



## Filey School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **ePlatform: e-books and audio books at Filey School**

Last year, to support their reading development, all students were given access to a digital library, **ePlatform**. This has proved very popular; all current year 7 students also now have access to this, as well as students in years 8 to 11. ePlatform consists of electronic books (e-books) and audio books, which can be read or listened to on a range of devices (computers, phones, tablets etc.)

Students are welcome to access ePlatform in their reading lessons. They have been given a username and password to sign on and this can be used to access ePlatform at home as well, should they wish to do so.

As the Christmas holidays approach, we would like to remind parents, carers and students of the opportunities that ePlatform holds for continued learning as well as improvements to literacy.

E-books can be read anywhere, and audiobooks can be very useful on long journeys, helping people settle at bedtime or to have on in the background, whilst doing other things. Research by the National Literacy Trust highlights the value digital media can bring to students' reading and vocabulary development as well as supporting their mental well-being.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/audiobooks-and-literacy>

The system is free to use, and the App can be downloaded for free. This link takes you to the ePlatform website: <https://filey.eplatform.co/>

### **How do you read eBooks and listen to Audiobooks?**

The easiest way to listen to Audiobooks or read eBooks is to download the free ePlatform app, called 'ePlatform by Wheelers.' This can be downloaded onto a smartphone (iPhone or android), tablet (eg iPad etc.) and most other devices.

1. Download the ePlatform app from the Apple, Google Play or Windows app stores, or search for ePlatform online.
2. Look for your library ('Find Library' or 'Add new Library' and log in using your **ePlatform username and password**.
3. Search for, borrow and read or listen to any book you want

Yours sincerely

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