

FREE Online Twilight Session: Keeping pupils on the Reading Bus at KS3

Date: Monday 23/03/2026

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Online – Zoom

Price: Fully-funded



Will Allen is Vice Principal at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, leading whole-school teaching, curriculum and literacy, with a focus on reading and improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. With leadership experience across primary and secondary, he specialises in coherent reading and curriculum development from foundation to exam success, drawing on evidence-informed and trauma-sensitive approaches to raise attainment and strengthen belonging.



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Join **Will Allen** for an engaging twilight session exploring how to strengthen **Key Stage 3 reading** through disciplinary literacy, with a focus on supporting disadvantaged learners to access complex academic texts. Drawing on the EEF's *Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance report* (Recommendations 1, 2 and 3), this session will share practical strategies, key research insights and curriculum approaches to develop vocabulary, scaffold reading and build students' confidence and attainment across subjects.

By the end of the session, you will:

- Understand how disciplinary literacy improves access to complex subject texts
- Explore practical approaches to vocabulary instruction and curriculum text design
- Reflect on how scaffolding supports disadvantaged pupils to succeed in reading
- Take away strategies to strengthen reading across Key Stage 3 classrooms