

Accelerated Reader at Bristol Free School

At BFS we passionately believe that reading for pleasure is a vital way to support the progress your child makes at school. We are fortunate to have a superb Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for students to use and promote reading for pleasure during morning tutor sessions.

We are excited to have recently launched our Accelerated Reader Scheme which is for students in Years 7 & 8. The scheme aims to improve reading ages through regular reading and follow-up quizzes, which support comprehension of the books children have read. Some of you may be familiar with this scheme from Primary School.

In order to ensure students are reading books with the correct level of challenge all students will take an online 'Star Reading test' when they join school in September. This test generates a range of information including:

- A reading age for your child
- A book level for your child.

This information is then used to suggest books your child should be reading. Books in the LRC are currently being colour coded in line with the book levels used by the AR Scheme.

Reading for pleasure and transition.

As part of transition we would like every student to read at least one book between now and the start of term in September. This will form part of tutor activities during term 1. Suggestions can be found on our KS3 reading list if you are short of ideas, and a few are shown below. We look forward to hearing about the books children have read when we welcome them in September.

