

## Update from St Leonards Academy

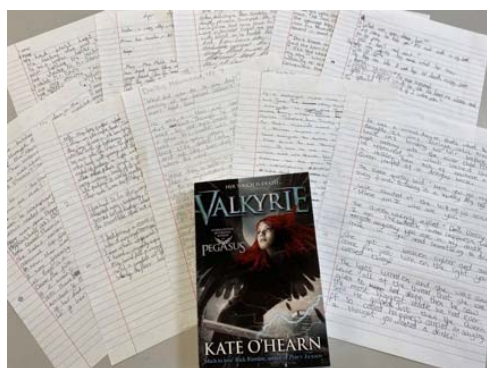
Dear Parent /Carer,

We have a real focus on reading at St Leonards Academy. Reading is the skill that unlocks so many doors. There was an amazing World Book Day Event last week which highlights the fantastic work going in literacy. All students are regularly tested for their reading ages and then support is put in place for those that require it.

You may be aware that we had a flood which impacted reception and also means we do not currently have a library. In the near future this means that we have the opportunity to work with students to design a creative new reading / library at St Leonards. Our English team secured a massive donations of books which enabled every child to choose a book on World Book Day!



We were delighted to welcome visiting author Katherine Hearn who conducted workshops with students who produced some creative pieces of extended writing.



### World Book Day

All students in year 7-10 read extracts from 5 books, were asked to review them and have entered a competition to win all 5 books. We launched two year 7 book clubs run by Year 9 and 10 students; one reading 'The Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer and one 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness

It has been great to see the impact of Accelerated Reader on improving Reading ages and it has been great to see a growing number of Word Millionaires. We will celebrate them in a later update.

Finally some great news! I am delighted to say that Ms Howard Le Vierge will be starting a new role as SENCO at St Leonards Academy from Easter.

Have a great weekend

Jon Francies