



THE BOOKSHELF

AUTUMN 2024



“Autumn ... the year’s last loveliest smile.”

John Howard Bryant.

**THE
BOOKFAIR
IS
COMING!**



**2nd - 6th DECEMBER
in the school library**

**8am - 8.30am
3.20pm - 4.00pm**

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY THIS TERM?

Which is your favourite?

booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz
#MyBookbuzz

BOOKBUZZ – Our Year 7 students have had the opportunity to choose a free book to take home as part of the Bookbuzz reading programme from BookTrust. There are 16 amazing books to choose from which include non-fiction, comic books and fiction titles.

To find out more about this wonderful programme visit:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz/>

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

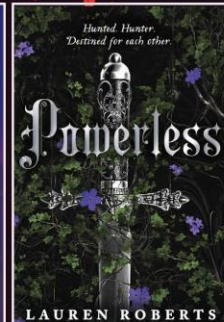
SCHOLASTIC

TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

and earn
**FREE
BOOKS**
for our school*

READ THE BOOKS EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!



BOOKFAIR

Our annual bookfair is taking place during the first week of December
just in time for Christmas!

WHAT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE?

As well as lots of new titles there are some well-loved favourites to choose from. Prices will start from £2.99 and all sales will help raise funds for our school library.

Find out more here: bit.ly/3YT8n3N

HOW DO WE PAY?

Students can either pay with cash or card. To pay via card they will need to use the QR CODE shown below.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Fairs



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

WE'RE GOING ALL DYNAMIC!



What is dynamic shelving?

Dynamic shelving is anything that adds visual interest to your shelves. Think about when you visit a bookshop and how the shelves are arranged via genre to help you choose a book. This makes it much easier for many people to pick something that appeals to them and maybe try something new.

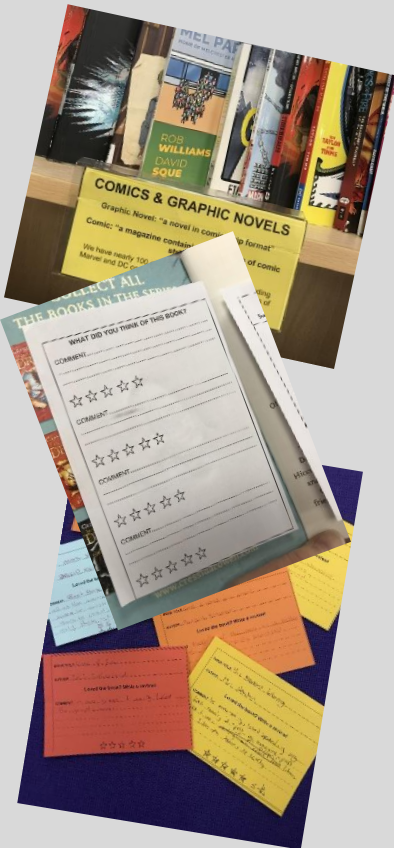
We are always looking for ways to encourage our students to read and displaying our books via genre is just one of the ways we hope to increase loans and get our students reading more often.

Our new layout is all about getting students excited to use the library and explore what we have on the shelves.

SHELF TALKERS & BOOK REVIEWS

Shelf talkers and book reviews are a great way to share book reviews and recommendations. When a book is loaned we encourage students to complete a book review card or the “What did you think of this book?” sheet inside the book.

Writing reviews is also a good way for students to improve their writing skills. Being able to get your point of view across in a sentence or two is a real challenge but one that can help with reading and comprehension.



READING TEACHERS – READING PUPILS IS BACK!



What is RTRP?

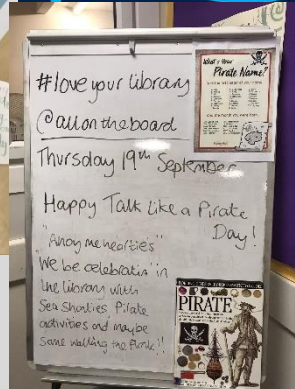
Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils (RTRP) is Cheltenham Festivals' flagship outreach project designed to inspire teachers and pupils to read for pleasure because children who read for pleasure experience high levels of well-being, engage in learning and are successful in life.

Following the success of last year's involvement we've once again signed up to this amazing project.

We can't wait to get started on the first book and meet up to discuss and review.

