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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to all our families for the summer term!

We hope you have been enjoying the books that are part of our Family Reading Challenge (*Away With Words* for KS3 and *The Things We Leave Behind* for KS4). If you are yet to read them and would like to join our challenge, then there is still time! The challenge is for adults in the family to read the books and then pass them on to the teenagers in the family, and the books can then be discussed together. It is a great opportunity for everyone to get to know the exciting world of YA.

If you have finished the books and are ready for a new book to read and share with your family, our KS3 book for the summer term is *Finn Jones Was Here* by Simon James Green, and our KS4 book for the summer term is *Bone Talk* by Candy Gourlay. *Finn Jones Was Here* is a funny but sad book about life and loss. Please be aware that this book does cover the theme of grief, although it is done in a sensitive way, and is accessible for younger readers. *Bone Talk* is a coming-of-age story set in the Philippines at the end of the 19th century.

On our horizon is our Family Reading Challenge in-person celebration event, which we can now confirm will take place on **Thursday 18th June between 6 and 7pm**. We are really excited for this event and have been busy planning some exciting activities for everyone to enjoy. It would help us to plan this event if you could register your interest on the following Microsoft Form: [Family Reading Challenge Event - Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#) Please note there is no expectation that you have read both books before the celebration event.

Thank you for all your support of this initiative, and happy reading!

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