

Dear Parent

Merton Library Service recently launched the Merton Libraries and High Schools Membership scheme which aims to develop an enjoyment of books and foster a love of reading. We are pleased to be rolling out the project this term which will see all students in KS3 signed up as Premium School Library Members.

At Ricards Lodge we really value the benefits of reading and developing the habit of reading for pleasure is a formula for success. By signing up to this project and working in partnership with Merton Library Service, our students will enjoy and benefit from:

- Free premium school membership to all seven libraries across Merton. This membership will allow children to borrow up to five books from any Merton library with all fees and fines waived\*
- Introduction to the library in scheduled class visits
- A wide range of incentives available, with each participating student given the chance to enter the prize draw to win a tablet, mobile phone, theme park tickets, meal vouchers and more.
- Access to a wide range of books and eResources as well as free access to the public computers\*\*, the internet and other library services

To sign up you do not have to do anything. Your contact details will automatically be passed on to the library service and your child's new card will be issued during a school visit to the library. Should you not want to participate in the scheme, please complete the slip attached and return it to the school office by Friday 17 November 2017.

We look forward to visiting our local library with all the students and to seeing them grow into active library users and keen and avid readers.

Find out more about the library at: [www.merton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.merton.gov.uk/libraries)

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### **Merton Libraries Premium School Membership Card - Opt Out Slip**

You do not have to do anything to sign your child up as a Premium School Library Member. Membership is automatic for all year 7, 8 and 9 year pupils and your child's card will be issued soon. Should you however choose to opt out of the scheme, please sign and return the slip below to the school office no later than Friday 17 November 2017.

No, I do not want my child to be issued with a Premium School Library Membership Card.

Pupil's Name..... Year.....

Reasons for opting out .....

Parent signature..... Date .....

\* The premium card can be used in conjunction with a standard library membership card if students wish to borrow more than five items at a time. Normal overdue charges will apply to all items borrowed on a standard library card.

\*\* The Premium School Membership Card comes with automatic access to the public computer and Internet in all libraries. All children's and teen PCs are filtered to exclude inappropriate websites. Please speak to a member of library staff on receipt of your child's new membership card should you not want them to have access to the computers in the library.