TODAY IS

We love Awareness Days at BC. They're the perfect way to give our students the opportunity to learn more about the world around them. This term we've already celebrated Talk Like A Pirate Day, National Eye Health Week, Poetry Day, Black History Month, Roald Dahl Day, National Read a Book Day, Fitness Day, World Diabetes Day and Green Libraries Week.

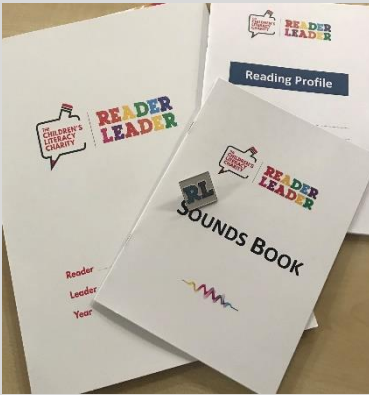




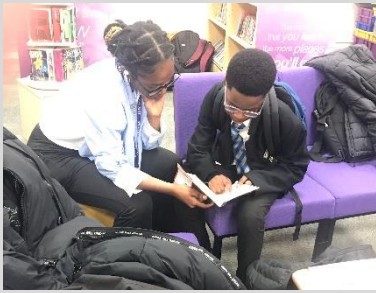
READER LEADERS!



As part of their involvement in the Paired Reading programme 22 of our Yr12 students took part in [Reader Leader training](#) a couple of weeks ago.

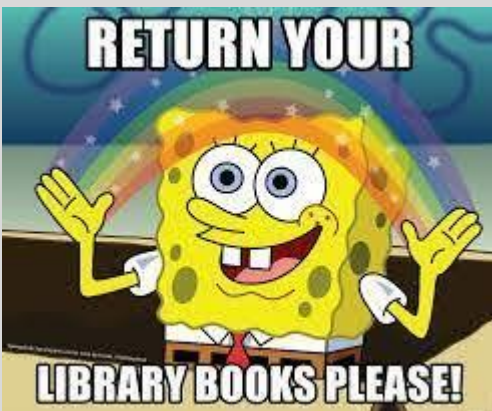


This training is provided by The Children's Literacy Charity and funded by our school. "The Leaders learn how to be reading mentors and gain knowledge in phonics, word knowledge and the reading process as well as understanding barriers to learning and how to be an effective mentor. The training is fully supported with information packs and resources."



For more information about the programme and the charity visit:

<https://thechildrensliteracycharity.org.uk/>



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

Please remember to check at home for any overdue library books.

We don't charge fines but won't allow students to loan any more books until they have returned any books still outstanding on their account.

Turn on

the Subtitles



Hello! What takes ten seconds, costs nothing but could **change your child's life forever?**

Turning on quality subtitles means your child will read a staggering number of words.

Put them on and your child will read the equivalent number of words that are in all the Harry Potter books, all of the Lord of the Rings, all of the Chronicles of Narnia and everything Roald Dahl wrote, combined!

Research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for children's profiles.

OUT AND ABOUT.

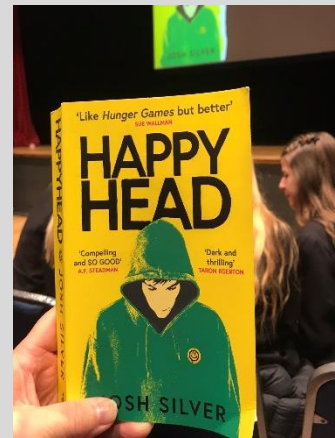
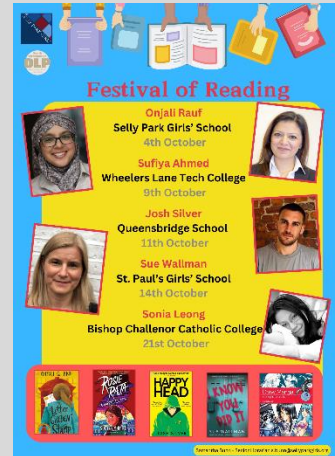


As part of the recent **South Network Festival of Reading** Bishop Challoner students from across the year groups were invited to take part in author visits at participating schools.

As well as having the opportunity to listen to the featured authors talk about their books students were also able to buy copies of the books and have them signed.

This was a unique experience for our students to meet award winning authors and talk to them about their writing journeys.

