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Dear Parents and Carers

**Transition Text Required for Year 7 English**

Welcome to Rickmansworth School's English and Film Faculty; we hope that your son/daughter is looking as forward to the new academic year as we are.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your son/daughter’s Key Stage 3 English Coordinator. I look forward to working with you, helping your son/daughter to settle into this School, guiding students through a successful year in English and ensuring that they achieve the best possible results.

The new term will present your son/daughter with many challenges as he/she adapts to having new journeys, new teachers, new subjects, more homework and new friends to make. As a Faculty, we would like students to have something in common when they begin at Rickmansworth School to help them on their journey and to make new friends.

We would like your son/daughter to read the novel 'Wonder' by R. J Palacio, over the summer so that when they begin Year 7, they will have something to talk about in English. The challenges in the novel are similar to many that your son/daughter will be facing in Year 7; for this reason we think 'Wonder' will make for excellent discussion. We would like your son/daughter to enjoy reading the novel, but at the same time to consider: what it means to be unique as a person; is being different a good thing; how can we go about supporting one another's differences?

We would be grateful if you could source a hardcopy of the novel for your son/daughter to read over the summer. We are aware that many students may already own a copy, however if you do not, then 'Wonder' is available to buy from Amazon for £3.99 at the following link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wonder-R-J-Palacio/dp/0552565970/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1530617800&sr=8-2&keywords=wonder](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wonder-R-J-Palacio/dp/0552565970/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1530617800&sr=8-2&keywords=wonder)  
ISBN: 9780552565974

Your son/daughter will need to bring their copy of 'Wonder' with them on the first day of School in September.

I look forward to the meeting you and your son/daughter, and wish you a very pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Rogers  
Key Stage 3 English Coordinator