



Reading Newsletter



Spring 2022

Parent update

Here's a brief update of everything you need to know about reading at Gospel Oak:

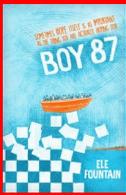
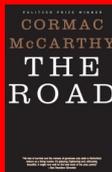
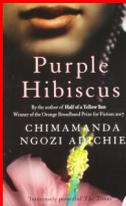
- KS3 students are still completing the Accelerated Reader programme in two tutor and one English session each week. Please sign their planners each week and use the questions suggested on the next page to help engage with their reading.
- We have now expanded the KS5 buddy reading programme to include some Y8 students.
- Interventions have now been implemented for our lowest 20% of readers. These include the Fresh Start phonics programme, 1:1 reading time and small group interventions that are planned around student's skills gaps.



Everyone now has a log in to myON. You can use the software to read Accelerated Reader texts online, take a book quiz, find copies of books that may not be available in the library to access wider reading texts that have been set by your class teacher or Mr Waltho.

To log in, go to: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> and enter your username and password. If you need help with this, pop and see Mr Waltho in the LRC.

Recommended Reads

KS3	Boy 87 by Ele Fountain		Shif, a teenage boy from Ethiopia, is the narrative voice that takes the reader with him on his challenging migrant journey to Europe.
KS4	The Road by Cormac McCarthy		An unflinching tale of tenderness between a father and a son in the face of devastation. They embark on a journey to reach the coast and hopefully, safety.
KS5	Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie		Coming of age novel set in Nigeria. Kambili is a teenage girl living in the shadow of domestic abuse. The novel is uplifting and beautiful, but also refers to political instability and economic difficulties, and the hangovers of empire.

Fact!

Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

(OECD, 2010)

For further recommendations, please visit:
<https://funkypedagogy.com/the-reading-list-project-teachers-helping-teachers/>

