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Dear Parent or Carer,

Invitation to attend *The National Teen Book Club*

To ensure the continued success of your child as a skilled reader, they have been selected to attend *The National Teen Book Club*. Your child has been identified as being a very able and avid reader, with their reading age superseding their chronological age in their literacy assessments. Consequently, we would like to continue to encourage their development by offering them a place in the Year 8 book club.

Details of the Book Club

Each week, we will cover three key elements: sharing a reading experience, hearing from award-winning authors, and upgrading the skills pupils need to become published.

The book club will take place between 15th June - 6th July 2022, every Wednesday between 3.30pm and 4:30pm. We will be reading *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. School will provide each member of the book club with a copy of the text, to be returned at the end of the programme. Young people will also be able to buy a 99p copy of the e-book with a special code should they wish to purchase their own copy.

The book club welcomes students aged 11-19, and it is therefore important to note that some texts may contain challenging content and young adult themes. We are confident that this text will allow students to have thoughtful discussions about racism, class and privilege. However, if you have any concerns or queries about text suitability, please refer to online summaries and reviews. It is worth mentioning that this text has received various accolades, including (but not limited to): winner of the *Waterstones* 'Children's Book Prize' 2018; a #1 *New York Times* bestseller; a *Teen Vogue* 'Best YA Book of the Year'; and the novel is now a major motion picture.

The National Teen Book Club is hosted on Google Meet and Google Classroom, taking place under teacher supervision within school. As well as hearing from the author of the book, young people will also have the opportunity to participate in a live Q&A with other influential figures in the literary world or speakers who have a love of reading. There will also be activities and resources available on Google Classroom, and two competitions inspired by the book: creative writing and illustration.

We look forward to welcoming your child into the group. We would be grateful if you could complete the following Google form to confirm attendance or availability at the earliest opportunity: <https://forms.gle/fc4Xs2hwMirUxJXi7>.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Camille Graham
Teacher of English