

## Introducing myON, a superb free reading resource for your family

Reading is the **key that opens doors to other worlds**; some imaginary, some real. Here at St Edmund Campion School, we are keenly aware of the importance of reading, doing everything within our power to ensure our students obtain this vital 'key'. Now, with children confined to their homes, it is difficult for them to access new reading material.

**myON**, by Renaissance, offers a **personalised and exciting digital experience of reading**. For the duration of unexpected school closures in the UK and Ireland, due to COVID-19, **free access** has been granted. The resource will literally bring a **library of over 7,000 books** into a home, **for students of all ages and abilities** to enjoy. It also provides 5 daily news articles (all vetted by child psychologists). The platform is extremely 'pupil friendly', with books and articles appearing 'Netflix' style. It is highly interactive and supportive, offering inbuilt functions such as, 'search', '**read aloud**' and a dictionary for easy reference.

As Alex Quigley states in his new book, 'The Reading Gap': '**Small, daily acts of reading matter.**'

- Young people who read daily are **four** times more likely to read above the level expected for their age compared with their peers who don't read daily (NLT 2019).
- The impact of reading for pleasure on progress in vocabulary, maths and spelling between the ages of 10yrs and 16yrs, is **four** times greater than the impact of having a parent that has a degree (Sullivan and Brown 2013).
- 14-year-olds who read often and independently know **26% more words** than those who never read (Sullivan, Moulton and Fitzsimons 2017)

'Reading proves the master skill of school, so we need to nurture our pupils' will and skill' (A. Quigley 2020)

Whilst we cannot provide the vital classroom support at the moment, **myON**, with its facilities for independent reading as well as 'read aloud', offers the perfect tool, to nurture students' **will and skill** to read for **pleasure and purpose**.

Please follow the link to ensure that your child benefits from this fabulous resource:  
<https://readon.myon.co.uk>