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Dear Parents/Carers

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I am sure that many of you will have seen your children reading some, if not all, of the incredibly popular Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Jeff Kinney, the author of the books, has recently said that along with many parents he encourages his children to read (as I think we would all expect!) however, the pull of the internet, and especially on-line games such as Fortnite, is becoming more and more of a challenge. As a school, we would like to encourage all of our students to be avid readers and have a passion for literature, whether that is the more popular books, such as those within the Wimpy Kid series, the ever-growing field of Youth Fiction or those that are often termed 'the classics'. Students are expected to have a reading book with them for their morning registration where, on certain designated mornings each week, reading time is allocated. I would request that, as parents, you check that your child has a book with them that they can read and access or that they visit the school Library to ensure that they have appropriate reading material. In Key Stage 3, we have a programme called Accelerated Reader which allows students to find the appropriate book for their ability, interest and level. On the back of the comments regarding on-line gaming and E-Safety, Mrs Hassell, Assistant Headteacher for SEN and Safeguarding has sent through a letter and some advice detailing information parents may find interesting and of use. I would recommend you all to read through the letter and discuss with your children if you deem it appropriate.

Next week, sees the start of our November Mock Examination season. As I am sure you will all appreciate, students completing Mock Examinations provides incredibly valuable information, data and steps to improve. This is most useful when students have approached their Mocks with the same focus and determination as they would their 'real' examinations. Ms Gill spoke to all of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students on Friday morning and talked through the expectations and requirements for the Mock Examinations. These expectations mirror those that they will experience in the summer term and is therefore a real opportunity for students to demonstrate all that they know in respect of their subjects and to highlight areas for future improvement over the next few months. We look forward to being able to share the outcome of the Mock Examinations, for all of the students, through our usual reporting systems and communication over the coming few weeks. If you have any issues regarding the Mocks, questions regarding the arrangements or wish to share concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your support in this.

The article on the BBC news about Jeff Kinney, author of the Wimpy Kid series can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-46197139>.

Thank you. Have a good weekend.

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