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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are delighted to be able to offer Year 8 the opportunity to take part in the Summer Reading Project.

Not only does the evidence suggest that regular reading has a positive impact on a child's attainment and academic progress, but it also reports how there is a positive link between reading and a child's mental wellbeing. The project has been designed so that students can reap the many benefits of reading, whilst preparing them for their transition into Key Stage 4.

### **What are the aims of the Summer Reading Project?**

We are keen for your child to continue developing their reading and self-management skills over the summer holidays. By reading our chosen book- 'Melt' by Ele Fountain- your child can maintain reading routines over the six week holiday, engaging in a fantastic text that they will learn a lot from, and that all of their year group will have been invited to read.

### **Why did you choose this book?**

'Melt' by Ele Fountain is a novel about remaining determined in the face of adversity, which we felt was very apt considering the world's recent experiences, and also the journey your child is about to embark on in beginning their GCSE course. There are also clear messages regarding kindness and its role in forming positive relationships with others, particularly those whose circumstances we are not always initially aware of. The novel also engages with environmental issues and how we can learn to be mindful of our impact on the planet.

### **What does the Summer Reading Project involve?**

We simply want your child to read and enjoy this excellent book! To get the most out of this experience, we have produced a guide that we recommend students follow while they are reading, containing activities they can complete before, during and after reading the book. This is to not only ensure that students are continuously developing their skills as a reader by actively engaging in the text, but it also gives you plenty of ideas of what you can talk about with your child at home!

Once they have finished the novel, there are also a series of challenges your child can complete in order to enter the Summer Reading Project competition. These challenges promote a range of different project ideas to suit your child's interests, and to prepare them for various aspects of the GCSE curriculum. Students can complete as many as they wish to, but of course may wish to focus on the ones relevant to the subjects they have chosen to study for GCSE. Entries into the competition are not limited so your child can complete as many of the projects as they wish to. Entries can be sent to the school via email: [melt@wildern.org](mailto:melt@wildern.org) and names will be entered into our

prize raffle every time they complete a task. The guide will be available on the school website under Teaching and Learning - Home School Partnership.

In September, your child will continue to reflect upon the novel through their tutor time sessions, through some lessons and through their assemblies.

### **What do I need to do?**

We stock the books in school, complete with a book plate to mark students' participation in the project. If you would like your child to receive one of these copies, we are able to sell them at the discounted price of £5.19. Please make the payment for this on Parent Pay by **Monday 19th July**. Students will receive their books via their tutor.

If you qualify for Pupil Premium funding, your child will receive the book for free.

All further details regarding the project, including students' reading guides, will be made available on the Home School Partnership area of the school website at the beginning of the Summer Holidays. Please also look out on the school's social media.

If you have any queries regarding the Summer Reading Project, please do not hesitate to email [melt@wildern.org](mailto:melt@wildern.org).

Yours faithfully

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