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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are inviting pupils to participate in the [Read for Refugees Sunflower Challenge](#), organised by librarians across the UK with support from the School Library Association.

After ten million Ukrainians have had to leave their homes, we are asking students to raise money for the [United Nations Refugee Agency](#) by getting sponsored to read as much they can.

The overall aim is to keep children reading during the Easter break when they are not in school and to do something positive in the face of tragedy.

Students could ask for donations from friends and family per page, chapter, or book read; by hours spent reading; or simply for a flat donation to support their involvement. Sponsorship forms are available to collect from the Library. All sponsors can donate directly on the project's [JustGiving page](#) (and, should they wish, leave messages of encouragement!). Our school will also be collecting in cash donations from Monday 25th to Friday 29th April – these can be given to Miss Hill in the Library.

We are also running an art competition, with students encouraged to colour in or create their own sunflower. This could be in a collage format, be painted, or any other art format. If a template is required, these are available for students to collect from the Library.

To enter the art competition, students need to return their completed sunflower by Monday 25th April, along with their 50p entry fee, to Miss Hill in the Library. Our school will display all the sunflowers to represent our support for the Ukrainian crisis

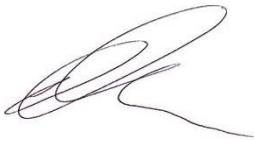
For more information, please visit the Read for Refugees website: <https://www.sla.org.uk/read-for-refugees>

[A special competition](#) featuring 15 brilliant children's writers [will be launching soon. This will also be available to enter on the website.](#)

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Hill, Librarian, at rhill@orchard-tmet.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Oldman', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Oldman

**Executive Principal
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