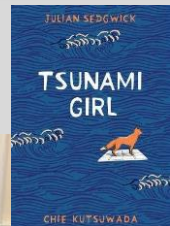
All the featured books are also available to loan from the school library.



Our brand new KS3 book club kicked off this term with a fantastic title – the students love their first book “Tsunami Girl” by Julian Sedgwick.

A big thankyou to Ms Chance for setting up such a wonderful extra curricular club.

KS3 BOOKCLUB



READING

IMPROVES
CONCENTRATION

REDUCES STRESS
BY 68%

DEVELOPS STRONG
ANALYTICAL
SKILLS

INCREASES
VERBAL
INTELLIGENCE

EXPANDS
VOCABULARY

IMPROVES
EMPATHY

ENHANCES
LEARNING
CAPACITY

BOOSTS
MEMORY



YOUNG PEOPLES BOOK PRIZE



Young People's Book Prize 2024

The shortlist for the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2024 is announced.

Following a recent application to the Young Peoples Book Prize we have had the wonderful news that we've been selected to be one of the schools who will be part of the judging process.

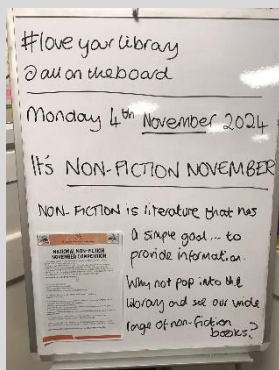
We will shortly be receiving copies of the six shortlisted books along with accompanying STEM resources and a judging panel pack.

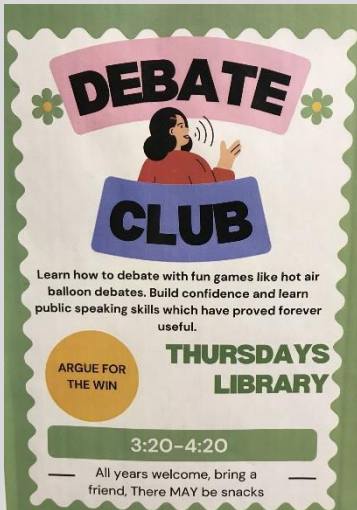
2024 shortlisted titles

					
All Bodies Are Wonderful Beth Cox Samantha Meredith	Can You Get Rainbows in Space? Dr Sheila Kanani Liz Kay	Engineers Making a Difference Shiri Somara Maruzal Sumberac Adam Allsuch Boardman	Mission: Arctic Katharina Weiss-Tuider Christian Schneider Shelley Tanaka	The Expanding World of Data Tom Jackson Ekaterina Gorelova Ana Seixas	Where Are You Really From? Adam Rutherford Adam Ming

NON-FICTION NOVEMBER

We don't just stock some great fiction books. We've also got an extensive range of non-fiction titles for our students to get stuck into. This year's theme was "Why Don't You?" and was our opportunity to showcase our collection and encourage our students to get inspired with picking up a new hobby or interest.





DEBATE CLUB IS BACK!

A wonderful group of Yr12 students have started up a Debate Club. Running every Thursday in the library the club is open to everyone and has proved extremely popular.



Debate helps students learn new skills that are not often taught in the classroom – public speaking, critical thinking, team-work, problem solving, confidence, and so much more.

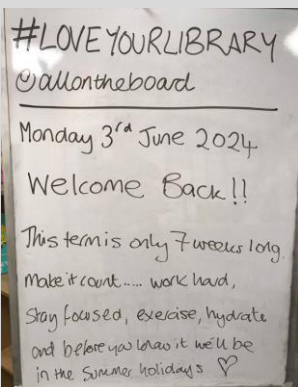
SCREEN FREE DAYS

Teenagers spend a lot of time on screens, and too much screen time can have negative effects on their health. To help our students minimise their time on laptops we have introduced 2 screen free break and lunchtimes in the library. Every Tuesday and Thursday we encourage everyone to pick up a book, play a board game or just chat with friends.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/social-media-and-mental-health/>



ALL ON THE BOARD



Our **@allontheboard** feature is proving very popular with staff and students ... Every day we feature a new quote/message/event for our students to discover. You can keep up with our daily **@allontheboard** messages as well as all the other events going on in the library via our library Twitter

@BC_OLC



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS!



