

15th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer Activities: English

As part of welcoming your child to St Aidan's, we would like them to complete two small pieces of transition work over the summer holidays: one reading and one writing.

We have provided a list of recommended reads for students moving from Year 6 into Year 7. The aim of the first task is for each student to read one of the suggested texts and compose a book review thinking about the plot, characters, and moments from the text that they have enjoyed. They could, if they wanted, give it a rating out of five stars and explain why they would or wouldn't recommend the book to their peers. The review may be done on a word document or by hand. To help us encourage a love of reading we would recommend discussing the chosen book with your child or even reading it together.

This year all students have been given a copy of "The Letter with the Golden Stamp" to enjoy over the summer; they can choose to do their book review about this text, or any other book they have enjoyed reading.

During their first two weeks at school, each student will be asked to hand in their book review to their English teacher and engage in discussion activities during a lesson as a fun, interactive way to promote reading and get to know their peers.

The second task is for your child to complete a hand-written letter to their form tutor that introduces themselves. In this they can include anything they might like their form tutor to know including hobbies and interests; what they're looking forward to; any worries they might have; anything they would like to do at St Aidan's or any other interesting facts. This letter will also be given to their English teacher to enable us to have a look at their writing.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to welcoming your child in September.

Yours faithfully

Miss Blackburn
KS3 English Coordinator