



Trinity Catholic High School

Diocese of Brentwood

Library Newsletter

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opening times:

Monday - Friday

8.00 - 5.00

Librarian:

Mrs Anthony

Assistant Librarian:

Mr Jean-Louis

Book Club Reads:



It seems almost impossible that we are at the end of what's been a busy school year. The time has flown by in a whirl of events and activities that we have thoroughly enjoyed.

Last September seems so long ago now, but we hit the ground running at the start of the new school year with 'Banned Books Week', where students got to test their knowledge in a quiz about which of their favourite books had been banned at one time or another from various schools or libraries around the world.

We celebrated National Poetry Day in October by sharing some of our favourite poems. Pupils from all year groups volunteered to be filmed performing them for a special reading period assembly. We also held a Book Spine Poetry competition and were impressed by the many entries.



Black History Month was celebrated with themed displays of both fiction and non-fiction books written by Black authors on topical issues such as Black Lives Matter, race, culture, politics and history. We also established the library's first Film Club and streamed relevant films such as 'Hidden Figures' and 'Selma' before school and at lunchtimes.

In November, we introduced the KS3 Book Club, meeting fortnightly to discuss and debate our chosen books. Students have enjoyed sharing their opinions with each other.

We launched the Advent Reading Challenge in December to encourage students to continue reading throughout the Christmas break. One lucky winner enjoyed a Christmas Stocking full of treats for completing all 25 activities.

In January, we commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day with a display of relevant reading suggestions and the return of Film Club, which screened films such as 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'The Book Thief' to help raise students' awareness of events related to the Holocaust.



Holocaust Memorial Day Fiction Reads



Our focus in February was on wellbeing in support of Children's Mental Health Week. We promoted various books dealing with stress, anxiety, social media and the importance of sleep and exercise. We also had mindfulness activities available for students at lunchtimes.

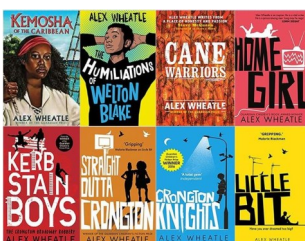




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World Book Day was celebrated on 3rd March with the introduction of library sessions for all KS3 students. Each class was able to spend time in the library browsing and borrowing books from the wide selection available. Students also enjoyed taking part in our quiz to test their knowledge of all things book-related; the competition was fierce, but the rivalry between teams was all good humoured!

March also saw the arrival of the Scholastic Book Fair. Students were able to choose books to buy from the large selection available. I am pleased to say that the Fair was a great success raising over £900 and earning £450 of rewards for the school.

Award-winning author, Alex Wheatle MBE, visited the school in April to talk to years 7 and 8 about his life, his career and his love of writing. Coming from a tough background and having a hard start in life, including leaving school at 14 with no formal qualifications, it was truly inspiring to hear how he overcame those obstacles, found his passion and made a success of his life.

In May, the school took part in the Carnegie Medal Shadowing Scheme. This is a popular, nationwide scheme in which many schools across the country take part. A group of students from KS3&4 met regularly with Mr Jean-Louis to read and discuss the eight books shortlisted for the award. They enjoyed some lively debates and wrote book reviews that were published online on the Carnegie Award website. They have all voted for their favourite and highly recommend 'The Crossing' by Manjeet Mann; the official winner will be announced on the 16th June.



We now find ourselves in the middle of exams' season and while the library has had to close from time to time to accommodate some of the exams taking place, we still want to support students as much as we can. We have created a 'Reading for Well-being' book collection to help students navigate this difficult and stressful time, and the library remains open from 8am until 5pm for any students wanting to use our resources for study or revision.

As we approach the end of term, it's important that students remain engaged with reading over the long summer break. We are therefore encouraging students to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge: 'Read Around The World'. The challenge is to clock up as many 'reading miles' as possible by reading books set in as many of the six different continents as they can. We look forward to finding out who has travelled furthest in September!

