



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
*Reading Matters*

# Hello!



## A WARM WELCOME

Whether you're a bookworm, do most of your reading on a screen, or can't get past a few pages, the library at Our Lady and St Bede is here to help you discover the benefits and pleasure of finding the right book!

As an avid reader and lifelong patron of libraries, I chose to become a librarian because I unequivocally believe in the importance of a well stocked, well managed library. My aim is to help foster a love of reading and an inviting, joyful space in which reading can occur.

At Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy we are lucky to have a dedicated school library. Our mission is to instil the value of reading and literacy in our students. We believe that a love of learning contributes both to the wellbeing our students, as well as their academic success. The library has been a hive of activity in the new term, as we have been able to open our doors more widely to students.

I am excited to present the first edition of our library newsletter. The school library contributes to educational attainment and skills for life by providing a welcoming and well-organised environment, in which staff can teach, pupils can learn and reading for pleasure can be enjoyed by all. I wanted to take the opportunity to provide an introduction to the school library as it has been relaunched.

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL

The school library offers a large selection of recently released books for recreational reading. The Library is open daily to students wishing to borrow a book, do some quiet reading, or have a conversation with myself about what they would like to read next.

The library is growing, with a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books suitable for all ages and reading levels, including a well-stocked selection of graphic novels and manga. I am continuing to build our library stock and would be delighted to hear from you if you have any unwanted books that might be suitable for our library.

Students can borrow 2 books at a time for a maximum of 2 weeks (which can be renewed for a further 2 weeks). A team of trained student librarians are available to offer assistance during social times in the library.

In the online world we all live in, it is vital you have easy access to the library resources whenever and wherever. To make this possible, the library website is accessible on <https://uk.accessit.online/orl22>

Drop by for a visit and check out all we have to offer.

Happy Reading!

*Ms. Jawaid*

# Librarian Recommendations

I have challenged myself to read 100 books this year, and I'll be sharing the best of the best at least in my opinion. My favourite genre at the moment is horror: stories of ghosts and hauntings are my flavour of the season.

I hope you enjoy these forays into unreality, let me know if any make your best reads list!



**Ghosts**  
by Raina Telgemeier  
ZPD: 2.6

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis. Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts.



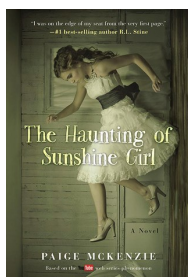
**City of Ghosts**  
by Victoria Schwab  
ZPD: 4.8

Since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to see ghosts. When her parents begin filming a TV series, Cass and her personal ghost, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts is a dangerous place to be.



**Anna Dressed in Blood**  
by Kendare Blake  
ZPD: 4.6

Cas, armed with his late father's mysterious athame, sets out to kill a ghost known as Anna Dressed in Blood, but the task turns deadly when he discovers Anna is unlike any ghost he has ever encountered before.



**The Haunting of Sunshine Girl**  
by Paige McKenzie  
ZPD: 5.2

Moving from Texas to Washington, adopted sixteen-year-old Sunshine discovers that her new home is haunted and the ghosts may have revelations about her past.



# Accelerated Reader®

## Taking an Accelerated Reader Quiz

<https://ukhosted35.renlearn.co.uk/2234318>

**1** Choose a book within your ZPD 

**2** Read your book 

**3** Search for the quiz

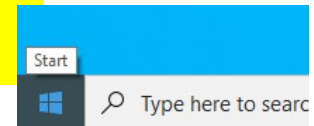
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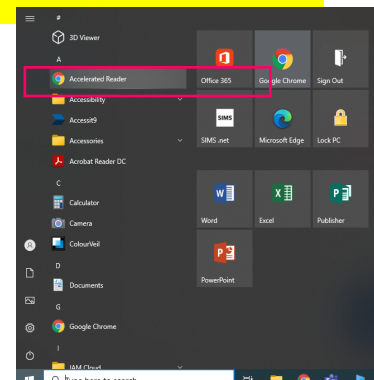
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Login to a computer.

