

## Literacy Focus

Carre's is focusing on developing the literacy of our students and as such we have lots of initiatives throughout the school.

### DIRT marking

All students have been introduced to DIRT marking - (*Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time*). This is when they are encouraged to revisit a piece of their work and look at how they could improve it should they tackle it again. The students are given an aspect to focus on such as punctuation, spelling, layout, etc and are asked to reproduce the work with the improvements in mind.

### Literacy Focus:

Each term we focus on a different aspect of grammar and punctuation, and this is looked at throughout the curriculum. So far we have focused on capital letters, full stops, commas, colons and semi-colons. We find that a whole-school approach is successful in embedding the knowledge within the students.

### Drop Everything and Read

The last Tuesday of term saw everybody 'Drop Everything and Read' something. This was a fabulous success with staff and students alike taking the chance to spend a relaxing half hour reading their favourite book, magazine or newspaper!

We hope to repeat the experience later on this year as it was a good opportunity for everyone to rediscover how relaxing reading can be.



### LRC

The LRC has recently undergone a big refurbishment with the emphasis in the Library area being more on relaxing when reading. There are bean bags and comfy chairs for the students to use when they want to read a book or a

magazine and lots of attractive displays to promote reading. The students are able to visit the LRC within lessons with teachers or at break and lunchtime and after school.

The LRC is also focusing on developing its book stock with the emphasis being on developing reading for pleasure - buying attractive books that the boys have asked for and popular magazines. These supplement the current stock that we have to support the National Curriculum and the learning needs of the students.

We will also be celebrating 'World Book Day' in March with lots of fun quizzes and activities in the LRC and throughout the school. One of these will be the launch of the 'Readathon' where the boys can be sponsored to read with the money going to a worthy cause of providing books for children in hospital.

### **Homework Club**

This takes place in the LRC every day after school.

Mondays - Thursdays until 4:30

Fridays until 4:00

Students can take advantage of a quiet, well-resourced environment where they can tackle their homework, leaving their time at home free to relax. The Learning Resource Manager is on hand to supervise and assist the students during this time.

### **Film Club**

There is currently a film club within the LRC which runs every Friday lunchtime. It is designed to promote literacy by showing films with a book tie-in. We are starting with the Harry Potter series and will move onto other popular book based films in the future such as Hunger games and 'The Maze Runner' etc. The club is strictly on a first come first served basis and any students wishing to attend must collect a ticket from the LRC.