

Reading Rocks

Breakfast and Lunchtime Reading club with Year 9 & 10 Peer Mentors

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Who was targeted?	Year 7 students with a reading age below 9 yrs and Year 8 students with reading age below 11 yrs															
Outline of project:																
<p>Once students were identified, invitations were sent out and letters were sent home to parents. Year 9 & 10 students were recruited and trained to help support the reading. Refreshments are provided at both the breakfast and the lunchtime clubs. Students attend twice weekly. Younger students are paired with mentors and this pairing continues throughout the term. Additional resources are available to direct mentors and help focus the questioning. (See attached.)</p>																
Overview of the timelines, additional resources etc.																
<p>See attached resources. 10 week sessions run across the academic year – review and reset group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An extra book allowance from the library – this book is to be kept within the session <p>Tutees receive awards and rewards to celebrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> their reading, overall attendance, Silver, Bronze and Gold Award completing reading challenges a folder to house book, book report stationary and Awards and Rewards log <p>Tutors receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training in-line with the National Literacy Trust Continual support throughout Prompt cards to support coaching a certificate in recognition of receiving training and their work as a Reading Mentor <p>Refreshments Breakfast session- - brioche, croissants, breakfast bars, fruit, cordial, fresh juice and water Lunchtime session – Biscuits, crisps, cordial, and water Other resources Reward card – Weekly attendance Connect Four card – Daily attendance Reward Drawer – unit with 8 drawers – each drawer has a point score representative of student achievement and rewards accordingly – either part way or at end of course, give students a choice to save or spend.</p>																
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<p>Last year, students’ reading age rose by 23 months on average during the 6 month duration of the project. Student voice: ‘I like Reading Buddies as I get to see the progress the students make over a period of time. Their confidence in reading outload grows week after week as well as their reading ability’ Year 9 Reading Tutor ‘I like it because it’s helpful and it helps me with the words. My tutor will help me by explaining what they mean or they will show me.’ Year 8 (EAL student) tutee who has 100% attendance this year and has been attending since Year 7 Reading miles have increased for students on the programme, as well as confidence in knowing what books to choose.</p>																
Lessons learnt – advice for other schools																
<p>Get mentors trained early in the term so the sessions can begin as soon as the students have been identified. If possible, use the same room for all the sessions. Provide folders for each student to make it easier to monitor and track progress. Planning is key if this programme is to be successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate a person to set up and oversee the programme (this requires time both at the start up and throughout) Chase up absentees early to get them back on track <p>Breakfast session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep runner slips – should any students not arrive reading tutors can collect them from form groups 																
Estimate of costs	<p>Some suggested items:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Refreshments –Cereal bars</td> <td>£0.85</td> <td>6 units</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brioche</td> <td>£0.85</td> <td>8 units</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water(bottled)</td> <td>£13.48</td> <td>70 x300ml units</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunshots (pouch)</td> <td>£1.79</td> <td>10 units</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fruit Juice</td> <td>£0.40</td> <td>3 units</td> </tr> </table> <p>Stationery costs: £100 approx. You might want to also increase stock of appropriate books targeted at high interest low ability reads.</p>	Refreshments –Cereal bars	£0.85	6 units	Brioche	£0.85	8 units	Water(bottled)	£13.48	70 x300ml units	Sunshots (pouch)	£1.79	10 units	Fruit Juice	£0.40	3 units
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