



# LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

## Newsletter

### Principal's Welcome

Looking back over the 2022/23 academic year, there has been a lot to celebrate here at Lostock Hall Academy. Not least, having the privilege of seeing Yr 11 students mature and face the challenging process of sitting their GCSEs with determination and integrity. Those students deserved the night of celebration that they had at the valedictory before going on to enjoy to the summer break.

It also has been a pleasure to, not only welcome the increase in wider opportunities for our students throughout the year, but to welcome all the wonderful positive comments from members of the public about the students' respectful manner and smart appearance along with parental appreciation of the time and commitment it takes from staff to organise. Those positive messages that people have gone out of their way to write are very much appreciated, especially when we all know just how much demand there is on people's time. Thank you!

This year we have also continued to make improvements to the facilities, not least the wonderful sports courts, which the students are very proud of and have patiently waited for access to, as the work progressed through out



the term. In addition, the students who don't want to participate in sport, now have access to new seating within their yard, which creates an environment fit for the twenty first century. Thanks go to all involved.

On Thursday 20th July at midday, we will be waving off all our students and wishing them a restful, enjoyable and safe summer break. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone return on Tuesday September 5th along with our new Year 7 students.

Fond Farewell - After 21 years of continued support to students and parents, Mrs Armstrong has decided to take a well earned rest. She will be retiring at the end of August, ready to put her feet up. Everyone at LHA wish her all the best and know that she will be missed.

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## Lostock Hall Academy Vision 2022-23

LHA will be the local secondary provider of choice. We will equip all our learners with the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to achieve their full potential in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. Educating the future, Academy students will be proud to achieve a successful career path through transition into work or training in all walks of adult life.



# Primary Partnership Week & Year 6 Transition Day

The first week in July saw the return of our Primary Partnership Week at Lostock Hall Academy. The transition from primary school to secondary school is a big step in every child's life. Primary Partnership Week is a great opportunity to take away some of the uncertainty children may experience when making this transition, and a chance to meet children from other schools and start to make new friends.

We welcomed Year 5 pupils from several local primary schools, who experienced a taste of secondary school life and took part in a variety of lessons, including Spanish, Science, Music, PE, Maths, English, ICT, History, Drama, Art and Geography.

During this week, we also welcomed our future Year 7 students. Year 6 students, who will be joining us in September, were able to spend Transition Day with us, meet their tutors, and enjoy a taste of life at Lostock Hall Academy. Everybody embraced the day with enthusiasm and positivity, and it was a pleasure to get to know the students. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

Special thanks should also go to our current Year 7 Ambassadors, who worked with and supported the Year 5 and Year 6 students throughout the week. They were a credit to themselves and to the Academy, Well done,!