Go to Start Menu.



Click on "Accelerated Reader".



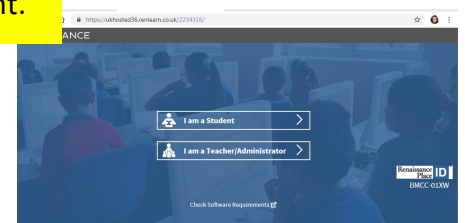
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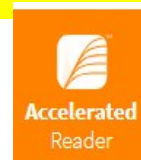
Open the internet browser.

Use our school's unique URL to go to our Accelerated Reader page.

Login as a student.



Choose Accelerated Reader to **quiz** on a book or check your bookshelf.



### Reading Books Are Compulsory Equipment

If you need a reading book, please see your English teacher or the librarian, Ms Jawaid.

# Student Librarians



The library's Student Librarian training scheme is well underway . Through this training our students are learning lifelong career skills that will help them throughout their professional lives.



Our Student Librarians are reliable, punctual, hardworking, honest and enthusiastic. They are brilliant at assisting students from different year groups and have good communication skills .

Our Student Librarians are happy to help anyone wanting to access the library resources, and are enthusiastic readers.



Through the Student Librarian training scheme they will acquire excellent customer service experience. Each student also volunteers



at least 2 hours of their time each week to help keep the LRC tidy, issue and return books and help other students find the books and resources they need. All the students are now working towards their first award the students attended a series of after-school training sessions followed by an assessment.

## Meet Our Student Librarians '22

Our Student Librarians are all Y10 students: Oliver R, Teagan B , and Harrison D.

All three joined the programme as soon as it was launched.

I am very proud of our Student Librarians and congratulate them on the fantastic start they have made. . They're well organised, polite, and eager to help.

I hope their role will encourage all students to make even greater use of our fantastic library facilities and promote the school's reading culture.

The Student Librarians shared their reasons for choosing to volunteer with the library. Oliver chose to become a Student Librarians because, "I get to spend time with my friends and I enjoy helping people." Harrison stated, "I am a helpful person and I can put my skills to use. Teagan says she likes the vibes of the library, "It is a happy place and I can spend my time here while building my CV,"



New Student Librarians will be invited to join the program in September 2022. It is open to all students in Y8-Y10. Please see Ms. Jawaid if you're interested in joining.

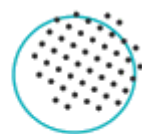
# Student Librarians' Recommendations



Hearstopper  
by Alice Oseman  
ZPD 2.7

Charlie, a highly-strung, openly gay over-thinker, and Nick, a cheerful, soft-hearted rugby player, meet at a British all-boys grammar school. Friendship blooms quickly, but could there be something more...?

*One of the best books I've read,  
I'm excited to read the whole  
series to see how the story continues.*  
-Oliver R.



*This is a deeply emotional book.  
I love the BFF – so supportive.*

-Teagan B.



George  
by Alex Gino  
ZPD 5.0

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl.

George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then the teacher announces their class play but says that George can't even try out for the part she wants. . . because she's a boy.

With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.



*It's funny! Good book for sci-fi lovers  
and the show isn't that bad either.*

-Harrison D.



The Last Kids on Earth  
by Max Brallier  
ZPD 4.1

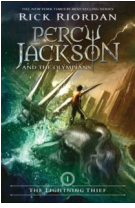
Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen year old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores. But Jack alone is no match for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer! Can he do it?



# BOOKFLIX

Check out these books from your library before they're released on screens.

## Coming Soon

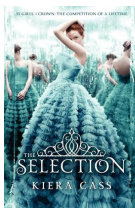


**Percy Jackson and the Olympians** is set in a world with Greek gods in the 21st century. The series follows the protagonist Percy Jackson, a young demigod who must prevent the Titans from destroying the world. so excited about this one! Disney+ are currently working on a new television series based on

Rick Riordan's books (and if you were left disappointed by the previous movies, don't worry - Rick's promises that this will be different!) and we're certainly keeping our fingers crossed...



