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Library opening times:

Monday - Friday
8.00 - 5.00

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Mrs Anthony

Assistant Librarian:

Mr Jean-Louis

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We are pleased to announce that the library has its very own Twitter account:

[@TCHSLibraryNews](https://twitter.com/TCHSLibraryNews)

Please follow us for all our library news.



Here we are at the end of another busy term, and indeed, the end of what's been a busy school year filled with lots of events and activities that we have thoroughly enjoyed.

The Autumn term seems almost like a distant memory now, but it's always the busiest time in the literary calendar. In September, we celebrated our 'freedom to read' during 'Banned Books Week'. Students are always surprised to discover books that have been censored over the years, especially when they include childhood favourites such as JK Rowling's *Harry Potter* and Roald Dahl's *The Witches*.



Student Poet Laureate



In October, following a very successful poetry competition, we were delighted to appoint a Year 12 student to the inaugural post of Poet Laureate. She worked incredibly hard throughout the year writing and sharing her amazing poetry with the school community to support and celebrate many different occasions. National Poetry Day was celebrated with a visit from perfor-

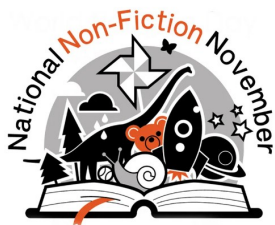
mance poet Karl Nova on 7 October. An inspirational and charismatic wordsmith: his assemblies and workshops were a big hit with students in Years 7 and 10.



Black History Month was also celebrated in October with themed displays of both fiction and non-fiction books written by Black authors. During our ever-popular Film Club, we streamed relevant films throughout the month dealing with issues such as race, culture, politics and history.

During the October half-term, Year 7 students took part in a sponsored Readathon for the charity Read for Good. They were encouraged to read anything and everything, from books to blogs or magazines to manga, all while raising money to buy books for children in hospital. We are very proud of all those who contributed to this worthwhile cause.





During National Non-Fiction November, students were challenged to read books from our non-fiction collection – particularly if these were not something they would usually choose. Non-fiction texts are important as they develop critical thinking and analytical skills; they extend vocabulary; and they encourage academic growth by providing super-curricular knowledge and making real-world connections.



In December, we launched our Advent Reading Challenge which comprised 25 fun activities to keep students reading during the festive season.

In January we commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day, while our focus in February was on student wellbeing in support of Children's Mental Health Week. A curated selection of books was promoted for both occasions.



February also saw the appointment of our first-ever student librarians. They have done a great job running our new Literary Hub at lunchtimes on our lower site, ensuring it runs smoothly and that it is accessible daily.



We have been involved with two book awards this year. We had fun taking part in the Excelsior Graphic Novel Award for the first time with a group of students who are big fans of this format. We were especially pleased when the novel we voted as our favourite was announced as this year's winner. The other award we took part in was the Carnegie Medal. Our shadowing group read the shortlist of books, wrote reviews that were posted on the Carnegie website, voted for their favourites and then watched the livestream of the Awards Ceremony.



World Book Day was celebrated in March with our 'Masked Reader' competition. Students enjoyed guessing our masked members of staff and the books that they were reading. Our winners each received book tokens and chocolates – what could be better?

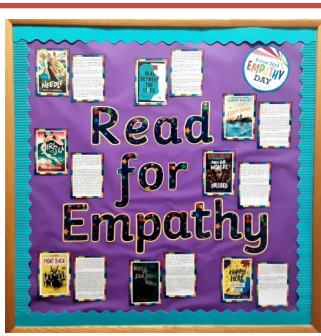


Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was another big success. Key Stage 3 students had the opportunity to browse and buy books from a great selection of popular titles. We raised over £900 in sales, earning £450 of rewards for our school.

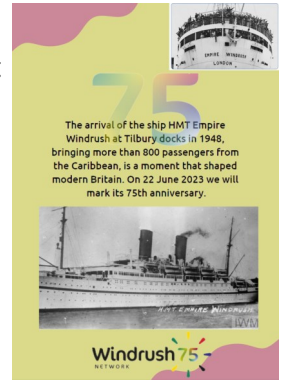


May saw the start of exams' season – a significant time in a student's life that can often lead to feelings of stress and anxiety. To help recognise and deal with some of these feelings, we put together a 'Reading for Wellbeing' collection of books with top tips for navigating this difficult time.





June was the month that we celebrated Windrush Day and Empathy Day. Reading for empathy is an important way of increasing our ability to understand and experience someone else's feelings. When young people identify with book characters, they learn to see things from others' points of view, which is necessary for understanding and appreciating the context of events such as Windrush Day.