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# Yorkshire Sculpture Park

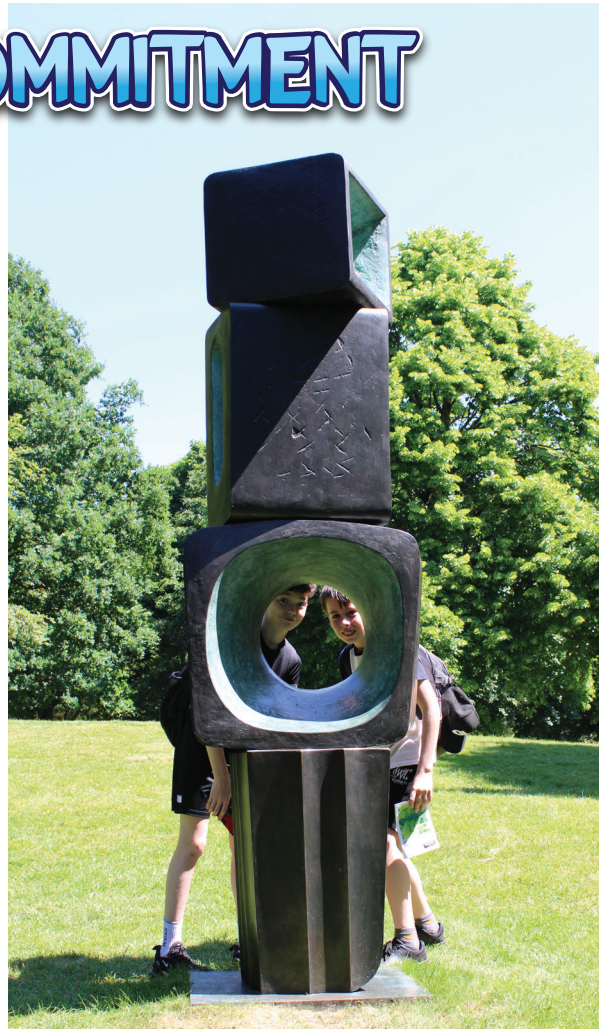
Our y7 students enjoyed a visit to Yorkshire sculpture park in June. Students engaged well, interacting, exploring and enjoying the sights on offer. Students had the opportunity to look at the art in a park setting, explore the grounds by sketching natural forms and the local landscape and developing their map reading skills. Students were a pleasure from the start to the end of the visit and clocked up some miles over the course of the day, culminating in a well-deserved ice lolly. We held a photography competition and a best booklet competition, see page 6.







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# Yorkshire Sculpture Park Competition

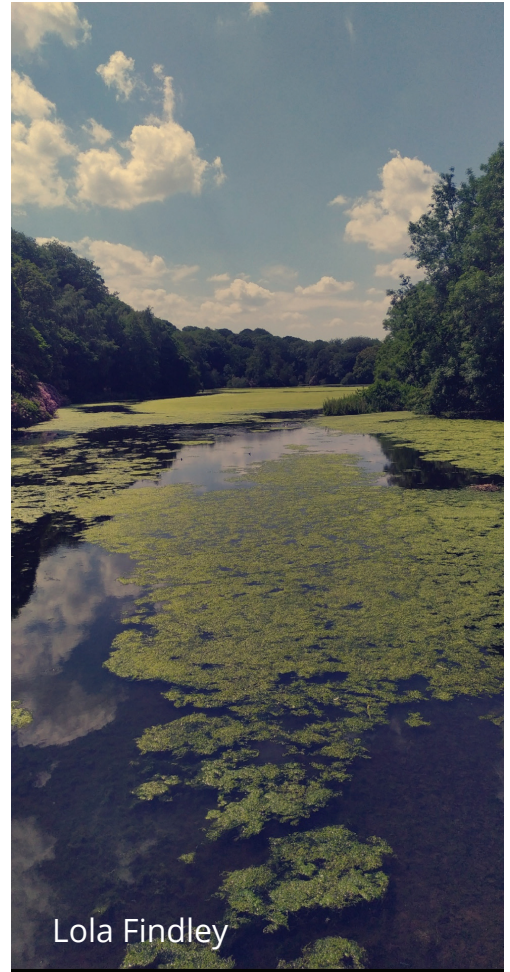
Photography winners 1st Olivia Sheffield, 2nd Lola Findley, 3rd Imogen Winters Jamie Ballantyne  
Art winners - Matilda Worswick, Tia Eastham, Charlotte Derer