**Legendborn** is a YA fantasy novel, the first in a trilogy. The book follows Bree, a young Black woman whose mother recently died in an accident. When she joins an elite school, she stumbles on a secret magical society that fight demons. She soon realizes that her mother's death wasn't natural, and gets pulled into a magical war.



**The Selection** is set in a dystopian future, thirty-five girls are chosen to move to the palace and compete for the heart of the gorgeous Prince Maxon. Most girls would do anything for this opportunity to escape a rigid caste system, but for America Singer, being Selected is a nightmare. It

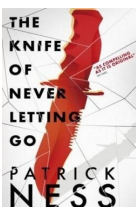
means turning her back on her secret love with her best friend Aspen, who's a caste below her, and competing for a crown she doesn't want. That is, until she meets Prince Maxon—and realises that the life she's always dreamed of may not compare to a future she never imagined. Filming has completed and the show will premier on **Netflix** soon.



**Children of Blood and Bone** is a West-African inspired fantasy set in the fictional land of Orisha. It is a YA fantasy - princesses, tormented soldiers, the battle to restore magic vs suppress it - and does something completely new with these familiar elements. At its core, it's

an action-packed, fast-paced adventure to restore magic to the world and complete a ritual before the approaching solstice is over and magic is lost forever. Tomi Adeyemi will adapt, pen the script and also executive produce the big screen production, coming soon to **cinemas**.

## Trending Now



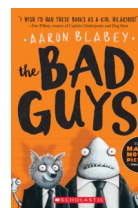
**The Knife of Never Letting Go** is for sci fi lovers. In the first book of the **Chaos Walking** series, we meet Todd Hewitt, the sole boy living in a town of men. In a society where everyone can hear each other's thoughts.



**Dune** is a sci fi fantasy in which we meet Paul Atreides, the heir apparent to the House of Atreides who take control of the desert planet Arrakis, the source of the most sought after commodity in the galaxy. But power like that breeds many enemies who will stop at nothing to take over Arrakis.

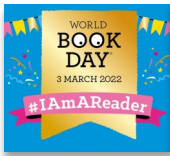


**Heartstopper** graphic novels by Alice Oseman have been a huge success. It is an adorable and awkward love story with **Netflix** describing it as "chock-full of bedroom dancing, awkward flirting, rugby shenanigans and a whole lot of yearning."



**The Bad Guys**. Yes, they sound and look like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are determined to prove they are the good guys. Their first mission: to release 200 dogs from the Pound.

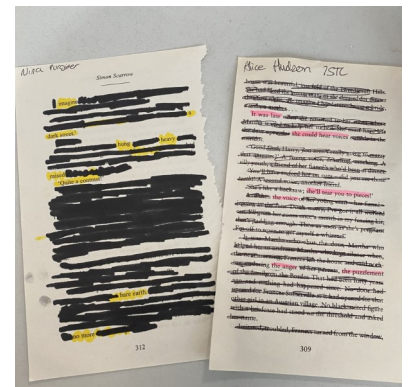
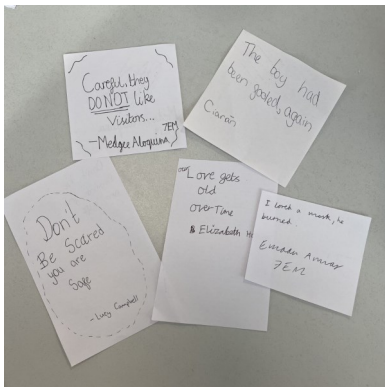
# Library Events



This **World Book Day**, we celebrated our love of reading on the 3rd of March. We had some amazing literary characters show up! Staff shared a story with students in each lesson, to promote the **I am a Reader** theme. Each student was also given a **book token** to get a book of their own.



Students visited the library throughout the day to take part in a variety of activities. From sharing **Six Word Stories** and creating **Black Out Poetry** to making **recommendations of their recent reads**, our students' creativity shined through.





