



Read and Write Gold

- **Read and Write** is the screen reading and predictive typing software which the students use at school.
- Court Circle kindly helped the school to purchase the 'gold' version of the software, which entitles students to a **copy at home**.
- The students use it in many ways, for example to listen back to typed work, and to listen to text on websites. Any text on-screen can be read by the software.
- The software is for PCs (not Macs) running Windows 2000 SP4 or any more recent versions of Windows.
- **Your child will be asked to sign up for a copy of the software in their ICT lessons over the next couple of weeks**, and we will lend them a DVD to bring home from which you can install the software.
- Some year 7 students are testing this out for me this weekend.

Students work

- I am starting to showcase some of the students ICT work on the school learning platform <http://moodle.moonhallcollege.co.uk> including the websites Year 11 have produced for the OCR National.
- Go to the website, and click on the links to the work. You can choose 'login as a guest', or your child can use their login to view the work.
- I am really pleased with the standard of work that the students are producing, I hope you enjoy seeing these examples

Other software links

- There are links to software which we use in lessons on the learning platform (bottom right of the screen). <http://moodle.moonhallcollege.co.uk>
- Some of this software is open source (free) such as **Scratch** – game programming software, and **Audacity** – sound editing software.
- There are also links to suppliers for **Microsoft Office 2010** which we use at school. If students wish to obtain this, they can get a student license which is cheaper than a normal licence.
- **Open Office** is a free and widely used alternative to Microsoft Office. If students use this, they should be able to open their files in school as it is compatible with Microsoft Office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about ICT at Burys Court and Moon Hall College.

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