Olivia Sheffield



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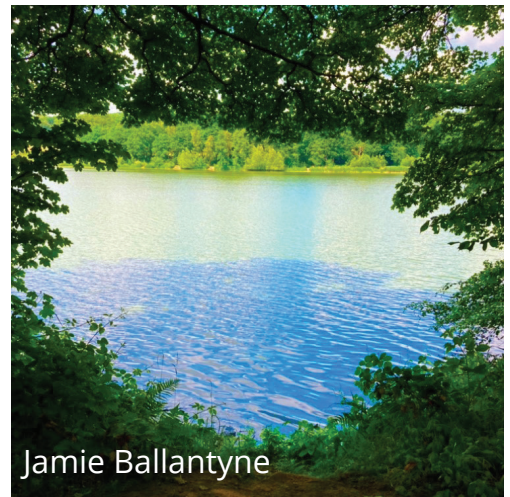
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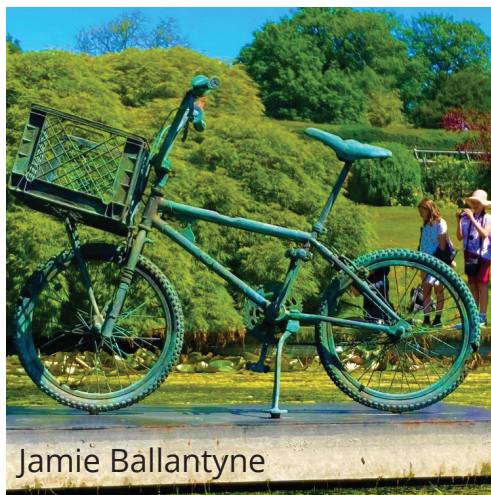
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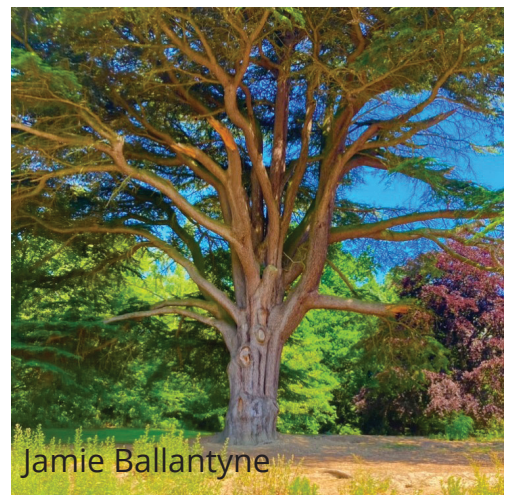
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Imogen Winters



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## Readathon

Thank you once again to Year 7 students and their families who supported our annual Readathon challenge, raising money to provide books and reading support to seriously ill children in hospital. Congratulations to our prize winners and everyone who took part. We are so proud of all your efforts-well done!



## LRC - Sponsor a book!

This term has seen the successful launch of our new sponsored book scheme, giving students the chance to be involved in choosing books for our library. Many thanks to all the parents/ carers who have supported this. Our first group of students have now chosen their books and these will be available to borrow from September. Look out for the stickers inside the front cover.

For more information on our book sponsorship scheme, please see the school Gateway for details.



## Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair has been a great success, raising over £400 through the support of students and staff. There was a great selection of both modern and classic fiction and non-fiction to choose from and we hope that students enjoy their new books over the summer break.





## Year 4 Primary Partnership Activity

This half term we have welcomed two very excited Year 4 classes from Lostock Hall Community Primary. The children have been working on a project linked to healthy eating and using practical skills in the kitchen, so joined us to watch soup being made, practise their own knife skills and to make soup themselves.

The children were delightful and extremely well behaved and clearly enjoyed the experience of visiting a local secondary school to bring their project to life. Pupils were allowed to choose the

ingredients for their own soup and the final dishes were both varied and interesting.

A special thanks must go to Mr Jardine from Lostock Hall Community Primary, who has liaised with us to make these visits possible, and to his team of helpers who supported the pupils during the visits.

We look forward to welcoming you again in the new academic year.



## Musical Theatre Superstars

At LHA we would like to give a massive congratulations to our singing students who have all achieved either a merit or distinction in their latest Musical Theatre exams.

Grade 1  
Colette Butcher - DISTINCTION

Grade 2  
Matilda Orwin - DISTINCTION  
Gabriella Aspden - DISTINCTION  
Layla Livesey - DISTINCTION

Grade 3  
Emilia Walsh - DISTINCTION  
Darcey Pirie - DISTINCTION

Grade 4  
Efini Morgan - MERIT  
Daisy Alty - MERIT  
Lauren Iddon - DISTINCTION

Special thank you to our amazing singing teacher, Ms Littlefair for working above and beyond for our students.





## Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition. Ready, Steady, Cook!

In their final practical lesson of the academic year, our Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition class took part in a "Ready, Steady, Cook" activity.

Students were challenged to produce a dish using the ingredients we had left in the fridge and any of our store cupboard ingredients.

The final dishes were varied and demonstrated a good range of skills. We were treated to many delights, from sausage and sweet potato chips to chicken and mixed spice chips, as well as pizza pockets, egg dishes and pasta and rice dishes.

Well done, Year 10 – you did yourselves proud.



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# OPEN EVENT

**THURSDAY**

**28TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**4.30 - 7.30pm**

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# The 2023 Year 8 visit to the First World War Battlefields

As part of their study into World War One, Year 8 students were offered the opportunity to visit the First World War battlefields around the area of the Ypres Salient in Belgium.

Although the primary focus of the visit was to develop and build on the students' understanding of the devastation caused during World War One, there was also downtime to have some fun.

The trip comprised of visits to Dixmude Trenches of Death, Hill 62, and the Sanctuary Wood Museum, where the students had the chance to walk through and explore the preserved trenches occupied by the soldiers during the conflict. This enabled the students to consolidate their learning about the conditions in the trenches which had taken place in the classroom. Here they had a first-hand insight into some of the conditions endured by the troops serving on the frontline. In addition, there was a visit to Langemark German War Cemetery and Tyne Cot British Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery. Tyne cot is the largest of the War Graves Commission Cemetery in the world, it contains almost 12,000 graves of soldiers killed in the area and on the memorial, there are 35,000 names of soldiers whose final resting place is unknown.

On Sunday evening, we attended the 'Last Post Ceremony' at the Menin Gate, Ypres. This ceremony had taken place every evening since the memorial was commissioned in 1927, with the exception of the five years Belgium was under Nazi occupation during the Second World War. During the ceremony two LHA students, Gabby Durber and Freddie Slater, laid a wreath on behalf of the school. The Band of the Grenadiers Band was also part of the ceremony, and we had a special treat as our students were able to meet and have photos with two members of the band, some also managed to try on the 'famous' Bearskins.' Our students impressed not only the locals but the British Ambassador.

As a little light relief from seeing the devastation caused by the war, we had an evening, ten pin bowling, visits to the beach and to round off the trip an afternoon in the Bellewaerde Theme Park.





## Geography Fieldwork at Cleveleys

On Tuesday 11th July, Year 10 set off for Cleveleys to complete their second piece of fieldwork for their GCSE's. This was a data collection activity in a physical environment and involved evaluating the coastal defences along this stretch of the Fylde coast.

Students had to measure sediment deposits on either sides of the wooden fences on the beach (called Groynes) to determine whether they were being effective in trapping sand and building up the beach (an excellent form of coastal defence). They had to use oranges to measure the direction and speed of sand movement (Longshore Drift) and they had to complete a bi-polar survey of the other coastal defences.

Although a windy day, the rain stayed away and students managed to collect all the data needed. They are now writing up their investigation results before the end of term.

Well Done Y10 on superb maturity and a brilliant work ethic on the day.





## Showstoppers 2023

Our biannual variety performance 'Showstoppers' was a fantastic night. We had a larger number of students involved than ever before. There was a massive range of talent on stage including fantastic performances from the Dance Club, Drama Club, Soul Band, Brass Band, Choir, beautiful solo singing performances and even a special performance from the LHA Staff Synchronised Swimming Team.

A massive thank you to all the staff and families who supported us on the evening and a big shout out to CDS Events for their continued support with our sound and lighting. Despite the very hot weather, we all had an amazing time! Well done to everyone involved!







