

## DEAR- DROP EVERYTHING AND READ 2024

DEAR or Drop Everything And Read is a weekly initiative taken by the literary department of our school to foster a love for reading in students of all age groups. The DEAR Initiative first began on the 23 of May 2024. It includes all students of grades 1-12, where grades 9-12 are encouraged to read newspaper articles, informative guides or research material to foster their learning.

Every **Thursday** upon an special DEAR announcement done by the literary secretaries, student pick up their favorite books and enjoy a 10 minute reading time. These 10 minutes are dedicated only to read and other work is discouraged. All lessons halt during this period and teachers assist the younger students in reading. The allotted 10 minutes changes every week to avoid affecting the time of only one subject time every week. It is usually the last 10 minutes of a period and the bell rings to signify the end of the reading time.

Each Wednesday students are given the DEAR time along with an additional reminder to bring their favorite books.

This also falls in line with the UAE's National Literacy Strategy wherein all Emirati schools are encouraged to mandate reading lists and encourage this essential habit in all children.

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