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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: **BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme for Year 7 students**

Thomas Tallis is taking part in Bookbuzz again this year, a popular programme for school students developed by BookTrust to get young people excited about reading.

Bookbuzz gives students the chance to choose a book they'll love from an array of sixteen fantastic titles, newly selected each year by BookTrust's expert panel of librarians and teachers. Your child will be choosing one of these books, which they will get to keep. The books will be distributed to our Year 7 students over the next few weeks.

We hope that this will encourage your child to read more frequently, improving their well-being, sparking interesting conversations, and inspiring creativity.

Here are three steps you can take to get involved with your child's reading journey, as suggested by BookTrust:

- Get talking! The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help your child to form and share their opinion on what they like to read and why.

- What's next? The adventure continues when your child finishes their Bookbuzz book! No matter their interests, there are thousands of amazing books out there to discover. You can ask the school librarian, visit a local bookshop, or go to BookTrust's online Bookfinder: booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder

- Find out more. You'll discover a lot of information on the BookTrust website about the best new books, and even more ideas on how to encourage your child to read at home: booktrust.org.uk

If you have any questions, please email the Tallis Library team at library@thomastallis.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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