

READING



**'Building belief,
Achieving success,
Shaping the future'**



**Accelerated
Reader**

"The more that you
read, the more
things you will know.
The more that you
learn, the more
places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

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What impact does reading have?

Research carried out by the National Literacy Trust shows that only 1 in 4 boys reads outside the classroom. Research also shows that reading has a huge impact upon writing. Getting your son to read, therefore, is a vital stepping stone to improving his literacy skills across the curriculum.

Where should I start?

It is important to realise that boys are interested in different sorts of books. Boys enjoy books which are edgy, plot-driven, adventurous, funny, heroic and fast paced.

Once your son has been given his Accelerated Reader Book Level, you can visit the AR BookFinder website (www.arbookfind.co.uk) to help you pick suitable books for him.



What is Accelerated Reader?

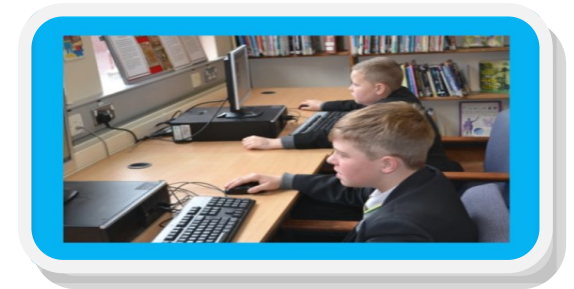
Accelerated Reader is a new programme which has been introduced into St Patrick's College this academic year. All of our new Year 8 students will be using the Accelerated Reader programme.

The Accelerated Reader programme is shown to produce an average of two years' reading age growth, in just one academic year, while promoting reading for pleasure.

How does it work?

- Students complete an online **STAR** Reading Assessment.
- The **STAR** test gives each student a personalised range of book levels to read.
- The College Library is colour-coded for each of the different **Accelerated Reader** book levels.
- As students read books in their levels, they complete online tests and work towards personal reading targets.

How does the programme motivate students to read?



- ⇒ The online tests mean that students can see and track their reading progress.
- ⇒ Students can work towards a variety of rewards with our Accelerated Reader rewards systems.
- ⇒ Parents can view their son's progress when they obtain their own Accelerated Reader Home Connect login .

For any further questions, please email our Literacy Co-ordinator: gmccarroll941@c2kni.net or, our College Librarian: mmcauley756@c2kni.net