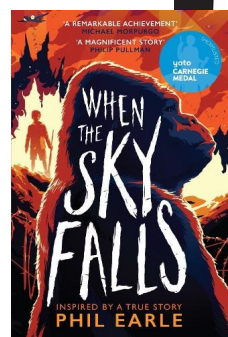
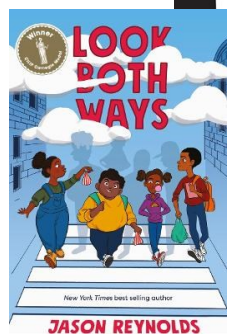
Wishing you a happy summer of reading!

Mrs Anthony and Mr Jean-Louis



RECOMMENDED READS

A new selection of books for our
KS3 developing readers to enjoy.



Year 7

Black Brother, Black Brother
By Jewell Parker Rhodes

Year 7

Look Both Ways
By Jason Reynolds

Year 7

When The Sky Falls
By Phil Earle

Year 8

The Humiliations of Welton
Blake By Alex Wheatle

Year 8

The Space We're In
By Katya Balen

Year 8

The Crossover
Graphic Novel
By Kwame Alexander

Year 9

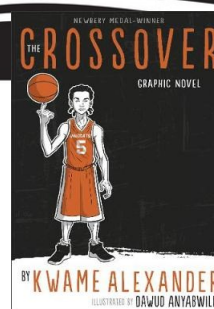
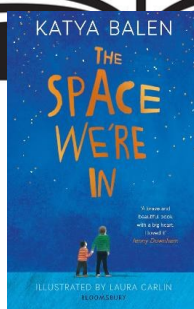
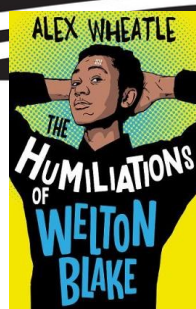
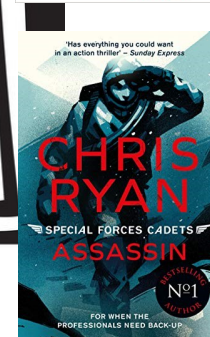
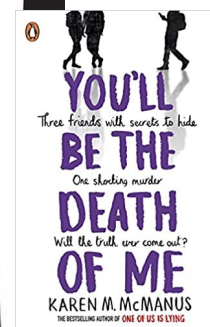
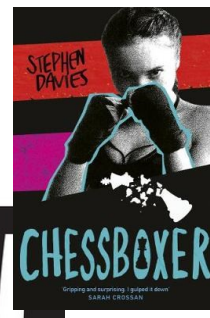
Chessboxer
By Stephen Davies

Year 9

You'll Be The Death Of Me
By Karen M. McManus

Year 9

Assassin
By Chris Ryan



Accessit

Accessit is our web-based school library management system. It is easy to use and accessible to all students. Each student has their own library account, through which they can check item availability, reserve and renew items, read and write reviews, and track their on loan and over-due items. They can access the catalogue from any internet-enabled device. The Accessit OneSearch feature provides access to all local and curated online content with one single search.

For more information on how to use Accessit, please watch the demonstration video:

[Accessit Demo](#)

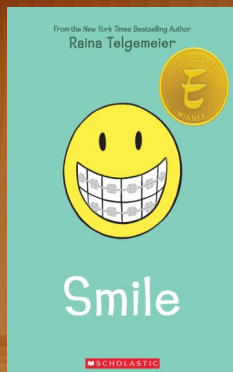
To visit the library web page, please go to the school website and under 'Login' select 'Library', then select 'Login to Accessit' or alternatively, please click on the following link:

[Library web page](#)

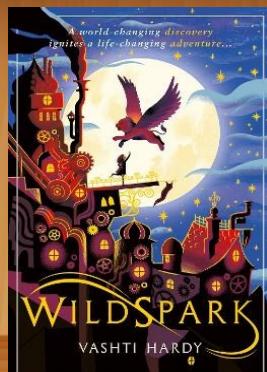


RECOMMENDED READS

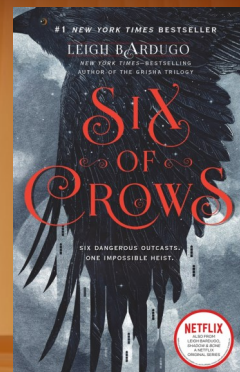
Read for pleasure this summer:
some exciting reads for all year groups



