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Dear Parent/Carer

FORENSIC READING

Following a successful return to school, students in Years 7-10 have now started on the Forensic Reading programme as part of their curriculum provision at South Dartmoor Community College. This is one which has been implemented across all WeST Secondary Schools from March 2021. I am pleased to announce that it will be continuing this year and will stand alone as a subject.

Forensic Reading involves exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts on an array of current, informative and mature topics such as Women, Suffrage and Misogyny. As we are sure you will agree, developing a broad and academic vocabulary base is fundamental to a child's success – both in school and beyond in their future educational and career pathways.

Forensic Reading's mission is to encourage students to **read more, read better and read for pleasure**. This programme has expanding vocabulary at its core, empowering students to use confidently newly learnt academic language both verbally and in written form. Additionally, the topics being explored encourage debate and allow students to explore wider moral, social and cultural issues in support of their character education. Texts have all been selected and adapted to be suitable for the age of the class involved.

We want our students to be successful in reading in order to prepare them for their futures, whatever that entails, and we are very excited about this programme. Do please talk to your child about what they are reading and discussing in school and we would love to hear your feedback.

Thank you in advance for your support for this provision.

Kind regards

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