



# THE BOOKSHELF

WINTER 2023

**"I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."**

– Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

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



**SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR** – Our annual bookfair arrived last week and was very popular with our younger students. We sold over £250 worth of books which was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many students excited about browsing and buying books.

**Reading is alive and well at Bishop Challoner!**

## ALL ON THE BOARD

Introducing our new **@allontheboard** feature... 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 aim of the library is to create the environment and facilities where students and staff may read, study and seek information."**



## 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."

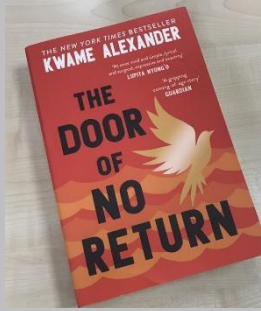
-Roald Dahl, Matilda

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:





## READING TEACHERS – READING PUPILS IS BACK AT BC

**Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils (RTRP) ignites a love of reading in teachers and children.**

*Set up in 2016, the national network of teachers reading groups aims to inspire reading for pleasure because research shows that children who read for pleasure experience high levels of well-being, engage in learning and are successful in life.*

*Our current book is **The Door of No Return** by Kwame Alexander*

*You can find out more about RTRP here - <https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/rtrp>*

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TAKE A **BRAIN BREAK**

**LOOKING FOR A QUIET PLACE?**

**WE ARE INTRODUCING A QUIET LUNCHTIME.**

**WHERE?**  
LIBRARY

**WHEN?**  
TUESDAY KS3 LUNCH

**WHY?**  
TO REST YOUR MIND AND RECHARGE

**WHAT?**  
CRAFTS, READING, MUSIC.

## REST AND RECHARGE

The library can be a very busy space at break and lunchtimes with students doing homework, chatting with friends, playing games or just popping in and out to see what's going on. To give our quieter students the chance to recharge and take time out of the noise of school life we have introduced a **quiet lunchtime every Tuesday.**

*(NO netbooks, arts and crafts activities and some calming background music)*

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## RECYCLE & RE-USE

We love recycling here at Bishop Challoner and our recent discarded book sale was one example of how we can encourage students to use this to get involved whilst also helping others. The book sale raised an amazing £41.20 which was used to purchase toys for our Toy Appeal.

Books that were beyond repair and destined for the recycling bin were given a new lease of life as Christmas decorations in our “Quiet Tuesday” lunchtime

## 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](mailto: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.



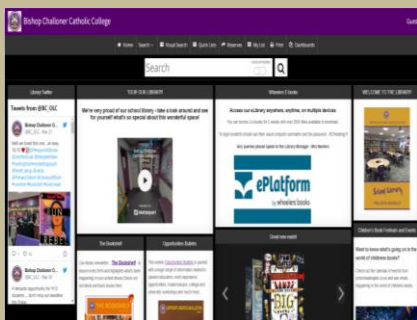
**OBOOKO** – Free online fiction and non-fiction titles for ages 13+



**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>



## WHAT'S ON IN BIRMINGHAM?

Not all of our students are familiar with their local library and the vast array of local news and information they provide. To give them an insight into what's happening in their local area we regularly take a trip to our local library on Kings Heath High Street to collect some of the fantastic resources on offer and share them with our staff and students.



**VISIT  
BIRMINGHAM  
& WEST MIDLANDS**

You can also find out more about what's happening in your local area at [visitbirmingham.com](http://visitbirmingham.com)



## WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY?

We love a new book and especially when they arrive just in time for the holidays. 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>

# LIBRARY OPENING TIMES



**Mon - Thurs - 8.00am - 4.00**

**Friday - 8.00am – 2.30pm**

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



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