It helps to increase your vocabulary



Reading books can encourage empathy

It improves your communication skill



Reading can strengthen your writing ability

You get to learn new things



It improves your focus and memory

It is a great way to expand your imagination



Reading can increase your creativity



WHAT'S ON IN THE "HEATH"



Our permanent library foyer display celebrates all things happening in "The Heath" and beyond.

Did you know that Kings Heath has two wonderful independent bookshops? Check out the information below on opening times and location.

We now also stock the Birmingham Issue of ["What's On?"](#)



There is so much to do in Birmingham and beyond with many free child friendly events taking place to keep you and the family entertained over the winter months.

Check out the [Visit Birmingham](#) website for up- to-date information.

[Free Things to Do in Birmingham.](#)

[How Brave is the Wren](#)

is located on York Road and is a children's bookshop. They run weekly free story-time sessions on Thursday morning at 11am and Friday morning at 10.15am. All welcome.

Open Weds – Sat
10.00am – 5.00pm



[The Heath Bookshop](#)

is located in Kings Court (opp Asda) and is an independent bookshop. They regularly run events including author talks, books clubs and music events.



Open Weds – Sun
10.00am – 4.00pm.



Why is reading so important?

Reading is the gateway to learning. It is the key to pupils' future academic achievement and well-being.

Here at Bishop Challoner we encourage ALL our students to develop a love of reading for pleasure. As well as access to a well-stocked library where students can borrow a variety of books including graphic novels, quick reads and non-fiction titles we also have timetabled lessons throughout the school week. These enable students to access books relevant to their studies.

What should my child read?



"ALL THE READING
she had done
had given her
A VIEW OF LIFE
they had
never seen."

-Roald Dahl, Matilda

We would encourage students to read titles that stimulate and strengthen their language and literacy skills.

As long as they are reading every day for at least 20 minutes and trying out new texts and genres then we know that this benefits them in their reading journey.

For suggestions on suitable titles for your child visit:



EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & ONLINE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

This term we have continued to promote the benefits of e-books and other online reading resources to our students. All our students have been given information about an app called **Libby**.



LIBBY APP - Birmingham Public Libraries

To access their e catalogue (**Overdrive**) you just need to register via the link below: **It will then give you access to the Libby App.**

Once you have registered and receive a SELFREG number you just need to email : enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com and request an account.

It takes just a couple of minutes to do this and then you will have access to some great resources - new titles, trending titles, classics, non - fiction and over 1700 magazines - all FREE to borrow.

<https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

E-BOOKS APPS

e-books are a great way to access books, magazines and audiobooks. There are loads of great e-books apps around for you to access a huge range of resources.



KINDLE – The Kindle App has a selection of **free** books available including many classic titles. If you have **Prime membership** you can access even more titles via Prime Reading including magazines.



PROJECT GUTENBERG - Project Gutenberg is a library of over 70,000 ebooks. Although, primarily US titles there are some interesting books choose from.



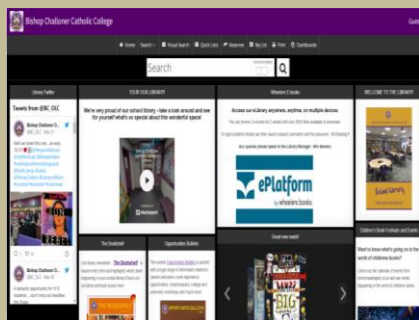
OBOOKO – Free online fiction and non-fiction titles for ages 13+



ONLINENEWSPAPERS.COM – Thousands of newspapers listed by country and region.



ONLINEMAGAZINES – Thousands of magazines listed by category.



ACCESSIT – Check out our library dashboard to see what's new in our library.

<https://uk.accessit.online/bsh09/#!dashboard>

A little
reading
is all the
therapy
a person needs
sometimes.



WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY?

We love a new book and especially when they arrive just in time for the darker nights. There's no better way to spend a winter evening than curled up with a book.

We try to cater for everyone's reading interests and we aim to provide a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles of all abilities. If we don't have what you want in stock please do let us know and we'll order it in.

To find out what's new in the library you can search our library catalogue here:

<https://uk.accessit.online/bsh09/#!dashboard>

STAY IN TOUCH

Want to know what's happening in your school library? Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all the library news.



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LIBRARY OPENING TIMES



Mon - Thurs - 8.00am - 4.00

Friday - 8.00am – 2.30pm