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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Reading for Pleasure - E-Platform

As part of our drive to encourage your son/ward to read for pleasure, he is now able to borrow eBooks from the exciting new eBook library, E-Platform, [here](#). As a reminder, evidence shows that a high level of literacy and regular reading, particularly of fiction, are fundamental to academic success.

Your son/ward has been briefed about the importance of this eBook library via their remote learning English lessons. They have also been provided with summer holiday reading recommendations, largely based around fiction; this list is also hosted on the dedicated Library page on the school website; go to the 'Recommended Reading' tab [here](#).

The e-Book library has a catalogue which is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles. Your son/ward will have 24/7 access to this digital library until September 2021. Students are able to have two books out on loan at any one time. These books will automatically be "returned" after two weeks; this provides students with a two-week window in which to finish reading a book. Alternatively, students can "return" their books early in order to loan a new book.

All books are age rated; this means your son/ward can only read books that are age-appropriate. In addition, there are settings which can be customised to enable students who struggle with reading difficulties to enjoy reading more; our teachers from the English, EAL and Learning Support departments will be working with these students in order to set up individual preferences.

The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, or through a free App on your tablets or smartphones. Students can browse the collection or search for a specific book title, author or publisher and loan the book they choose. It is then assigned to them for the two-week period.

### Reading Through the App

- To download the App, search "ePlatform" in your App Store and download. Click on the app and then you will then need to search for the library which will be 'Isleworth & Syon'. The school name will appear on the list once typing has started.
- Click the three little lines in the top left corner and select "sign in". Students enter their school username and password and, as above, search for a book to read. Using the App, the books will be temporarily downloaded to the device so students will not need internet connections once the book has been loaned to read (great for travelling!).

### Linking Accelerated Reader and e-Platform

- Accelerated Reader (AR) is our in-school system of tracking what students read. It also provides the school with a reading age through the use of an online comprehension test.
- Years 7 and 8 students are particularly encouraged to test their reading comprehension using the AR online quizzes as soon as they have finished a book.

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Thank you in advance for your support.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Fisher', written in a cursive style.

**Mr S Fisher**  
Deputy Headteacher

