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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2023 school year.

Last year saw the launch of our STAR initiative – Students, Teachers: All Reading. It was a delight to see the engagement of students and staff during this time and to receive countless anecdotes and positive feedback about this initiative and how it was impacting individuals and class groups. Many reported that it enabled a really calm start to the day, while many others just relished the opportunity to have some extra reading time. For some, it was a great opportunity to read or re-read their English novels in readiness for class as well.

We are looking forward to building on this in 2023 and will be restarting STAR time from **Friday 3rd February**. This gives staff and students time to settle into the academic year within tutor groups, as well as allowing time for all members of the community to choose and organise their first book and bring it in to school in readiness.

Please take the time to speak with your child about what they will be reading during STAR this term and ensure that they have reading material with them on Friday.

STAR time gives all students a full extra hour of reading every week of term, which adds up to roughly 40 hours per year on top of whatever reading they are doing as part of their class work and at home. Research shows that every minute of reading counts when looking to improve overall literacy outcomes, so this is incredibly beneficial for all students.

We look forward to another fabulous year of reading!

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