



Maximising our Potential

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading is an essential skill that supports your child's ability to access the wider curriculum as well as developing their vocabulary, communication skills, and confidence. Each child at Kirkby High School reads a book together with their form tutor and class.

Why has my child received this opportunity?

This term our Year 9 students will be reading 'Gathering Blue' by Louis Lowry. This book is the sequel to 'The Giver', an exciting dystopian novel that students read in their English lessons in Year 8. This book focuses on the experiences of Kira, an orphaned teenager with a physical disability living in a challenging future society and tackles issues around friendship, difference and disability.

How can I support my child in enhancing their reading at home?

Please ask your child about the book they are reading in form time, discussing their book develops their confidence and supports their engagement with reading. Please encourage your child to read at home, and encourage your child to attend our reading area to access a wide variety of fiction and non fiction books in school.

If you have any questions about reading at Kirkby High School please contact the school by phone or by emailing admin@kirkbyhighschool.net.

Yours faithfully,

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Literacy Co-ordinator

Mr T Greenhalgh

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Resilience

Kindness

Respect

Aspiration

Confidence

