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Library opening times:

- Monday - Thursday
8.15 - 4.30
- Friday
8.15 - 3.30

Librarian:

Mrs Anthony

Assistant Librarian:

Mrs Ableman

Library X:

The library has its very own X account:

[@TCHSLibraryNews](#)

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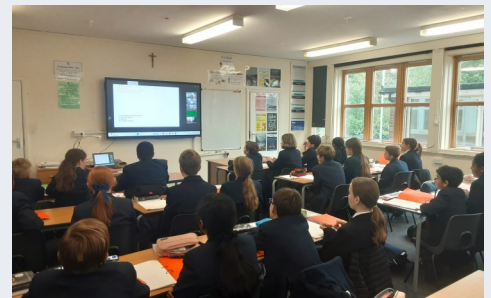


The Autumn term is always one of the busiest times in the library and this year has been no exception. In September, we welcomed new Year 7 students during their library inductions. Through a series of practical activities, students learnt how to use the Dewey Decimal System and how to navigate the library and locate resources. All were keen to start borrowing books and our Manga and Graphic Novels collections, in particular, have been extremely popular.



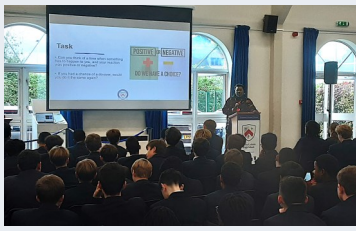
September is also the month of 'Banned Books Week', when we encourage students to celebrate their freedom to read. Students were surprised to discover that censorship is currently increasing, particularly in the U.S., where a staggering 10,000 books were banned in public schools from 2023-24, nearly triple that of the 3,362 banned the previous year!

In October, we celebrated National Poetry Day by taking part in the Guinness World Record attempt for the largest (multi-venue) poetry lesson. The lesson was delivered online by poet Laura Mucha, with more than 250,000 students from 1,800 schools taking part. Students participated in writing a poem on the theme: 'What Counts' which can be read [here](#). We will find out if the attempt has been successful in the new year.



October also saw the launch of Black History Month, which was celebrated in the library with displays of both fiction and non-fiction books written by Black authors on issues such as race, culture, politics and history. Our Film Club streamed relevant films at lunchtimes and our Year 7 students researched Black authors and illustrators during their library lessons.





We also invited author and activist the Hon. Dr Stuart Lawrence to visit our school. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 listened to Stuart talk about his life and work. Since his brother Stephen was murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1993, Stuart and his family have campaigned for justice and change. Now, he focuses on inspiring and empowering young people to make a positive difference in their lives and in the world around them. His message of hope and tolerance and striving to be the best that you can be was so inspirational for our students.



During National Non-Fiction November, students took part in a 'scavenger hunt', where they were able to put to good use the skills they learnt during their library inductions. They needed to recall features of non-fiction texts such as 'Glossary, Index, Captions and Contents' and work in teams to answer questions on a selection of texts.

This term, Mrs Ableman launched her KS3 Book Club and it has proved to be very popular. Students are enjoying meeting up every fortnight to discuss their books; the home-baked treats have also been a big hit! We also introduced 'Feel Good Fridays' at



the end of each half term. Our most recent Festive-themed Friday saw students enjoying making Christmas decorations and cards, as well as doing some finger-print pictures and festive colouring. There was also lots of cake and Christmas songs.

Finally, in December, we launched our Christmas Mystery Prize Draw, which was a great success. Ella in Year 8 was the lucky winner! We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported us; we raised a wonderful total of £980. All proceeds will be used to buy new books and resources for the library. December also saw the return of our Festive Film Club - classics such as Home Alone and Elf were enjoyed by students at lunchtimes throughout the month.

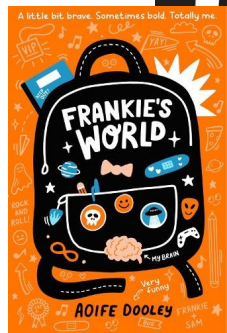
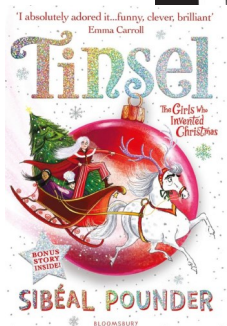
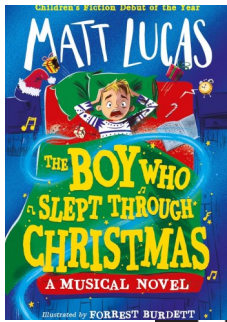


We look forward to another busy term next year, but in the meantime, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas from the library!