## Drama students of the term

Well done to the following students for their hard work and dedication in Drama this term:

Year 7: Laurie Taylor, Libby Hartup, Agatha Weaver, Joseph Caswell, Taylor Deakin

Year 8: Sophie Austin, Matilda Orwin, Layla Livesey, Matilda Bargh, Thomas Talbot

Year 9: Millie Kennedy, Kate Wall, Oli Taylor, Angel Hatton

Year 10: Madison Howells and Fynnley Underwood

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# Brass Attack 2023

On Monday 3rd July, Lostock Hall Academy hosted a spectacular evening of music making. Brass Attack was the culmination of all that is brass in South Ribble. The evening was kicked off with the excellent Lostock Hall Academy Brass Band directed by Mr J Doyle. Following this, the Lostock Hall Community Primary School Brass Band, directed by Nikki Greig entertained the capacity audience with some new and exciting music. Next, it was the turn of Lostock Hall Memorial Training Band, directed by the dynamic Brooke Taylor and the first half was completed with the talented Lancashire Youth Brass Band, directed by Helen Minshall, who were recently awarded 2nd place in the National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.

In the Second half, the audience enjoyed even more music from the Lostock Hall Memorial Senior Band (recently promoted to second section nationally), conducted for the first time by their newly appointed MD, John Atkinson. Finally, the world famous Leyland Band (championship section nationally), directed by Tom Wyss took the stage and impressed the audience with their dexterity and professionalism.

The concert was concluded with a massed band item featuring all the bands playing 'Ghostbusters'. A really entertaining evening was had by all and Brass Attack 2024 is already in the diary for next year.



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## Congratulations to the class of 2023

On Tuesday 28th July, the Valedictory celebration for the class of 2023 took place at Rivington Hall Barn. After 5 years of hard work, it was time for the leavers to relax and enjoy a special evening. They all arrived in style and dressed to impress with stunning gowns, sharp suits and impressive cars, ready for an evening of fun, friendship, delicious food and dancing. It was an unforgettable evening, and everyone had a wonderful time.

We wish them all every success in the future. Good luck #Classof2023 have a fantastic summer









# LHA Eco Code

**'There is no Planet B.**

**It is up to everyone at LHA to look after  
the planet that we have.**

**Here at LHA we strive to defend our world by reducing  
our carbon footprint, improving biodiversity and  
increasing sustainability.**

**We can all do this by:**

- ★ **Reducing, reusing, repurposing, refusing and recycling**
- ★ **Reducing our use of single use plastic**
- ★ **Bringing a reusable water bottle to school**
- ★ **Turning off lights and electronic equipment (including your phone charger) when not in use**
- ★ **Putting our litter in the correct bin and recycling where possible**
- ★ **Walking or cycling to school where possible**
- ★ **Considering what we eat and where it comes from**
- ★ **Eating what we need and wasting less food**

**Use reusable  
water bottles**

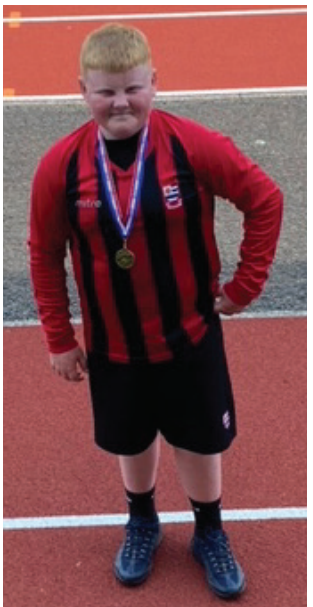




# South Ribble Athletics Championships

Well done to all of our Year 7, 8 & 9 athletes who competed at the U-14 South Ribble athletics championships at Stanley Park last month.

Their effort and attitude throughout were superb with high levels of performance across the day.





## Robots at Preston's College

A group of Year 9 students were chosen to participate in the Robotics Challenge held at Preston's College. It was an enjoyable experience for all the students, and the Academy hopes to participate again in the future.



