



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



School Library

WELCOME BOOKLET

# Events



Throughout the year we celebrate a variety of book related events including:

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**BANNED BOOKS WEEK**  
**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**  
**ROALD DAHL DAY**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**NATIONAL NON-FICTION DAY**  
**LIBRARIES WEEK**  
**NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK**  
**NATIONAL POETRY DAY**  
**BOOKBUZZ**

Keep an eye on our library displays to find out what's happening and how you can get involved.

# welcome

We look forward to welcoming you to the school library. This booklet will help you find out more about what is in your school library and how to use it more effectively. It also includes a list of the library procedures, opening times, library clubs and events.

We encourage all our students to make the most of this wonderful space and to visit us as often as possible. Please remember that we work hard to create a positive, quiet and supportive environment for our students to use throughout the school day during lessons times, ensuring that they can concentrate and make the most of their study.

Lunch and breaktimes are much more sociable and students are welcome to play with the library's collection of board games, chat with friends or just take time out and relax with a book. (Check out our **BIG RED READING CHAIR** next time you're in the library)

If you have any questions about the library please don't hesitate to talk to me. I'm happy to help!

I look forward to seeing you in the library soon.



**Mrs Newton**  
**Library Manager**



# Using The Library

The Library is open to ALL year groups. To ensure that it runs smoothly we have a few rules we ask that you please follow. ALL year 7 students will have an induction at the start of the September term, however there are a few things that are useful to know before then:

- Please **DO NOT** eat or drink in the library.
- Please look after the books! Try to keep them away from your water bottle when putting into your school bag. There are free bookmarks available on the library desk. Please use them to mark your page.
- Always make sure your library book has been issued to you at the library desk before taking it home or away from the library.
- Books are loaned out for 2 weeks. If you need it for longer please see Mrs Newton who can renew it for you.
- When returning your library please put it in the purple returns box on the library desk. **DO NOT** put it back on the shelf as we won't know that you have returned it.
- Please remember that Sixth Form students use the library throughout the school day to study. Be mindful of this and try and keep your conversations as quiet as you can.
- Please enter and exit the library via the main door. **DO NOT** use the fire exit to enter or exit the library **UNLESS** there is a fire alarm.

# What's happening in The Library?

The Library is at the heart of our school and because of this it is used throughout the school year for lots of amazing events and activities. There really is something for everyone.

**BGT - Bishop's Got Talent** is a great way for subject departments to showcase the talents of both the staff and students of Bishop Challoner. BGT events take place in the Library at breaktime throughout the school year. Look out for the posters around the school advertising these events.



## BREAK & LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

There's usually something going on at break or lunchtime. We provide small activities, usually something book-related - or, you can borrow one of the many board games we have in our games cupboard.

Keep up to date with what's happening in the Library...

**TWITTER - @BC\_OLC**

**ACCESSIT - <https://bit.ly/3BziDnx>**

**LIBRARY NEWSLETTER - <https://bit.ly/3dckUvy>**

**LIBRARY NOTICEBOARD - Located outside the main library entrance**



# When can you use The Library?

## OPENING TIMES

Mon - Thurs 8.00am - 4.00pm

Friday 8.00am - 2.30pm

## WHAT YOU CAN BORROW

3 books

2 ebooks

Everything is loaned out for 2 weeks. Please try to return your books on time so other people can also borrow them.

### TO RETURN YOUR ITEMS

- Put them in the purple returns box on the library desk
- e-books are returned on-line via the Wheelers E-books app



## EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & ONLINE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS



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>

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### E-BOOKS APPS

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



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



ONLINENEWS PAPERS.COM – Thousands of newspapers listed by country and region.



ONLINEMAGAZINES – Thousands of magazines listed by category.

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

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





# How to CHOOSE a book!

## Look!

Browse the bookshelves – it's a good idea to have a good look at the books.



## Check out the COVER!

Does it look interesting?  
What is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you've tried before?

## READ the blurb!

The blurb is the short paragraph on the back of the cover and tells you something about the story. What does the blurb tell you? Does it make you want to read it?



## Think about the GENRE

This is the type of story found in the book.  
This could be comedy, adventure or fantasy!  
What other kinds of stories have you enjoyed?

## TRY it out

Read a few pages of the book. Do you want to know what happens next? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.

## ASK

...the school librarian, teachers, parents and your friends to recommend a book!

## The RIGHT One

Use the five finger test to help decide if it's the right book for you. Open the book and read a page. Every time you find a word you don't know count one finger. If you get to five the book is likely too hard, so put it back and try another one.

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