



Year 7 Power Up Literacy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year, your child will be using Lexia® PowerUp Literacy™, a computer-based program that tailors instruction to your child's specific needs. The activities in PowerUp support and build on our English language classroom curriculum, focusing on developing skills in three areas essential to becoming a proficient reader: Word Study, Grammar, and Comprehension. The programme has already been piloted successfully across other schools in the Bohunt Education Trust and is now being rolled out to all schools. It has been proven in those schools to be very effective at improving both the general literacy skills of all students, and also allowing for personalised, targeted resources to be given to students in areas in which they are struggling.

Here's how PowerUp works:

Your child's first PowerUp session begins with a placement activity that determines the starting point based on their needs. Then, your child works on online activities throughout the week.

Your child will aim to meet a weekly online usage target of 85-145 minutes. This weekly target will decrease over time as your child makes progress. This weekly target will be achieved through a combination of work in English lessons, tutor time and eventually home learning. You can see this weekly target on your child's PowerUp student dashboard, once the program has been set up for use. **Encourage your child to meet or beat the weekly usage target!**

Your child will be rewarded for consistent, strong work by earning streaks and "powering up" over skills they already know. **Ask your child about their highest streak and what they've learned.**

Teachers will provide help when needed based on student progress and performance.

Your child will also receive PowerUp paper-and-pencil activities for practice which may be done in school or at home.

The placement tests will be occurring over the next fortnight within your child's English lessons. After this point, we will be sending more information home. We hope you share our excitement about this program. We feel it will be of great benefit to your child's education. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

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