



Alec Hunter Academy – Reading

The school celebrates and actively promotes reading for pleasure by recognising its impact on the development and eventual achievement of our students. Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have dedicated library lessons, during which they are encouraged to browse the stock, read quietly and discuss their experiences with staff in order to develop positive reading choices. All other year groups have regular access to the school library resources. Through the social experience of reading, we aim to inspire, challenge and encourage students to flourish and build independence. All our students should have at least one reading book at home selected from the School Library. On completion, please keep reading! There are a multitude of free reading options and resources available during your time at home. Please see below for online resources:

National Literacy Trust - Family Zone

The National Literacy Trust have developed a comprehensive web portal for parents. Split up by age group, you will find ideas and guidance for simple activities that will engage your children at home, while also benefiting their reading, writing and language development. You'll be able to access free reading and writing resources, audiobooks, videos, competitions and reading challenges. Every resource is available for free, although to access some you may need to create a free account.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>



BookTrust - Fun at home with authors and illustrators

BookTrust are the UK's largest reading charity and reach 3.9 million children each year with books, resources and support to help develop a love of reading. Looking for your child's next favourite read? You've come to the right place.

Our Bookfinder will help you discover the very best kids' books: magical mysteries, astonishing adventures and fantastic facts. Simply choose an age range, pick as many themes as you want to search through thousands of book reviews, and get reading. Enjoy!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



The Reading Agency

The Reading Agency is a national charity helping people to tackle life's big challenges through the proven power of reading to deliver a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/>

You can search here for any book you have read and leave a review, or search for a book to see what other readers thought.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/books/>



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https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI36XT54ak6AIVFODtCh0WqQpUEAAAYASAAEgJgg_D_Bw



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Book Awards

The YA Book Prize, launched in 2014, recognises the best YA literature from the UK and Ireland according to a panel drawn from experts and young readers.

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/book-awards/YA/YA-Book-Prize.html>



Blue Peter Book Awards

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/book-awards/blu/Blue-Peter-Book-Awards.html>



Yoto Carnegie Medal

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/book-awards/cga/Yoto-Carnegie-Medal-%7C-Kate-Greenaway-Medal.html>



Costa Book Awards

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/book-awards/cos/Costa-Children's-Book-Award.html>



The Branford Boase Award

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book-awards/bbp/The-Branford-Boase-Award.html>



Guardian Children's Fiction Prize

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book-awards/gua/Guardian-Children's-Fiction-Prize.html>



The Excelsior Award

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book-awards/exa/The-Excelsior-Award.html>



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