A student's guide to reading at home

You should be aiming to read for 20-30 minutes a day whilst at home. It is one of the best ways to spend your time and ensure you are successful in your studies. We've put together some top-tips to help you:

1) Try reading different types of texts. Don't just stick to one. Read fiction and non-fiction (novels, poems, short stories, news articles, academic books or listen to audiobooks.) Look on our website for free texts available.

2) Make use of the headings on the page if you are looking for information quickly.

3) If you are reading lots of text, use a highlighter to keep track of key ideas. (You can use highlighters online too)

4) Ask yourself what you already know about the topic. (What did you read earlier?) This will help you to understand any new information you read,

5) If you come across a word you don't know, read the full sentence - the other words will give you a clue to the meaning. If not quickly google the definition on your phone.

6) Answer quick questions on what you have read. Ask someone at home to quiz you or lots are available online.

7) Try to summarise what you have read. You could say this aloud to yourself or write it down.

8) Set yourself a reading target whilst at home. Can you read the full trilogy of one of our form time 'Read Aloud' books?