RECOMMENDED READS

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



Year 7
The Boy Who Slept Through
Christmas By Matt Lucas

Year 7
Tinsel
By Sibéal Ponder

Year 7
Frankie's World
By Aoife Dooley

Year 8
The List
By Keith Gray

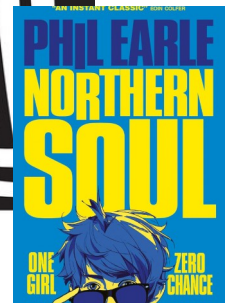
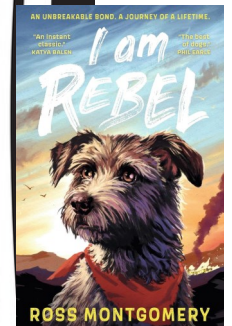
Year 8
Traitors in Space
By Tim Collins

Year 8
Ministry of Mischief
By Alex Foulkes

Year 9
Maggie Blue & the Lost Child
By Anna Goodall

Year 9
I Am Rebel
By Ross Montgomery

Year 9
Northern Soul
By Phil Earle



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 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](#)

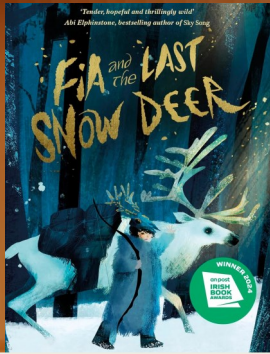
To visit the library web page, please go to the school website and under 'Login' select 'Library', or alternatively, please click on the following link:

[Library web page](#)

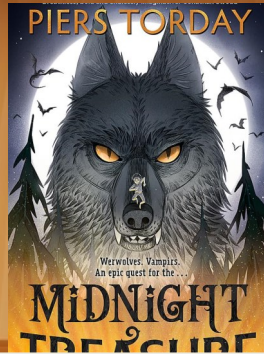


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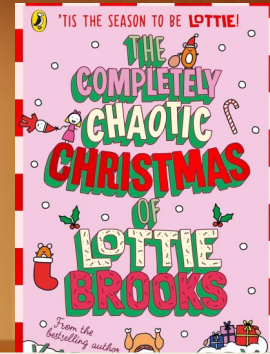
Read for pleasure this winter:
some exciting reads for all year groups



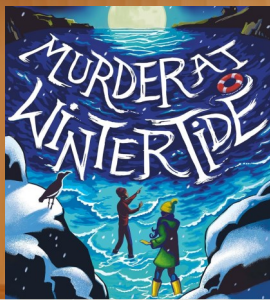
Year 7
Fia and the Last Snow Deer
By Eilish Fisher



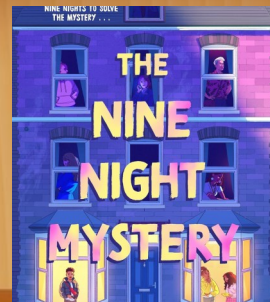
Year 7
Midnight Treasure
By Piers Torday



Year 8
The Completely Chaotic Christmas of Lottie Brooks
By Katie Kirby



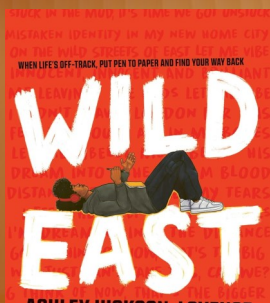
Year 8
Murder at Wintertide
By Fleur Hitchcock



Year 9
The Nine Night Mystery
By Sharna Jackson



Year 9
Some Like It Cold
By Elle McNicoll



Year 10
Wild East
By Ashley Hickson-Lovence



Year 10
Love in Winter Wonderland
By Abiola Bello



Year 11
The Reappearance of Rachel Price
By Holly Bourne