# Upcoming Library Events

## SHADOWING

The Carnegie Medal shortlisted books have been announced this week and students in Y8—Y11 have been invited to come along and join our Shadowing Group.

Pupils read the shortlisted books and discuss with group members what they like or dislike about the

texts before posting reviews on the Carnegie Shadowing site; a website specifically set up for schools to get involved in the event. Students can also share book reviews, poetry, art, and other projects. Ultimately, we aim to select a winner from each shortlist – we may agree, we may have a difference of opinion! Nevertheless, it is a fun way to take a closer look at the books. All Carnegie shortlisted books are available to borrow



The Our Lady and St Bede Shadowing Group will commence next week in the Library and end on 16th June, 2022 when the CKG Medals and Shadowers' Choice Award Winners are announced. Please see Ms Jawaid, Librarian, if you wish to take part.

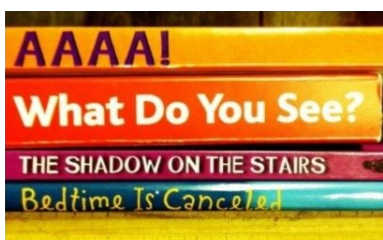


Pupils come to the library during break and lunch. Choose 3-6 books to create a poem with their titles.

Let Ms. Jawaid know when you're done for a photograph of your poem.

Entries must be submitted by Thursday, 5th May, 2022.

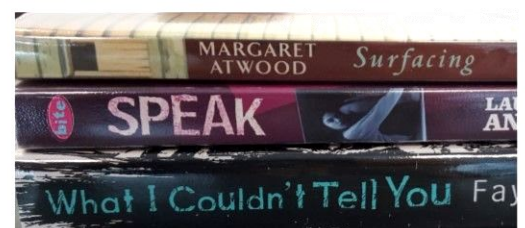
Pupils who submit a winning poem will win a small prize!



AAAA!  
What do you see?  
The Shadow on the stairs  
Bedtime is canceled



Chains  
SOLD  
city of the beasts



Surfacing...  
SPEAK  
What I couldn't tell you...

# Current Events

Ukraine is a country located in Eastern Europe bordered by seven countries. Ukraine has had a long, complicated history with its neighbour to the east, Russia. Ukraine used to be part of the country that we now know is Russia. Russia used to be part of the Soviet Union, which for about half a century was one of the most powerful countries in the world. In 1991 the Soviet Union collapsed and Ukraine gained its independence.



The leader of Russia, President Vladimir Putin has always been uncomfortable with the fact that Ukraine split off from Russia. He would like to create a grand Russia, of which Ukraine would be a very powerful part. Ukraine wants to keep its independence. Ukrainian President Zelensky has urged for peace talks since Russia launched a full-scale military invasion into Ukraine on February 24, 2022

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation an alliance established ensure the freedom and security of member nations like the United States and United Kingdom. These countries are allies and partners who support Ukrainian people and have been trying to resolve differences peacefully without going to war. British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson said he vowed to stand with Ukraine at a time when its people were "facing such horror with such courage".

When a strong country tries to take over another country by force, NATO try to prevent that. Russia is the provider of the world's large oil and gas global supply which will affect the price of petrol and oil in the West.

With a conflict that has a far-reaching impact on the entire world, there is a lot of information available, but it may not all be true. It is important now more than ever to check your sources especially if you're getting your updates from Twitter, TikTok, and other user-led news outlets.

Further Reading: <https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/conflict-ukraine>

## HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



**CONSIDER THE SOURCE**  
Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



**CHECK THE AUTHOR**  
Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



**READ BEYOND**  
Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



**SUPPORTING SOURCES?**  
Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



**ASK THE EXPERTS**  
Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.



**IS IT A JOKE?**  
If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



**CHECK THE DATE**  
Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



**CHECK YOUR BIASES**  
Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.

# Find your Next Read

## What do you feel like reading?

