



Hello to students of years 9-11 and families

What an odd year it has been, and so challenging, particularly if, like me, you are a reader who is trying to access new reading materials. I hope I'll be able to help a little in this newsletter to you all.

Firstly, please do carry on, or start reading! It is an activity that not only helps with mental wellbeing, but one also proven to support academic progress in all subjects!

As young adult readers, students in years 9-11 should be reading for both pleasure, and for progress. Many young people get 'stuck' at this age, mostly because what they are reading is too young for their age and emotional development. YA fiction and non-fiction are both excellent ways of getting (back) into reading, and I'll share some ideas here for you.

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R E A D I N G M A T T E R S

READING FOR PLEASURE: WHERE TO FIND BOOKS IN LOCKDOWN.

Most book-sellers in the independent sector, charity shops, have unfortunately had to close their doors again. Online ordering is being honoured quickly though with many shops offering speedy home delivery. In order to help you source books in the most suitable and affordable way for you, here are some suggestions.

1. BCP libraries are partially open and Covid-safe. Information can be found here about online services: <https://www.poole.gov.uk/libraries-museums-art-and-culture/libraries/joining-and-using-the-library/join-the-library/>
2. BorrowBox – free to borrow audiobooks available from your local library. The app is free to download and very easy to use. Free here: <https://www.borrowbox.com/>, but also has apps in Apple or Google Play Store.
3. Ebay might be a good place to search for book bundles – just remember to quarantine books bought this way for 72 hours after arrival.
4. Short stories can be a brilliant way to kick-start your interest in reading again. Try <https://www.storystar.com/> for a range of short stories, with a search function, written by both professional writers and keen enthusiasts.
5. Don't know where to start? Try using <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> to help you choose your next great read.
6. Another site whose entire purpose is to support a love of reading for young people: <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/gener/14/13-plus-readers.html>.
7. Local bookshops include Waterstones, WH Smiths, and our local independent stores Gullivers (Wimborne) and Westbourne Bookshop (online ordering available)

Remember!

Science has proven the benefits of daily reading. 30 minutes a day of engaged, uninterrupted reading has been shown to lower stress levels, increase vocabulary, and to improve literacy levels.

Reviews!

'After the Fire' by Will Hill.



The harrowing and uplifting story of Moonbeam who lives behind the Fence with her brothers and sisters under the protection, and control, of Father John. This YA prize-winning novel explores ideas about coming of age, and what happens when you are old enough to realise that the life chosen for you, is one that the world views as something you should be freed from. What if the fence doesn't protect you from the world, but keeps you imprisoned away from it? Moonbeam makes a choice when faced with a future which is horrific in every way to her. She doesn't want to be a wife; she needs to be a child, a child in the real world where she is protected not exploited. Can she save herself, and can she save any of the others too?

Based loosely on the event of the Waco Siege, this blistering story is an absolutely fabulous YA read that doesn't shy away from some challenging and adult subjects. ★★★★★ from me!

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<https://live.firstnews.co.uk/>

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NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Fabulous blog with children's book recommendations

There are many ways of reading online; sadly, due to legal restrictions, we can't share all of these with you. Some ideas on the next slides might help you though.



Your year 9 – 11 virtual bookshelves

GRAPHIC NOVELS

