



# Malmesbury School

## Reading Strategy



Malmesbury School is incredibly passionate about reading and we believe that all our young people should be exposed routinely to high quality fiction and non-fiction text. We are currently rolling out our Tutor Reading Programme to all students in Year 7-13, who read 15 minutes from a novel or selection of carefully chosen non-fiction articles, two mornings a week. The novels are selected from a diverse, engaging, and challenging reading list and the feedback from students is extremely positive. As a school we adopt guided reading which research shows ensures the students rapidly acquire new vocabulary and this is delivered by tutors in the main, but all staff are welcome to go along to tutor time and do some reading with the students. This approach is also adopted by teachers across the school during lessons.

We celebrate reading and the achievements of our students in assemblies and as a whole school. Malmesbury Reads and World Book Day are both highlights on the school calendar and are opportunities for students to try out new books, enjoy more reading in their lessons and experience live speakers and activities. We love reading so much that we have even invested in a vending machine, exclusively for books!

Our aims:

**Cultural Capital** – to ensure students are exposed to a diverse range of voices, cultures and viewpoints and have an opportunity to travel beyond the walls of the classroom.

**Literacy** – to equip students with a wide vocabulary which will in turn improve their outcomes and thus life chances.

**Empathy** – research shows that being exposed to a wide variety of viewpoints and standpoints will ensure students are tolerant and understanding of those around them.

**A love of reading** – everyone can enjoy reading. We want to give our students the gift of reading to take with them into further study and adulthood.

We encourage parents and carers to engage with their children around what they are reading in school and want to reassure families that great care is taken to select appropriate reading material.

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