



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The new library at Formby High School is a dynamic, exciting, multi-functional space that combines academic pursuits with a love of reading in a variety of ways. It is a space for learning, where library lessons and Accelerated Reader activities take place; a study area; a hub of extra-curricular and School Parliament activities and a spot for quiet reading and discovery. It also housed our Careers Hub. We use the online 'Oliver' library catalogue system.

The library is open during lunch times and after school. The library hosts a wide programme of events that take place throughout the year, welcoming authors and celebrating national events such as World Book Day, and also accommodating CPD and training events.

The library was created with £50k of investment (from our PTA and the Wolfson Foundation) and we hope it becomes a welcoming, lively and very popular area of the school, attracting regular visitors from across the year groups. Our school librarian plays an important role in our vision to encourage reading for pleasure as well as working closely with the teachers across the school to inspire students and improve literacy.

READING IN SCHOOL

Team Formby High is determined to maximise every opportunity to promote reading development across the school. Establishing a 'word-rich culture that promotes literacy, oracy and a love of reading is central to our curriculum intent. Here are the core strategies, initiatives and opportunities we have put into place across the school.

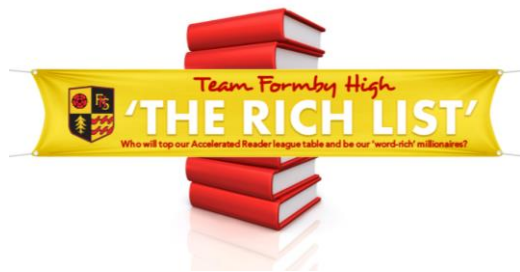
Reading Age Assessment	Year 7 Reading Lessons	Academic Reading	Disciplinary Literacy
FHSXtra Clubs	Sefton Super Reads	Readathon	Accelerated Reader



ACCELERATED READER PROGRAMME

Year 7 and 8 students all participate in the Renaissance Learning Accelerated Reader programme, which is embedded across the English curriculum. Following an initial online **STAR assessment**, students will be encouraged and challenged to read a wide range of titles within a prescribed colour-coded collection. The assessment is taken three times per year and the reading age data shared with staff, students and parents.

After finishing each book, students take an online quiz to check their understanding of the book's content, themes and characters. The system provides students with virtual rewards as well as valuable data to their teachers who will support next steps in class. We also operate inter-form competitions, rewards AND induct students onto our 'Rich List' if they manage to read over one million words!



Parents also have access to the system so they can support their child at home, encouraging conversation about their books around the table and on the sofa.



Fiction collection	Non-fiction collection	Reference books	Central freestanding shelves	5 desk PCs
Soft seating and adaptable tables	Networked laptops	Wi-fi	Spelling Bee	Student Library assistants
Homework Club	Enrichment activities	Author visits	Careers Hub	National Teen Book Club
Competitions	Dungeons & Dragons	Chess Club	Quiz Night	Movie screenings



