

FIVE TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORT

- 1) **Find a quiet spot** that can be used for reading and homework.
- 2) **Try to take time away** from electronic devices such as mobile phones and computers.
- 3) **Help to proofread** - spellings, capital letters and punctuation.
- 4) **Talk to your son/daughter** about what they have read and enjoyed.
- 5) **We are here to help!** If you need any help or feel your child is struggling with literacy, please contact us: **e.mather@esla.org.uk**

Check the literacy section on the academy website for more advice and watch out for upcoming literacy events in school!

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**A guide to support parents
and guardians when helping
KS4 children with their
reading and writing.**



Supporting your children as they prepare for their GCSE's

As your son/daughter prepares for their GCSE's in Year 10/11 they will be asked to read/write more extended texts. At ESLA we continually promote reading and encourage students to read for enjoyment.

Research findings: reading means achieving

Recent research into the reading skills of 15 year olds across the world found that children who are more interested in reading do better at school than those who don't read for pleasure.

The study also found that parents who talk to their children about books, TV programmes and films help to keep their children interested in reading.

Having books, newspapers and magazines around at home also made a difference to how interested children were in reading. (DfE)

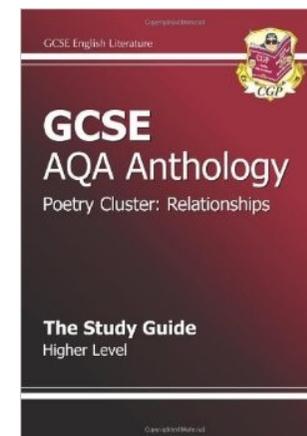
How do I help at home?

- Collect newspaper articles about topics your child is studying.
- Read together if your child is having problems with reading in a particular subject.
- Encourage your child to go to attend period 6 and revision sessions
- Speak to your child's subject teacher, or please email e.mather@esla.org.uk to see if there is anything that they could read that would help their studies or that would help them enjoy a topic.
- Talk about everyday topics, encouraging your child to use the technical terms they are learning at GCSE. **Look at key words in their exercise books.**
- Look up technical words that you or your child don't recognise from their work in a dictionary or on the internet and make it your word of the day.

KEY EXAM WORDS

- **Analyse** examine something in detail to explain it
- **Understand** view something in a particular way
- **Describe** give a detailed account
- **Explain** describe in detail giving reasons why
- **Present** to show something in a clear way
- **Compare** to note similarities or differences

"I was really worried about my son as he used to tell me that he hated reading. One way I could get him to read was by buying car magazines as a treat. I found out you could borrow magazines for free from the library so now he goes down there as well." Mum, Liverpool



"It's easy to forget how much reading you do every day. I make sure my kids realise it is a part of my life by getting them involved when I can – like cooking using a recipe, making a shopping list or looking at the paper to see where we are in the league!" Mum, Liverpool