



6 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the literacy drive at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy, we monitor the reading ages of our students.

Our aim is that students will work towards a reading age of 15 years and 8 months by the time they sit their GCSE exams in Year 11, to ensure they are able to access the full GCSE scripts.

Although your child has a functional reading age of above 10 years and 6 months, we support our students to reach an age-related reading age as a minimum.

In order to support students in achieving this, allowing them to access their future exams and perform to the best of their ability, your child will be participating in literacy intervention during tutor time, starting on Monday 9 October 2023. During intervention, as well as increasing their reading age, they will develop the following literacy skills:-

- Vocabulary
- Inference
- Prediction
- Explanation
- Retrieval
- Summarise

This will be for a minimum of eight weeks, at which point your child will be retested to measure their progress. They will then continue with further literacy support or return to their current tutor group.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact send@heanorgatespencer.com

Yours sincerely

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