## Year 8 South Ribble Rounders

Our year 8 girls gave it their all at the South Ribble Rounders tournament, securing the 4th place spot! Despite the wet and windy weather, their spirits were not dampened. We are so proud of their hard work and determination!



## Year 7 South Ribble Rounders

Congratulations to the year 7 rounders team who competed on July 11th and achieved the runner-up position. Great job, girls!

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## PNE Player Profile

Well done to Louie from Year 9 who continues to perform at a high level for Preston North End. He has recently been put on an Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) and next season he will be training with the U-17 squad on a weekly basis. In years to come we hope to see him scoring the goals at Deepdale that help Preston reach the Premier League! Charlie (Year 7) and Oliver (Year 8) also continue to excel at the club and we will profile these two players in future newsletters.



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## 2022/23 Double League Champions

Well done to both the Year 7 and 10 football teams who both won their respective South Ribble leagues unbeaten. After a few lean years in terms of winning league titles, this is a superb achievement by both teams and a reflection of their effort when playing for the school!

The Year 10 squad also had a number of players who represented the South Ribble District school representative team this year. Trials were also held recently for the Year 7 squad and again a number of Lostock Hall Academy players have been selected for the side (competitive fixtures start in Year 8).



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Well done to all players across Years 7-11 who have played for the Academy across the 2022/23 season.

## Young Leaders

Thanks to our Year 9 young leaders who showed some excellent umpiring at the Primary School Netball Tournament. Well done to all involved.

## PE Students of the Term

Ryan and Lily are the year 7 students of the term for their continued efforts and positive attitude towards learning!



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# LHA Sports Day 2023

Form points were up for grabs for students in Years 7-10 who participated in track and field events. During Periods 1 and 2, Year 7 and 8 students competed, while Year 9 and 10 students followed suit during Periods 3 and 4. The finals saw students come out to cheer on their teammates. Check social media for updates and photos from the event.



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## Schools Games Gold Mark

We are pleased to announce that we have again achieved the Schools Games Gold Mark for our commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the local community.



has achieved the Gold School Games Mark  
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Monday 31 July - Friday 4 August 10-3pm

Monday 7 August - Thursday 10 August 10-3pm

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Monday 14 - Friday 18 August 10-3pm

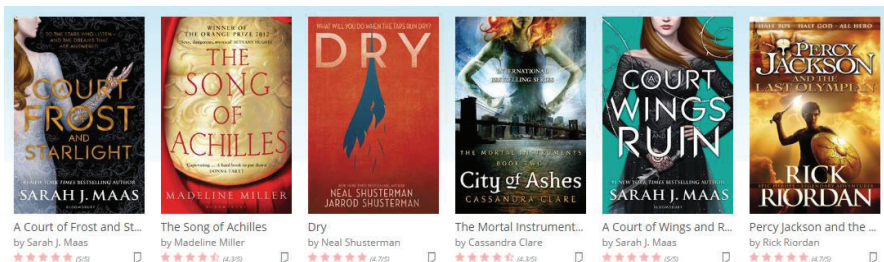


# SUMMER READING LISTS KS3

Recommended reads for Years 7-9 and a preview of what's available via our E Library

