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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **BWS READING CHALLENGE / YEAR 8 SUBJECT EXPERTS**

I'm writing to inform you regarding a couple of developments in the BWS English Department. Last week we launched the 'BWS Reading Challenge'. The idea is to generate a real passion for reading through competition, and to encourage boys to stretch themselves with regards to what they choose to read. Participants have to choose from a series of exciting challenges at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels; and house points and individual prizes are up for grabs. Please do ask them to show you the booklets - it would be great if you could encourage your sons to take part, and talk with them about what they are reading. We've also asked them to get you to sign next to each title they're recording as proof that it's been read!

Also, we are looking for a group of boys in Year 8 to become 'English Subject Experts'. Ideally, these will be pupils who have shown themselves to excel at it, and are willing to help others. The idea is that they can help promote and represent the subject, as well as help others who aren't as confident as they are. Boys who are interested can email me ([cje@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:cje@bws.wilts.sch.uk)) with their application before Monday 1 October. Again, if you are a parent of a boy in Year 8, it would be good if you could talk to them about applying – it is a great opportunity to both stand out and to work with others at a relatively early point in their school careers!

This is an exciting time for our department – we're doing everything we can to encourage boys to love all aspects of the subject, and value its importance as they move up through the school.

For all other development and news from the English department, please feel free to contact me via the above email address, or follow us on Twitter - @BWSEnglish.

Kind regards

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