



Year 8 English: HELPING YOUR SON SUCCEED



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- Ensure your son continues to take pride in his purple English exercise book, which is where all classwork and homework is completed. All worksheets should be glued in.

- **Vocabulary** remains a big priority. The **Accelerated Reader Programme** continues in Year 8, so continue to encourage your son to read. Borrowing books from both the school library and local public libraries is helpful. Encourage your son to keep his **reading log** up to date.

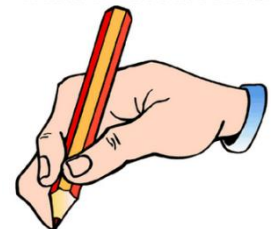


Accelerated
Reader

- **Reading and learning homework** needs to be approached with the same seriousness as written homework. The Department continues to run knowledge recall tests on texts, as it is useful preparation for studying English Literature at GCSE.

- Although GCSE seems a long way off, the years soon pass and **legibility and presentation** is important in written exams. We therefore implement a Department policy that all homework – unless the teacher specifies otherwise – should be handwritten.

HANDWRITING



- **Extra English** remains available for anyone requiring additional support – information is available from the class teacher. Handwriting support is also offered.

- If your son is **unable to attend a lesson**, it is important to catch up with anything that he may have missed.

- Please ensure your son keeps any books issued to him in good condition.

- Families can also help by **listening to speeches/talks** which your son is asked to prepare before delivering. Speaking & Listening does form part of the GCSE English Language qualification.



If you have any **further questions** about English at Key Stage 3, please speak to your son's English teacher or email Mr Kearney (Assistant Head of English, i/c KS3 English): james.kearney@kings.lincs.sch.uk