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Dear Parent / Carer,

Form Time Reader, Year 10

Year 10 will read two full books within form time with their tutor as part of our personal development and reading. This is a rich opportunity planned to improve reading fluency, and comprehension as well as to inspire a love of reading, and to develop pupils' knowledge of the world.

The first book for Year 10 is 'Touching the Void' by Joe Simpson. **This text has been used by examination boards for Key Stage 4.** The book was made into a BAFTA winning film and tells of Joe's resilience, perseverance, and focus on survival, all qualities we aim to instil in Etone pupils. It is a powerful story of two climbers – Joe Simpson and Simon Yates – and their expedition to climb the daunting west face of the Siula Grande in the Peruvian Andes. Disaster strikes the mountaineers when Joe falls and breaks his leg. In an attempt to rescue him using a complicated rope manoeuvre, Simon inadvertently lowers Joe off a cliff. In order to save himself from near-certain death, Simon is forced to cut the rope joining them together.

The book includes a small number of expletives used in the context of falling off of a mountain. Such language will be caveated with the story being told, and carefully managed by the form tutor. Should you require any further information or have any concerns about the content, please contact Mrs Leftwich-Lloyd at school.

Yours faithfully

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