



'BUILDING BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE'

OUR REF :

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To : Parents of students from Year Four - Year Ten : **'CELEBRATING A LOVE FOR READING'**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. ***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***-Dr. Seuss

To read well and become well read- and to be ready for future challenges in college and the workplace - reading experts advise students to dedicate time and effort to practicing the skill. Practice is important for all skills and it is critically important for reading.

We would like you as parents to be supportive of our aim to involve children in reading such that they become life-long readers. We would like you to send with your children **ONE BOOK** (please have their name clearly affixed on the inside) with your child **by Sunday, 13th October 2019**. Please respect the said date as we will be logging each book against the child's name. Children will be reading that book during their library lesson as well as during other 'free time' and will be required to write up a **BOOK REVIEW** to be submitted in January 2020 (more details will be given to each class by their English Teachers).

Please use the list below to select a book for children who study in years EIGHT, NINE and TEN. With your support, we encourage our teens to self-select a Fiction or Non-Fiction book and make reading a form of self-guided practice.

For students in Years 4-7 we would request you to send with them any FICTION or NON-FICTION that is age appropriate. This is to be sent by Sunday, 13th October 2019.

We look forward to your support as parents in working together with us in creating in each child a sincere love for the written word. Please find below some useful links to encourage reading.

<http://www.educationandcareernews.com/learning-tools/6-ways-to-create-a-love-for-reading>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/instill-the-love-of-reading-levar-burton>

<https://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/intelligent-creative-child/child-loves-read>

Yours sincerely,


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ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

Celebrating a love of reading

To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.

(A. C. Grayling)

St. Mary's High School community views reading as a significant and enjoyable activity. Becoming a lifetime reader is predicted on developing a love of reading.

There is also research evidence that reading for pleasure not only impacts on reading achievement but also increases:

- general knowledge (e.g. Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998);
- a better understanding of other cultures (Meek, 1991);
- community participation (e.g. Bus, van Ijzendoorn and Pellegrini, 1995);
- a greater insight into human nature and decision-making (Bruner, 1996)

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Reading for Pleasure - List of books

No.	Title	Author
1.	Humans, Bow Down	James Patterson
2.	Private Delhi	James Patterson
3.	Two from the Heart	James Patterson
4.	Bulls Eye	James Patterson
5.	The Stone	James Patterson

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6.	Hunger Games	James Patterson
7.	The Falcon at the Portal	Elizabeth Peters
8.	The Demon in the Freezer	Richard Preston
9.	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
10.	The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga
11.	Dear World	Bana Alabed
12.	Curious Minds	Janet Evanovich
13.	American assassin	Vince Flynn
14.	Truly Madly Guilty	Liane Moriarity
15.	No Man's Land	David Baldacci
16.	The Christmas Train	David Baldacci
17.	Wish you Well	David Baldacci
18.	The Winner	David Baldacci
19.	Absolute power	David Baldacci
20	The Forgotten	David Baldacci
21	Total Control	David Baldacci
22	Last Man Standing	David Baldacci
23	Split second	David Baldacci
24	The Hit	David Baldacci
25	The Camel club	David Baldacci
26	Americanah	Chimanda NGozi Adichie
27	Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimanda NGozi Adichie
28	Empire of the sun	J.G. Ballard
29	Into the Unknown	Edited by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore
30	Taking Off	Edited by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore
31	It's for Real	Edited by Angela Barrs
32	Arthur George	Julia Barnes
33	The Harder They Come	T.C.Boyle
34	Tooth and Claw	T.C.Boyle
35	Rusty and the leopard	Ruskin Bond

