

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2023



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

READING MATTERS



Hello!

2023

Hope springs eternal in the new year. That's one of the great benefits of the Gregorian calendar, which has been in fashion since 1582. That's 441 years of New Year's Resolutions. Here at the library, our New Year's Resolution is all about books, whether it's about diversifying the genres we read or reading a set number of books.

Trying to figure out a goal? Use the calendar as a guideline: 12 books (one per month), 24 books (two per month), or even 52 books (one per week). Or read around the world with a book from each continent.

We're here to help with tried-and-tested tips for setting your goal, increasing your reading, and discovering books to read.

We've added over 100 new books to our collection this month, and our pupils' interest fuels our curated list of the most anticipated new releases to acquire for our collection in the coming year.

And given that the new year has just started, we've compiled a list of some of the most anticipated books of 2023—and it's not even a completed list! There are so many more that we're excited for that we couldn't include and it's shaping up to be another great year of reading.

Happy New Year and Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

We've got some fantastic new additions in the library—check out this list of just some of the great titles on our shelves.

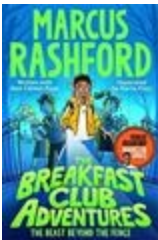


Forever Ends on Friday

By Justin A. Reynolds

ZPD 4.3

Jamal's best friend, Q, doesn't know he died and is about to die again. He doesn't know that Jamal tried to save him and that the reason they haven't been friends for 2 years is because Jamal blames Q for killing his parents.



The Beast Beyond the Fence

By Marcus Rashford

ZPD 4.5

After Marcus loses his football, he joins the Breakfast Club Investigators to go beyond the fence to get it back.



The Cursed Carnival and other calamities

By Rick Riordan

ZPD: 5.3

A collection of ten stories that remix myths for modern readers.



Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valour

By Ally Carter

ZPD 4.7

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir and a lost legacy.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

This month, our Student Librarians have got a list of inspirational characters.

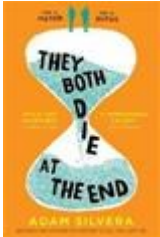


Makani is a brave, strong leader and learns to be her true self. —Penny

There's Someone Inside Your House
By Stephanie Perkins

ZPD: 5.1

One by one, the students of Osborne High are dying in a series of gruesome murders, each with increasing and grotesque flair. The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and violence.



Mateo learns to embrace his differences. —Phoebe

They Both Die at the End
By Adam Silvera

ZPD: 5.5

When a service is created to tell people when they will die, teenagers Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.



Pippa is a determined and smart girl that doesn't give up. —Aryanna

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

By Holly Jackson

ZPD: 5.4

Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.



Annie's love of music inspired me to play instruments. —Lauren

Birdsong
By Katya Balen

ZPD 4.2

After a car crash leaves Annie unable to play her flute, she turns her back on music. That is until she meets Noah, who shows her the blackbirds' nest hidden in the scrubland near their flats – where the birdsong reignites Annie's passion for music.



Raven overcomes challenges to stand up for their beliefs. —Emily

S/He
By Catherine Bruton

ZPD 4.6

The new kid at school is not like anyone Kat has met before. Raven is 'gender-fluid'. Not a boy. Or a girl. At first the class are fascinated. But people like labels. They like to put things in boxes. Boy? Girl? Does anyone have a right to know?



True friends stick together through a hard time. —Rosie

One of us is Lying
By Karen M McManus

ZPD 5.1

When the creator of a school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It is up to them to solve the case.

Student Librarians

We know the phrase “new year, new me” can bring on some mixed feelings since a new year won’t magically fix all problems, but the phrase “new year, new books”? That’s just simply a fact.

One of the best parts of the new year is being able to start fresh on a new reading list. Setting a new reading goal, starting a new reading challenge, changing up the way we annotate books, trying out a new book tracker system—we know that time may seem fake, but a new year is a great way to hit refresh and jump into reading with an approach that works for you. Remember, it’s not about the number of books you’re reading. It’s all about reading the books you want, the way you want!

With that in mind, Student Librarians have been learning to catalogue our collection, they are also working to meet their Student Librarian targets. This is the second half of our training scheme for the year and we are rapidly gaining confidence in our duties. As our Student Librarians work to finish this section, we will open positions for the next academic year in April.



Library Events

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
DAY
27 JANUARY**

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

This year's theme, 'ordinary people', puts a spotlight on those who let genocide happen, who actively perpetrated genocide and who were persecuted. It also encourages people to challenge prejudice in the present day. It's an important time to remember the victims of the Holocaust and learn from the atrocity.

A special collection of books, informational booklets, and posters have been available to commemorate the Holocaust. The experiences of Holocaust and genocide survivors, as well as those who were murdered, give us a unique insight into the lives of those who have endured persecution. People are still targeted today because of their identity – their nationality, ethnicity, religion, sexuality or place in society. There are countries around the world at risk of genocide right now.



Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors are a group of Year 7 students who have been carefully selected to be responsible for promoting a love of reading throughout the school. The Reading Ambassadors will organise reading events, recommend their current reads, and review books from the library so that you can become more actively engaged in the reading offered here at Our Lady and St. Bede.

Here is the recommendation from the Reading Ambassadors for this month:

We would recommend *Saving Celeste* because it's a relevant, environmental story which we could all learn from in 2023. We especially liked how in the first chapter, we get lots of great description about some of the characters and we feel like it's been a perfect prologue to pique our interest! If you read *Saving Celeste*, let us know what you think!



Saving Celeste

By ,Timothée de Fombelle

ZPD 5.2

Everything changes for the boy on the day Celeste first enters his classroom. He can't stop thinking about her, and when she suddenly disappears he is determined to track her down. Translated by Sarah Ardizzone.

POETRY BY
HEART

Choose a poem • Learn it by heart • Perform it out loud

Interested in representing Our Lady and St. Bede in a poetry competition? Please see Miss Joyce in E2 on Friday, 2nd February during break.

First Chapter Friday Library Book Club

Join us as we read the first chapter of a new book each week, and discover your next great read!

**Fridays in the library,
During lunch**

12:55—1:20 pm



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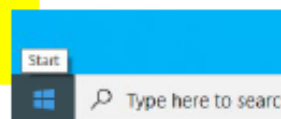
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If you need a reading book, please see your English teacher or the librarian, Ms Jawaid.

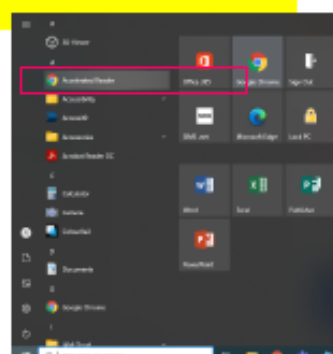
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