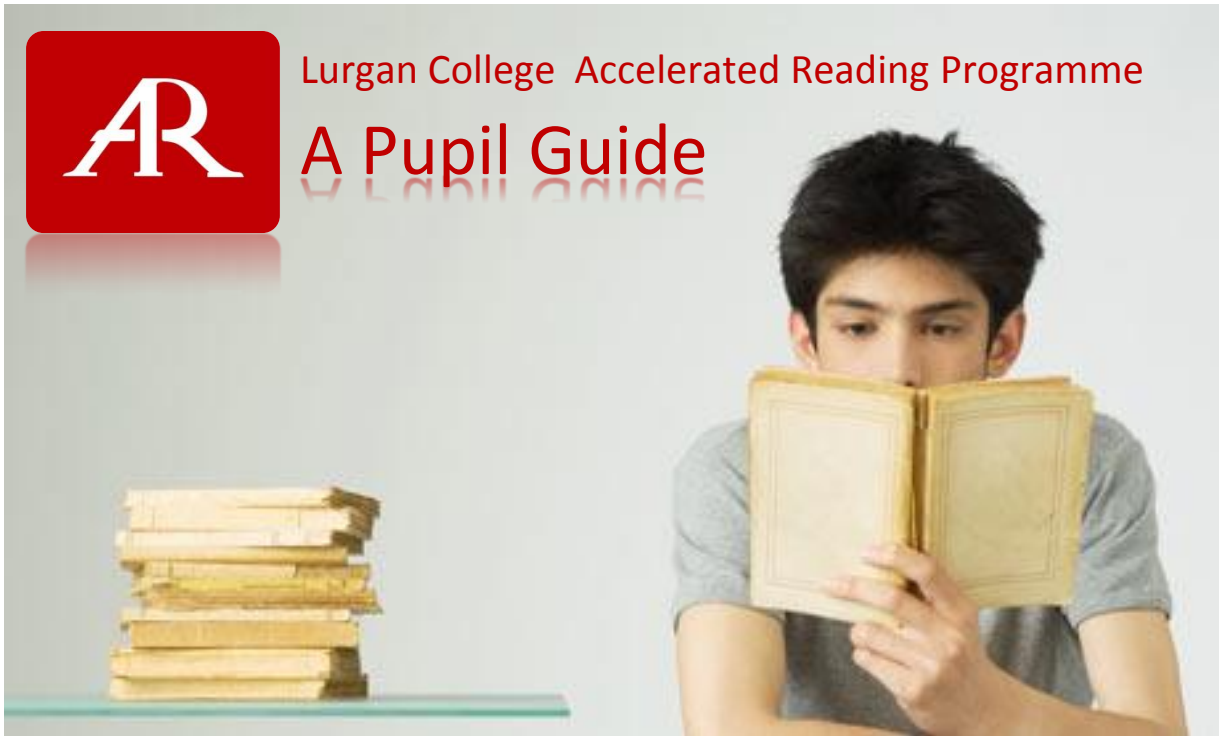




Lurgan College Accelerated Reading Programme

A Pupil Guide



What is it?

The Accelerating Reader is a process designed to motivate readers to read for pleasure, appreciate the benefits it brings and develop a life-long love of reading.

The process is a simple one:

1. Sign up for the programme
2. Select your first book (the Librarians can help you with this)
3. Read the book in your own time at your own pace
4. If you aren't enjoying the book simply stop reading it and pick another
5. When you finish a book, write a review of it on the Eclipse software. These reviews are published anonymously and are a rewarding outcome of your reading.
6. Pick a new book and repeat the process!

Who is it for?

Accelerated Reading is for anyone interested in reading more and experience the benefits of reading for pleasure, regardless of age or ability.

Why take part?

Reading for pleasure is one of the most popular past times on the planet! It is enjoyable, accessible and rewarding. However it also has well documented educational benefits, particularly for your literacy skills:

- Reading for pleasure boosts your ability to write well. (OECD Report, 2000)
- Reading regularly is proven to enhance your spelling and grammar when writing. (Cox & Guhrig, 2001)
- Reading for enjoyment significantly increases the breadth of your vocabulary. (Angelos & McGriff, 2002)
- People who read regularly have a more positive attitude and greater self-confidence. (Alvermann, 1999)
- Reading for pleasure improves your decision-making skills. (Bruner, 1996)

How do I join?

Joining the programme is easy, to get started simply sign-up online via the School Library website: lurgancollege.co.uk/elibrary.