

## LIBRARY NEWS SPRING 2021



#### "Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are."

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY THIS TERM?



**OPEN ME!** 

**WORLD BOOK DAY (WEEK)** - we celebrated WBD 2021 with a whole week of storytelling sessions. Staff and students took part in a Jackanory style event and listened along to a variety of stories throughout the week. *Check out the e-Platform link on page 2 for a range of audiobooks and ebooks you and your children can listen to and read at home.* 

**FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS!** – Read any good books lately? Looking for some inspiration? There's lots of great links on our library page...

Click on the book to access a huge range of book related resources.



Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading **TURN ON THE SUBTITLES** - Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. *To find out more visit: https://turnonthesubtitles.org/* 

"The aim of the library is to create the environment and facilities where students and staff may read, study and seek information."





**Aim Higher Mentoring** - The Library is currently hosting a student mentor from BCU as part of Aim Higher West Midlands. A selected group of year 10 students are taking part in the mentoring programme which aims to raise their aspirations and their future ambitions.

Find out more: https://aimhigherwm.ac.uk/parents-carers/

**CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?** – If we don't have the book you want to read let us know. You can email us your suggestions and we'll put it on our shopping list: library@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk



**FORM BOOK BOXES** – <u>ALL</u> Year 7 & 8 Forms now have their very own form book box. Contents are refreshed every term so students have always got something new to read. Book monitors are on hand to look after the boxes and encourage their fellow classmates to borrow a book.



**LIBRARY CATALOGUE** - Students can access the library catalogue via a link on the school website. You can search the school catalogue and reserve, renew and review books.

### **Open**Learn



**OPEN LEARN** - Free Learning from the Open University. Get inspired and learn something new today. Search over 1000 free courses, interactives, videos and more... (Suitable for ages 13 and over)

**ePlatform** - is a library lending system designed to make the borrowing and reading of eBooks as well as the listening of Audiobooks simple and enjoyable. All our students can use this fantastic resource and have access to over 2000 titles either as a download or an audiobook. <u>To login students should use their usual computer username and the password - BCReading1!</u>

# **OPENING TIMES**



# Due to current COVID restrictions our opening times are as follows:

Mon - Fri - 8.00am - 4.00 - YEAR 12 ONLY

Mon & Fri - 8.00am - 8.30am, breaktime & lunchtime -YEAR 8 ONLY

Tues, Weds, Thurs - 8.00am - 8.30am, breaktime & lunchtime - YEAR 7 ONLY

(Please note students will be seated in an allocated area for their year group)

Have a question? Get in touch with us: library@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

Keep up to date with the latest library news and events....



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WEBSITE : We are on the school website. Just visit <u>bishopchalloner.org.uk/library</u> for book related news, events, links and much more...



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## THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL BENEFITS OF READING A BOOK.

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

- 2. Reading exercises our brain.
- 3. Reading improves concentration.
- 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
  - 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.
    - 6. Reading develops a child's imagination play.



- 7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.
  - 8. Reading is a fun.
- 9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.
- 10. Children who read achieve better in school.