



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

READING
MATTERS



Hello!



Summer is a time when many people naturally want to be outside more and explore, I get it, though: not everyone is outdoorsy or into traveling. It's hot, there are bugs (not to mention bears, depending on where you are), and it can feel intimidating. Whether your summer plans involve going abroad or a staycation, it is important to keep up with your reading to avoid the dreaded summer slide.

The summer slide is a decline in academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session. Based on research, although the summer slide may not affect every student, the general principle can be observed in all sorts of situations. Skills need to be practiced to ensure ongoing proficiency. For example, if a person plays the violin but stops practicing for three months, their skills will decline more than the skills of a child who continues to practice and play the violin over the summer, right? Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores so even small steps are very beneficial. While the school library will be closed, your local library will be running summer reading programmes to support pupils.

Try setting aside a specific time every day or night to read! It can really help you stay on top of your summer reading. First thing in the morning, during an afternoon break, or before bed at night—it doesn't matter when during the day that you read, it just matters that you do. It's more important to be consistent because that's the only way you can turn this into a legitimate habit!

Remember to fill out your Summer Reading Challenge postcard and submit it to Miss Joyce or Ms Jawaid in the library for your chance to win a £20 Waterstones Gift Card.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid

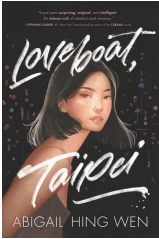


Ready,
Set,
Read!



Librarian's Recommendations

It's remarkable how one unforgettable summer has the potential to change everything. The long days drenched in vibrant sunshine can bring endless possibilities. Whether it's romance, unexpected friendship, or an entirely different journey, anything can happen! These books all feature life-changing summers—a few revelatory months which herald new beginnings and challenging choices. Will all these changes be for the better? Read on to find out!

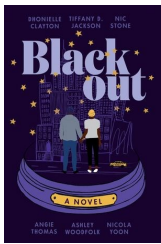


Loveboat, Taipei

By Abigail Hing Wen

“Our cousins have done this program,” Sophie whispers. “Best kept secret. Zero supervision.”

And just like that, Ever Wong's summer takes an unexpected turn. Gone is Chien Tan, the strict educational program in Taiwan that Ever was expecting. In its place, she finds Loveboat. When three very different and unique students' lives collide, it's guaranteed to be a summer Ever will never forget.



Blackout

By Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, & Nicola Yoon

A summer heatwave blankets New York City in darkness. But as the city is thrown into confusion, a different kind of electricity sparks...

A first meeting.

Long-time friends.

Bitter exes.

And maybe the beginning of something new.



The Summer I Turned Pretty

By Jenny Han

Belly measures her life in summers.

Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. But one summer, one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.

Student Librarians

The Student Librarians have gone above and beyond this year. From helping out at Open Evening to Halloween Events and Carnegie Medal Shadowing, their enthusiasm for reading and promoting the library has been incredible. I am very proud of all they have achieved and cannot wait to see what the next academic year holds in store.



Library Events



Two of our voracious readers were awarded with Waterstones Gift Cards by Mrs Wilkinson. Both of these pupils read an incredible number of books and quizzed on them to get points.

Aryanna C and Vania B are remarkable in their resilience and dedication in completing the AR challenge.

There is also a Summer Reading Challenge running for all pupils to complete their form time reading books. There is a £20 Waterstones Gift Card available for them to win when we return in September.



Our library enrichment clubs are all set for next year. Due to popular demand pupils are encouraged to sign up for Pokémon club to ensure their place. We will be continuing the First Chapters Friday sessions during lunch, stop by if you're interested in exploring your reading options.

The library holds many special events throughout the year. From themed story times to contests, stop by during lunch or break to check out what's on offer.



If you're interested in assisting us, speak to Ms. Jawaid or any of our helpful Student Librarians for more information.



Summer Reading Resources

You can read eBooks through the library's subscription to myOn, which provides unlimited access to thousands of enhanced digital books:

it is available at www.myon.co.uk using your Accelerated Reader login details.

- Personalised recommendations:
 - Audience appropriate by age and age;
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If there is a school library book you are interested in, you may be eligible to issue it for the summer. Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.



How to Set up Your Summer Reading Schedule

1. Choose a deadline for finishing your book. If you have multiple books, choose a deadline for your first book, then your second one, etc.
2. Calculate how many days you have between now (the day you plan to start reading) and your deadline. Write this number down.
3. Divide the total number of pages in your book by how many days you have to read it. The result is how many pages per day you need to read to finish the book on time.
4. On a calendar – like the one below– write out the exact pages you will read each day. Don't write how many pages you will read, but instead include the *actual page numbers*.

Again, if you have multiple summer reading books to get through, then just repeat steps 1-4 for each book.

Stick to your reading schedule as much as possible. But if life happens and you don't do your assigned reading for a day, then just catch up the next day. That's why it's so important to write exact page numbers for each day, as I wrote in step 4.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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