

## Why are we starting it?

Research has long shown that a love of reading is one of the most important gifts we can give our children. Enjoyment of literature aids comprehension in reading print for all subjects, not only English, and can result in better pupil test scores across the board. If we support children in developing their reading skills, they will be more successful at school.



Additionally, recent studies have highlighted a worrying trend towards decreasing literacy skills amongst secondary pupils in the UK. This is something we feel must urgently be addressed as a school community and we believe parental involvement is the key to reversing it.

This reading group will give parents the opportunity to talk about the importance of reading and be able to discuss current young adult titles with their children. Using these titles, it will also give them the space to discuss some of the more recent parenting challenges experienced today (e.g. Cyberbullying, Mental Health, LGBT issues, etc.) through the experiences of the characters in a neutral and welcoming space.

## Who is supporting this project?

This Project is supported by the Scottish Government School Library Improvement Fund, and is being delivered by High Life Highland Libraries. It also carries the endorsement of Culloden Academy and Culloden Academy Parent Council.

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# READ TO SUCCEED

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A reading group for parents and carers supporting secondary readers in P6 -S6.

## What is it?

Read to Succeed is a new reading group that has been created for parents and carers of children in P6-S6. It will better enable adults to support their children's leisure reading, which is crucial for building the strong literacy skills needed for success at school.



## What makes it unique?

Unlike traditional book groups, the books will be read aloud during the sessions, so there is no commitment beyond the group's meeting time every week. This method is more interactive and aids lively discussion!

However, there is no requirement for anyone to read aloud; participants are welcome just to come along and listen to the reading and join in the discussion as much or as little as they like.

## How do we hope that families will benefit from it?



We know that families are busy and that increasingly, we are reading information more and more online which is not as visible to our children.

If reading for pleasure is given a place of importance in the home, it is hoped that our young people will feel more supported in developing their own reading skills and will find it easier to cope with the demands of the curriculum.

We anticipate increased pupil performance will result as broad general reading promotes better transferable skills to all subjects. This in turn may open up increased opportunities for our pupils once they leave school.

## When will it take place?

The group will meet in the Conference Room at Culloden Academy on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, every week during term time.

Attendance at all meetings is not compulsory and the atmosphere will be relaxed and informal.

There is no cost for the sessions and all books and refreshments will be supplied.

The sessions are intended for adults only; with sufficient interest, a separate group may also be run later for our young people. Schools staff are welcome to attend as part of their CPD.

