



# Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Year 7 Reading Programme: Alan Gratz, *Refugee***

As you will be aware, our current Year 7 intake lost a significant amount of primary school lesson time to the pandemic. To mitigate the impact of this, and to encourage students' enjoyment of reading beyond the classroom, we are running a reading programme from now until March.

All Year 7 students will be loaned a copy of Alan Gratz's novel *Refugee* to take home and bring to school as needed. While they will be expected to do much of this reading independently – i.e. outside school – they will be supported in doing so through shared activities during form time. Form tutors will also provide a reading tracker so that students can monitor their progress and ensure they complete the novel by the end of the Spring term.

It is important that students look after their copies of the novel. Parents and Carers will be invoiced for any copies that have to be replaced through loss or damage.

Thank you in advance for your support in the school's efforts to promote students' wider reading, which has been proven to improve literacy and communication skills and boost achievement in all subjects.

Yours faithfully,

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