

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED

1st September 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

This year at Abbey Community College we will be introducing **DEAR** (Drop Everything And Read) time into the school day. Each day we would like students to bring to school a fiction or nonfiction book of their choice that they will be given time to read during form class. Whilst we hope to encourage a culture of book sharing when it is safe to do so, for now we are asking students to bring only their own book to school.

The best books for DEAR Time will be books that students select for themselves, but we do appreciate that a list of suggested titles might be helpful and have included this below. This is **not** a reading list of compulsory DEAR Time books but simply a list of titles that pupils, parents and carers might find helpful when choosing a DEAR Time book for their child in the early part of term. Students should bring their selected book to school each day from 14th September onwards.

Should you find it difficult to access a book for your child, please email me at slyons397@c2kni.net or phone me, Mr Lyons, in school and I will arrange within safe Covid 19 guidelines for your child to have a book. If emailing me, may I ask that you include a very brief comment on whether you consider your child to be a reluctant, competent or confident reader, so that I can arrange a title appropriate to his or her reading level. I appreciate that a book may be an additional expense for you at this time and assure you that, when safe to do so, the spirit of DEAR Time will be one of shared, reusable materials.

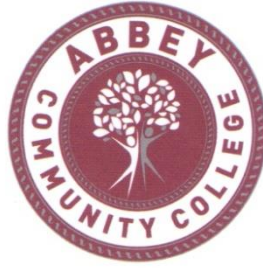
Thank you for your support in this matter. Should you wish to contact me about anything else relating to DEAR Time, please use the contact details above. I will be happy to talk with you and am very excited about seeing our students read for pleasure this term!

Best wishes,

S. Lyons

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DEAR Time Recommended Books

We'd encourage you to choose your own book for DEAR Time! If you'd like some help choosing however, we've included titles below that are grouped into categories for different interests and reading levels:

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Blame My Brain: Nicola Morgan

Mind Your Head: Juno Dawson

Why Your Parents Are Driving You Up the Wall: Dean Burnett

Go Big - The Secondary School Survival Guide: Matthew Burton

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Sean Covey

The Art of Being a Brilliant Teenager: Andy Cope

Making a Difference

Girls who changed the World: Michelle Roehm McCann

Boys who Made a Difference: Michelle Roehm McCann

Suffragette - The Battle for Equality: David Roberts

I Am Malala - How One Girl Changed the World: Malala Yousafzai

This Book is Anti Racist: Tiffany Jewell

Greta's Story - The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike: Valentina Camerini

More Challenging Books for Confident Readers

Becoming: Michelle Obama

1984: George Orwell

The Book Thief: Marcus Zusak

Life of Pi: Yann Martel

The Worst Journey in the World: Apsley Cherry-Garrard

Educated: Tara Westover

Books with Hooks for Reluctant Readers

Lark: Anthony McGowan

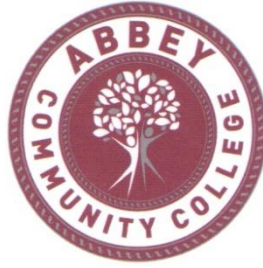
TJ and the Hat Trick: Theo Walcott

Dork Diaries: Rachel Renee Russell

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series: Jeff Kinney

Big Nate Boredom Buster: Lincoln Pierce

Tyranny: Lesley Fairfield

Sport and Adventure

Unbelievable Football: Matt Oldfield

The Boy Who Biked The World: Alastair Humphreys

What If I Had Never Tried It: Valentino Rossi

Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Aron Ralson

Fierce - How Competing for Myself Changed Everything: Aly Raisman

The Racehorse Who Learned To Dance: Clare Balding

Fiction

Orangeboy: Patrick Lawrence

The Girl of Ink and Stars: Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Noughts and Crosses: Malorie Blackman

Harry Potter Series: JK Rowling

Flying Tips for Flightless Birds: Kelly McCaughrain

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian: Sherman Alexie

Non Fiction

A Really Short History of Nearly Everything: Bill Bryson

101 Things You Need To Know (and Some you Don't): Richard Horne

Stuff That Scares Your Pants Off - Glenn Murphy

Be Your Best Self - Life Skills for Unstoppable Kids: Danielle Brown

Honor Girl: Maggie Thrash

We Should Hang Out Sometime: Josh Sundquist