, prompt, and encourage them as they develop their reading. This support helps to build confidence in the classroom while also strengthening decoding and comprehension skills. All Year 12 mentors have received specific training to ensure they can provide effective and meaningful support to younger students.

Paired Reading will begin the week commencing **6th October**. Your child will be informed of the timetable change shortly and issued with an updated timetable. Please remind them of the importance of attending these sessions regularly. We will review your child's progress after one full term, at which point we will decide whether they require continued support.

At Penistone Grammar School, we are committed to ensuring every student reaches their full potential. Your child has been carefully selected to take part in this literacy programme so that we can continue to strengthen their reading and vocabulary. Our aim is to help them become confident, independent learners, well-equipped to succeed in their studies.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Ms Maddie Smith

Lead of Literacy