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Dear Parent/Guardian & Student,

Ebooks NOW – Enabling Our Students to Read from Home

During this challenging time when libraries and bookshops are closed we want our students to be able to continue reading from home both for pleasure and in relation to their studies, the school has therefore subscribed to Ebooks NOW.

There are over 1,500 quality ebooks on offer from popular authors. The collection has award winning fiction, non-fiction, audio books, GCSE and A Level set texts, study guides and text books. There is a huge variety of text types, including graphic novels and genres and topics to hopefully engage even the most reluctant reader.

This exciting reading service is available through **Sora**, the student reading app, which provides free access to ebooks and audiobooks. What better way to engage our student's mind than through reading?

For more information on how Sora works and to download the app, please find below the link to the user guide: <https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/5033.htm>

How does it work?

Sora provides a quick and easy way to get started: students can register using the school's name: **The Chalfonts Community College** and log-in with their school Google account name and password:

Year 7 – 9: usual computer login @chalfonts.net.

For example, John Smith in year 7 would be: *SmithJ19@chalfonts.net*

Year 10-13: *FirstnameSurnameYearJoined @chalfonts.net*

For example, John Smith in year 10 would be: *JohnSmith16@chalfonts.net*

Note Google accounts use **.net** not .org

Password: Please contact IT Support if students need their password reset: itsupport@chalfonts.org

If you have any questions or are looking for some recommendations /suggested titles please do not hesitate to contact me: andreagilbey@chalfonts.org

Parents/Guardians, please encourage our students to use this valuable facility. For our more reluctant readers, I suggest they look at the range of graphic novels or try an audiobook.

Yours faithfully

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