

Supporting Success – Literacy Tips

1. Encourage your student to read magazines and newspapers; leave them around your home. It doesn't really matter what your child reads as long as they read!
2. Make use of e-books and e-book readers such as Kindles; many titles are available free of charge.
3. Introduce books which are part of a series to perpetuate the enjoyment and build anticipation for the next one.
4. Subscribe to a magazine that your student has an interest in, online or in print.
5. Share articles you've read from the newspaper or a magazine, even Sunday supplements especially if it's something your student is interested in.
6. Play audio books in the car; this will encourage reading for enjoyment.
7. Encourage your student to listen to/subscribe to an educational podcast like: TedTalks, 411Teen, Math Mutation, First Draft, RadioLab.
8. Link books and reading to films at the cinema or video games they know.
9. Help them with exam revisions. Look through the reading materials together, talk about a plan for revision and the resources their teachers have provided in reading lists and supporting success document (via the parent portal on our website).
10. Ask them to read something to you while you are busy like the recipe for dinner, or assembly instructions.
11. Reading to younger siblings or helping them with their homework is an effective method to engage and build confidence.
12. When texting or messaging your student; use proper spelling and punctuation to model for them that it is still important!
13. Try writing a blog together about something you both enjoy, like film reviews or a fashion critique.
14. Start a family newsletter and ask for submissions or make them the editor!
15. Writing a letter or personal message in a holiday/birthday card to a grandparent is both meaningful and memorable.
16. Listen to some of their favourite songs, and ask them to explain or think about some of the interesting vocabulary or figurative phrases from the lyrics.