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Dear Parent/ Carer

Subject Book Buzz/ Bedrock Vocabulary– Year 7

It has been a great pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 pupils to Vyners this half term. I hope that they are settling in well and enjoying the start of their learning journey with us.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to write to you regarding two literacy initiatives that I hope all of our Year 7 students will engage with.

Firstly, we have subscribed to an initiative called **Book Buzz**, created by the Book Trust. For a payment of £3, each pupil in Years 7 and 8 will receive a reading book of their choice from a list of 17 fantastic titles. Pupils will be choosing their own book in their English lesson next week. Alongside the reading book for each pupil, our school will receive resources for the library as well as videos recorded by the authors taking part in the initiative, which will be shared with pupils in tutorial and English lessons.

Please make your payment of £3 through Squid by 3pm on Friday 22nd October. If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium fund, there will be no payment necessary.

Secondly, we have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called **Bedrock Vocabulary**. It is a website that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary, whilst encouraging them to read regularly. As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. They will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary, and you can see and edit this yourself.

English teachers will be launching Bedrock with all Year 7 pupils in their literacy lessons over the upcoming weeks. Account details, alongside a Guardian Access Code which you can use to create an account which monitors your child's progress, will be shared privately with each pupil on Google Classroom. The expectation will then be that pupils complete weekly activities on Bedrock as part of their English home learning.

Following a great start to the Autumn Term, I look forward to the positive impact that these initiatives will have upon the literacy skills of all pupils involved.

Yours sincerely

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