In July, we welcomed award-winning author Cynthia Murphy to speak to Years 8 and 9. As a long-standing fan of horror books and movies, it was no surprise to hear how much she loves writing thriller-horror fiction for teens. Cynthia spent more than 10 years as a teacher before becoming a full-time writer after publication of her first novel in 2020. Since then, she has published two more books, with another one set for release in September, followed by a fifth book early next year. It was inspiring to hear how, despite many setbacks, she never gave up her dream – something that we are all pleased about since her books are a big hit with our students.

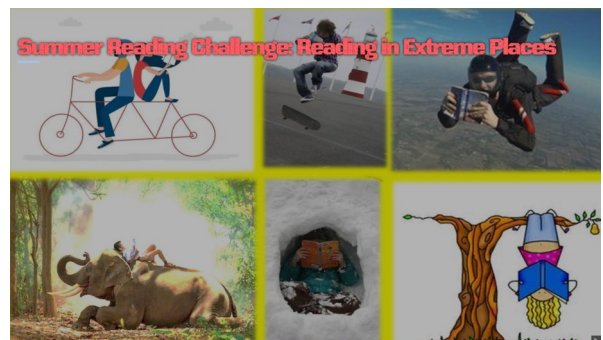


Finally, as we approach the end of term, it is important that students remain engaged with reading over the long summer break. Therefore, we are encouraging them to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge: 'Reading in Extreme Places'. The challenge is to read in as many 'extreme' or unusual places as you can such as up a mountain, in the sea or on a trampoline. Take a selfie or ask a friend to take a picture and email it to library@tchs.org.uk Just remember to take care! We look forward to finding out who has discovered the most unusual place to read in September.



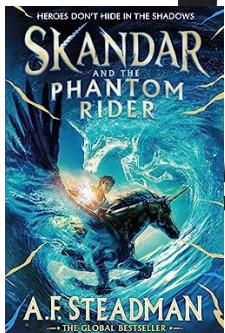
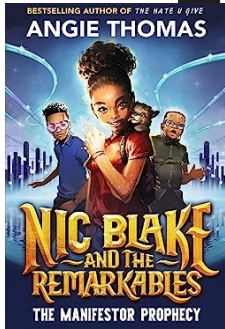
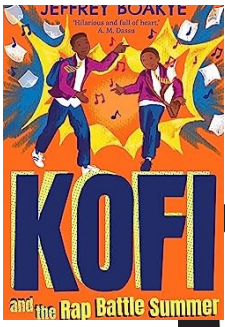
Wishing you a happy summer of reading.

Mrs Anthony and Mr Jean-Louis



RECOMMENDED READS

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



Year 7
Kofi and the Rap Battle
Summer By Jeffrey Boakye

Year 7
Nic Blake and the
Remarkables
By Angie Thomas

Year 7
Skandar and the Phantom
Rider
By A.F. Steadman

Year 8
Bellingham
By Matt Oldfield

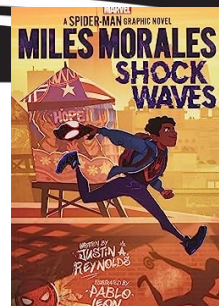
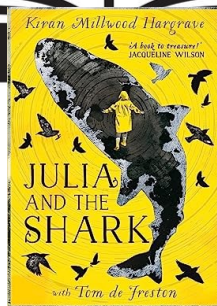
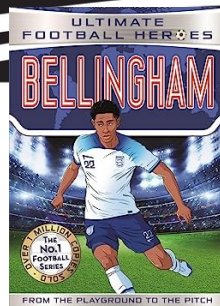
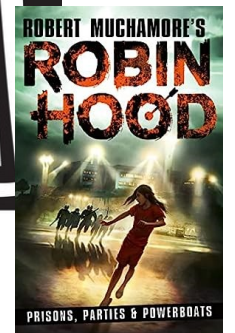
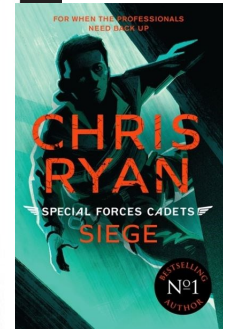
Year 8
Julia and the Shark
By Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Year 8
Mile Morales: Shock Waves
By Jason A. Reynolds

Year 9
Nimona
By Noelle Stevenson

Year 9
Siege
By Chris Ryan

Year 9
Prisons Parties & Powerboats
By Robert Muchamore



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 overdue 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](#)

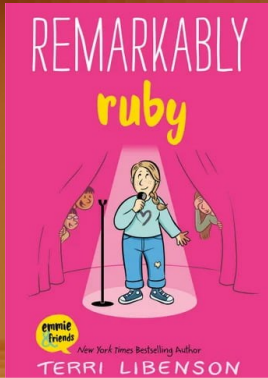
To visit the library web page, please go to the school website and under 'Login' select 'Library' or, alternatively, please click on the following link:

[Library web page](#)

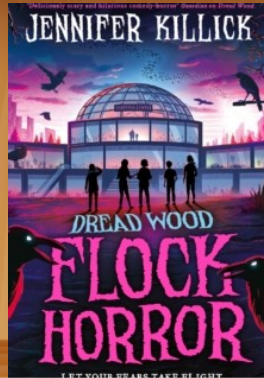


RECOMMENDED READS

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



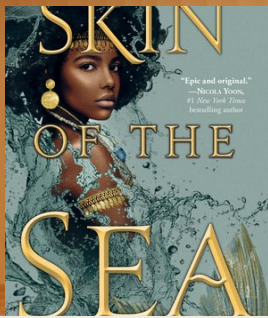
Year 7
Remarkably Ruby
By Terri Libenson



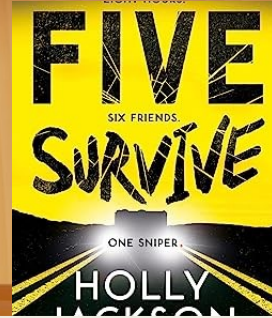
Year 7
Flock Horror
By Jennifer Killick



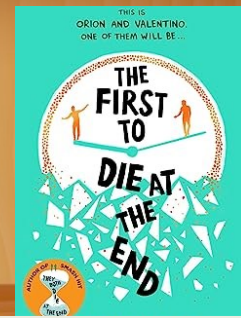
Year 8
Forever Geek
By Holly Smale



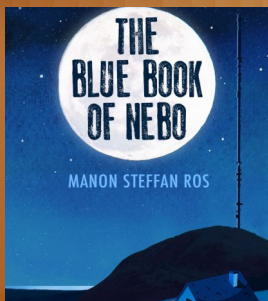
Year 8
Skin of the Sea
By Natasha Bowen



Year 9
Five Survive
By Holly Jackson



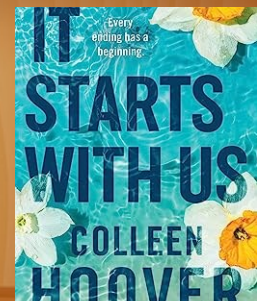
Year 9
The First To Die At The End
By Adam Silvera



Year 10
The Blue Book of Nebo
By Manon Steffan Ros



Year 10
The Eternal Return of Clara Hart
By Louise Finch



Year 11
It Starts With Us
By Colleen Hoover



Out And About This Summer!

Bookish ideas to keep students entertained
and engaged with reading

1) BookFest and The House of YA



Waterstones Piccadilly is holding its second BookFest event this August, as well as hosting The House of YA. There will be author panels, signings, bookish games and workshops. Win some prizes, grab some freebies and hear from a fantastic line-up of authors, including Karen M. McManus - writer of the best-selling series *One of Us is Lying*. The day itself is free to attend, but tickets are available for the panel events.

16 - 17 August 2023

www.waterstones.com/events/bookfest-x-house-of-ya-at-waterstones-piccadilly/london-piccadilly

2) Travel the World and Journey Through the Seven Continents

Experience an unforgettable journey through the natural world and explore the unique and extraordinary diversity of our seven unique continents on the most epic scale. Featuring narration from David Attenborough, BBC Earth Experience showcases breathtaking footage and music from the BBC TV series *Seven Worlds, One Planet*, projected on multiple multi-angle screens using the very latest digital screen technology.

Open: Daily Tickets: Child £14 Adult £19

<https://bbcearthexperience.com/>



3) East London Shakespeare Festival Presents Romeo & Juliet

ELSF are bringing their riotous and atmospheric production of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers to outdoor London parks and community spaces this summer. Set in a familiar modern East London, this story of secret loves and families at war will be vividly brought to life in this contemporary and fast-moving production. A festival vibe is encouraged with gates opening an hour before the show, pre-show workshops including mask-making and the opportunity to picnic on site.



June - Aug 2023 Matinees: 3pm Evenings: 7.30pm

<https://britishtheatre.com/east-london-shakespeare-festivals-romeo-and-juliet-to-tour-london-parks-from-june-2023/>

4) A Witch-Hunt is Beginning in Salem...

The Crucible, Arthur Miller's gripping play about power and its abuse set during the Salem witch trials, runs at The Gielgud Theatre until 2 September. Raised to be seen but not heard, a group of young women suddenly find their words have a terrible power. As a climate of fear spreads through the community, private vendettas fuel public accusations and soon the truth itself is on trial.

Performances: Mon - Sat: 7pm Thurs & Sat: 2pm

Tickets: Standard tickets from £20

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/productions/the-crucible/>

