



12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Re: New Student Library Service!**

Dear parent or carer,

As part of reading culture at Ashington Academy, and in line with the National Year of Reading, we are very happy to be launching our new library service to all pupils.

**What is the new library service?**

This is a fantastic offer to pupils, providing them with the opportunity to access books for pleasure, and to support their academic career. The library ensures all pupils have access to age-appropriate books to develop their reading fluency and to encourage everyone to enjoy reading for pleasure.

**How can students access the new library?**

The library service will be accessible at breaktimes, Monday to Friday, and staff will be available to support pupils in browsing and borrowing from our selection of over 1500 fiction and non-fiction texts.

**What is the process for borrowing books?**

To have quality library materials readily available for every pupil to browse, borrow and enjoy, we ask for all pupils to agree with and follow our **Pupil Pledge**:

- One book may be borrowed at a time; two additional books may be reserved.
- Books can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and must be returned at the end of this period. If required, books may be renewed if they are not reserved by another pupil.
- We will ensure that the library books are treated with respect and that we take good care of them.
- We understand that severely damaged/lost books will incur a fee of £5 towards the cost of replacing the book.
- We return books that we have borrowed promptly (on or before the due date) and in good condition.
- We understand that late books will be followed up.
- We will treat all the adults and pupils helping in the library with respect.

We know that this is a very welcome and highly anticipated service for pupils. If you have any questions regarding the library offer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

*V Chapman*

V Chapman  
**Teacher of English & Reading Champion**

