

Dear Parent /Carer,

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### **Launching the 2026 National Year of Reading: Library Ambassadors**

In association with Merton Council Libraries, the Academy will be seeking to identify a reading/ library ambassador from each year group 7 – 10.

Accompanying this letter there are several items of information regarding the scheme, however the highlights and student benefits are as follows:

#### **What are the student benefits to being an ambassador?**

Students who become Library Ambassadors will gain:

- Official recognition through a Merton Libraries Ambassador pin (returned at the end of their term).
- Certificates for leadership and volunteering, suitable for inclusion in school reports, award schemes, and future applications.
- Opportunities to attend celebration and recognition events.

Development of:

- Leadership and teamwork skills
- Public speaking and communication confidence
- Community involvement and responsibility
- Experience that supports PSHE, citizenship, and personal development.

#### **What will ambassadors need to do?**

The role is designed to be manageable and enjoyable alongside school commitments. Tasks may include:

- Updating the school's Merton Libraries noticeboard with current posters and campaigns.
- Promoting library events, competitions, and services verbally to peers.
- Supporting the Summer Reading Challenge by encouraging volunteering at the libraries amongst peers.
- Gathering student feedback on activities and services they would like to see in their local libraries.

Encouraging classmates to visit their local library and borrow books. The scheme will run from January – July 2026 and September 2026 – July 2027

We will be undertaking the process to identify students in early January 2026.

Yours faithfully,  
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