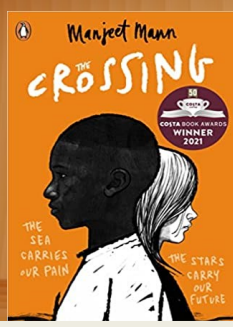
Year 7
Smile
By Raina Telgemeier



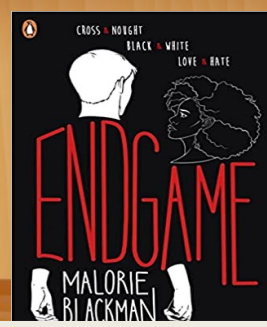
Year 7
WildSpark
By Vashti Hardy



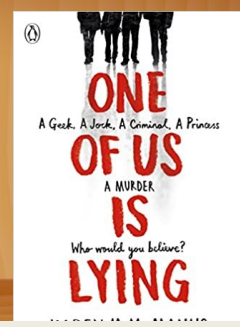
Year 8
Six of Crows
By Leigh Bardugo



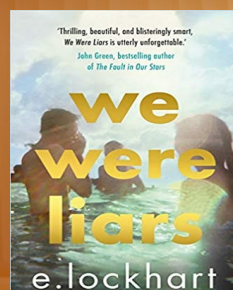
Year 8
The Crossing
By Manjeet Maan



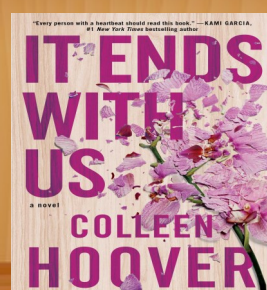
Year 9
Endgame
By Malorie Blackman



Year 9
One of Us is Lying
By Karen M. McManus



Year 10
We Were Liars
By E. Lockhart



Year 10
It Ends With Us
By Colleen Hoover



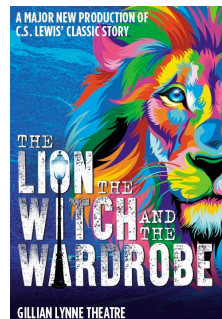
Year 10
Ace of Spades
By Faridah Abike-Iyimide



Out and About this Summer!

Bookish ideas to keep students entertained and engaged with reading

1) Step Into A New World This Summer



The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe play is based on C.S. Lewis' Narnia fantasy tale of the same name. The play follows Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they're evacuated during World War 2. While in their new home, they discover a wardrobe which acts as the entrance to a new world, which is unlike anything they've ever seen before. There are talking animals, mythical creatures, and a White Witch that controls everything. Will the Pevensie children be able to save Narnia?

18th July 2022 - 8 Jan 2023

www.lwtheatres.co.uk/whats-on/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe/

2) See An Exhibition

From Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Florence Nightingale and Gandhi. Explore some of the world's most exciting, beautiful and significant books, maps and manuscripts. Telling the remarkable stories of over 2,000 years of human experience, the Treasures of the British Library Gallery introduces you to some of the most awe-inspiring items in the collection.

Open: Daily Entry: Free

www.bl.uk/events/treasures-of-the-british-library



3) Scare Yourself Silly



The Woman in Black has terrified audiences at the Fortune Theatre in London since 1989. Based on Susan Hill's novel of the same name, The Woman in Black tells the story of Arthur Kipps, a solicitor who is sent to the remote town of Crythin Gifford to attend the funeral of a client, during which he sees a mysterious woman dressed in black. He is tasked with sorting his client's papers, and so visits Eel Marsh House where she used to live. In the play, Kipps enlists the assistance of an actor to help tell the unsettling things he witnessed.

7th September 2021—29th April 2023

www.thefortunetheatre.com/-woman-in-black

4) Horizons: A 21st Century Space Odyssey with Professor Brian Cox

What is the nature of space and time? Why does the Universe exist? How did life begin, how rare might it be and what is the significance of life in the Cosmos? What does it mean to live a small, finite life in a vast, eternal Universe? Horizons takes audiences on a dazzling cinematic journey; a story of how we came to be and what we can become. Using state of the art LED screen technology, arenas will be filled with images of far-away galaxies, alien worlds, supermassive black holes and a time before the Big Bang.

31st August 2022 at The O2

www.theo2.co.uk/events/detail/professor-brian-cox