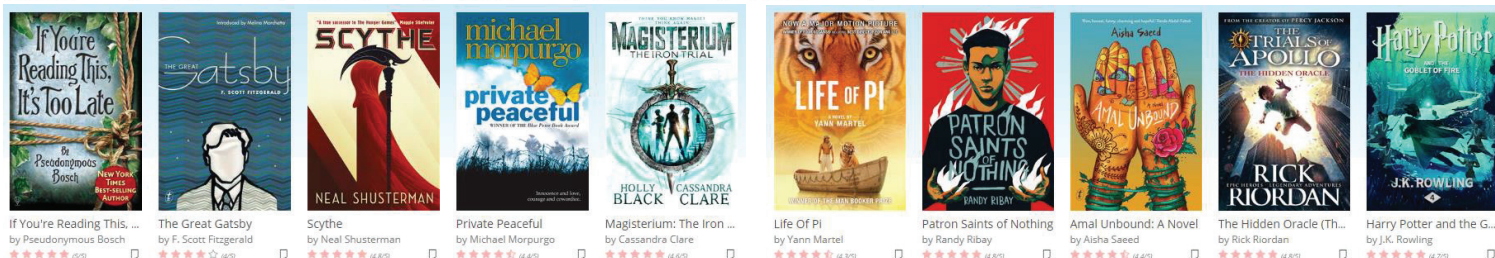


Check out these titles, free to you on the school online library!

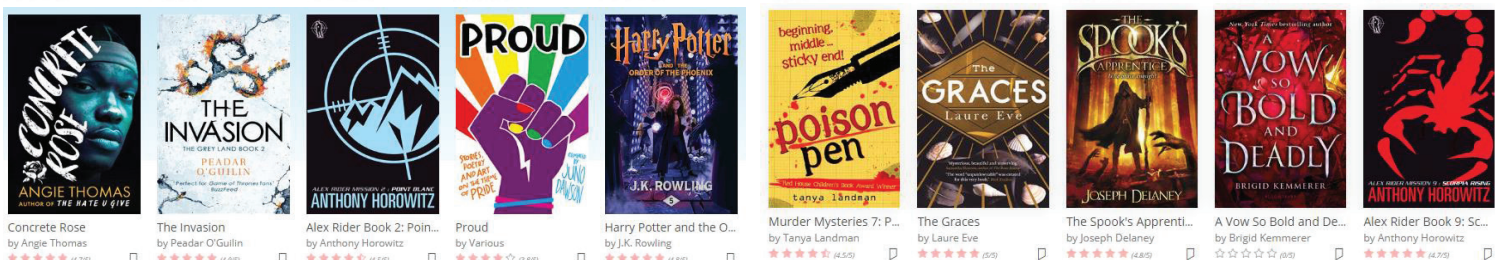


A Court of Frost and Starlight by Sarah J. Maas  
The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller  
Dry by Neal Shusterman  
City of Ashes by Cassandra Clare  
A Court of Wings and Ruin by Sarah J. Maas  
Percy Jackson and the Last Olympian by Rick Riordan

You can get onto the E Library by following Quick Links on the school website. User name is your school email. Your password – if you haven't already changed it – is **lhalib**



If You're Reading This, It's Too Late by Pseudonymous Bosch  
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Scythe by Neal Shusterman  
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo  
Magisterium: The Iron Road by Cassandra Clare  
Life of Pi by Yann Martel  
Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay  
Amal Unbound: A Novel by Aisha Saeed  
The Hidden Oracle (The Hidden Oracle) by Rick Riordan  
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling



Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas  
The Invasion by Peadar O'Guin  
Alex Rider Book 2: Point One by Anthony Horowitz  
Proud by Various  
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling  
Murder Mysteries 7: Poison Pen by Tanya Landman  
The Graces by Laure Eve  
The Spook's Apprentice by Joseph Delaney  
A Vow So Bold and Deadly by Brigid Kemmerer  
Alex Rider Book 9: Scythe by Anthony Horowitz

## In book shops: Aged 11-13

- Skellig – David Almond
- Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman
- Tall Story – Candy Gourlay
- Wonder – R J Palacio
- The Island at the End of Everything – Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L'Engle
- Framed – Frank Cottrell-Boyce
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan
- The Star of Kazan – Eva Ibbotson
- Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeve
- Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech
- Skullduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy
- Girl, Missing – Sophie McKenzie
- The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd
- The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness





