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Dear parent/guardian:

I hope your children in grades 6 to 11 have had a successful exam period. I want to extend a welcome to the parents of our future grade 6 students and wish your children success in their upcoming transition to Secondary.

I am writing to you to communicate some information regarding summer work and preparation for the next academic year.

Summer reading is an important element of your child's education, helping as it does to "bridge the gap" between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. We have tried to minimise any problems involved in obtaining texts during summer travel months by ensuring that all reading is available either on loan or for sale here at the school. Books that are available for sale may be purchased at Cedar or at the supplier of your choice. The required reading is as follows:

English:

- For students going into **grade 9** the chosen text is The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon, available from the front office (priced \$14) starting Tuesday, June 22nd.
- For students going into **grades 10, 11 and 12*** there is a selection of recommended reading available at the school. Ms. Jones will distribute the books to the students.
- *Students going into the **IB Diploma Programme in grade 12** need to collect Hamlet by William Shakespeare, The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison and From Heaven Lake by Vikram Seth from Mr. Jenkinson.

Humanities:

- **Optional** for students going into **grade 6**—the chosen text is If I were a Kid in Ancient Egypt. Several copies will be available from the school (priced \$16) starting Monday, June 28th.
- For students going into **grade 7** the chosen text is either If I Were a Kid in Ancient Rome (priced \$16) or Life in Ancient Rome (priced \$14), both available from the school starting Monday, June 28th. Your child will be informed of the text he/she is required to read.
- For students going into **grade 8** the chosen text is The Samurai's Tale (priced \$10) by Eric C. Haugaard, available from the school starting Monday, June 28th.



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- For students going into **grade 9** the chosen text is either The Witch of Blackbird Pond (priced \$8) or Woods Runner (priced \$14), both available from the school starting Tuesday, June 22nd. Your child will be informed of the text he/she is required to read.
- For students going into **grade 10** the chosen text is Black Like Me (priced \$9) by John Howard Griffin, available from the school starting Tuesday, June 22nd.

Mathematics:

Mr. Bradley has given students going into **grades 6 through 10** mathematics work to be completed online. Mrs. Wooldridge will send parents a copy of the assignment later this week.

Laptop requirement

As you may be aware, in grades 6-12 students are required to use a netbook or laptop in school. Though we do not recommend any specific manufacturer or operating system, we do suggest that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wifi (wireless capability) is essential.
- 11" to 13.5" screen size is ideal as bigger machines do not always fit into lockers.

As ever, the regular list of school supplies for the upcoming year will be posted on the website shortly. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information or explanation.

Sincerely,



Andrew Jenkinson
Head of Secondary



