Dear Parent/Carer,

We have recently introduced Ruskin Reading Rulers which are now an essential part of students' equipment. Students will be expected to use their Ruskin Reading Rulers when reading a text of any length, regardless of their ability.

Our ultimate aim at Ruskin is that your child's reading age will match their chronological age. The Ruskin Reading Rulers have been introduced as part of our ongoing commitment to improve the reading ages of our students, ultimately enhancing their chances later in life. The reading age required to access GCSE examinations is 16-17 years old. Therefore, we must elevate students' reading ages to provide them with the best possible chance of accessing their exams. Research has shown that using a reading ruler improves comprehension skills, focus and reading fluency. It allows students to focus on one line at a time and process the information they are reading clearly.

In addition to the reading rulers, we have also introduced a number of reading strategies which will be used across the curriculum to support your child in all areas of their learning. We also have a number of exciting events to promote reading for all students and we are regularly identifying students who may need further support and offering intervention.

It is essential that students look after their reading ruler and have it readily available to use in lessons. If students do not have their reading ruler, they will be issued a detention for lack of equipment. They will be asked to pay 50p for a replacement.

If you would like any further support with your child's reading, please feel free to get in touch and I will be more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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