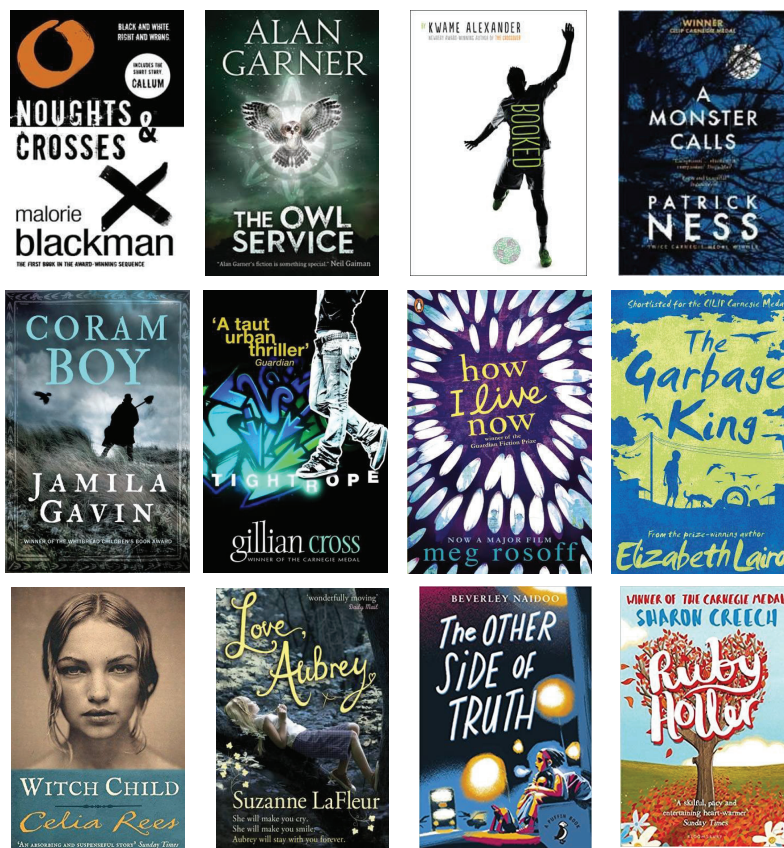
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## Aged 12-14

- Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman
- The Owl Service – Alan Garner
- Booked – Kwame Alexander
- A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
- Coram Boy – Jamila Gavin
- Tightrope – Gillian Cross
- How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff
- The Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird
- Witch Child – Celia Rees
- Love Aubrey – Suzanne LaFluer
- The other Side of Truth – Beverley Naidoo
- Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech
- Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
- I, Coriander – Sally Gardner
- Geek Girl – Holly Smale



## Aged 13-15

- The Great Godden – Meg Rosoff
- Their Eyes Were Watching God – Zora Neale Hurston
- The Call – Peadar O'Guilin
- Boy Proof – Cecil Castellucci
- To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- The Fault in Our Stars – John Green
- Grow – Luke Palmer
- Wilder Girls – Rory Power
- The Book Thief – Marcus Zusak
- Feeling Sorry For Celia – Jaclyn Moriarty
- Chinese Cinderella – Adeline Yen Mah
- Junk – Melvyn Burgess
- Uglies – Scott Westerfield
- Thirteen Reasons Why – Jay Asher
- The Giver – Lois Lowry





# STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER



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POSITIVE COMMENTS

**NEWS**  
DOUBLE CHECK  
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BE KIND  
& BE  
TOLERANT

KEEP YOUR  
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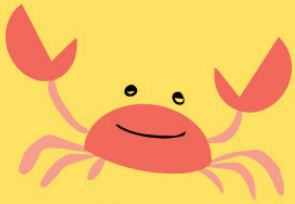


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# Summer Fun



at The British Commercial Vehicle Museum



Wednesday 26th July:  
Curious Critters Workshop

Friday 4th August: Ruby  
& Blu Slime Workshop



Wednesday 9th August:  
Vehicle Craft Session



Wednesday 16th August:  
Fun Science Workshop



Friday 18th August: Vehicle  
Craft Session

Wednesday 23rd August:  
Curious Critters Workshop



Thursday 24th August:  
Vehicle Craft Session

Thursday 31st August: Fun  
Science Workshop



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