

CLS/jr
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Dear Parents/Guardians

To prepare your child for joining us in September, we are delighted to invite all of our new Year 7 cohort to take part in the Summer Reading Project 2023.

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 well-being. Reading is therefore an integral part of school life at Wildern, and we want our students to reap the many benefits of reading over the summer holidays too.

What are the aims of the Summer Reading Project?

We are keen for your child to maintain the reading habits that we know you, and our primary schools have worked so hard to cultivate. By reading our chosen book 'Lost' by Ele Fountain your child can maintain reading routines over the six-week holiday, engaging in a fantastic text that they can learn a lot from, and that all of their new peers will also have been invited to read.

Why did you choose this book?

'Lost' by Ele Fountain is a novel about adapting to change, which we felt was ideal considering your child is about to embark on a new adventure in September. There are also important lessons about kindness and resilience, which we work hard to instill in all of our students.

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 (the guide will be available on the school website under the LRC). This is to not only ensure that students are actively engaging in the text, but also to give you plenty of ideas of what you can discuss 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 secondary curriculum.

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: lost@wildern.org and names will be entered into our prize raffle every time they complete a task.

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

What do I need to do?

You can purchase or download the book from a range of retailers, but for convenience, we have attached one below:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lost-Ele-Fountain/dp/178269255X>

All further details regarding the project, including students' reading guides and a free audio version of the book, will be made available on the LRC area of the school website at the beginning of the summer holidays.

If you have any queries regarding the Summer Reading Project, please do not hesitate to email lost@wildern.org.

Yours faithfully

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