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Dear Parent/Guardian

### *The Book Exchange*

I am writing in the hope of securing your support for the St Mary's Book Exchange. Book exchanges have become very prominent around the country in recent years and can be found in hostels, GP surgeries, train stations and even in disused telephone boxes! At St Mary's we heartily encourage this means of swapping good books as a no-cost way of sharing our collective love of stories. Can you and your family help?

We are relying on book donations from students, parents and teachers to stock our own in-house book exchange for students in Years Seven to Thirteen. We would be very grateful if you could donate a book or two from home that is suitable in terms of style and content for the students at St Mary's, and is in good condition. Fiction or non-fiction, all donations will be gratefully received. Donated books will be vetted by a member of the English Department with the help of Sixth Form students in order to classify them according to genre as well as suitability for age group.

We would like to invite all members of our school community to donate a book or two if possible. Students and staff should bring their donated books to B2 in the English Block, where they will be sorted and classified. Thereafter, any student will be able to access the Exchange at break or lunch or after school under supervision: students simply take a book and then return it when they have finished with it. Each book will have a book plate inside the front cover for students to leave a very brief positive remark for other potential readers, sharing what they liked about the book.

If you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to e-mail me at [p.lynch@stmarys.net](mailto:p.lynch@stmarys.net). I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your support for the project and future donations.

Yours sincerely,

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