



The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Literacy Newsletter — Term 3 — July 2022



Revamped LRC

The Library Resource Centre has had a lot of work completed on it, allowing us to open up more space for students to be able to access. There are also LOTS of new fantastic books to read. The LRC is currently open from 8-4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and is soon to be open 5 days a week.

Students are able to access the LRC before school, during breaks and lunches, and after school.



New Staff

We have appointed new staff this term who are keen to ensure that Literacy continues to be a key focus for us. They have lots of exciting initiatives planned.



Mrs Phenix has been appointed as Literacy Lead. She has commented, "I firmly believe the ability to read and write to a high standard, is a fundamental right for all children and underpins learning across all subjects. When students possess this capacity, it opens up a myriad of opportunities for learning. I believe that every child should have an equal opportunity to be able to access the rich curriculum on offer at our school. I will endeavour to ensure we achieve this at English Martyrs."



Miss Chapman has been appointed as Reading and Literacy Coordinator. She says, "I have enjoyed my first term at English Martyrs and have worked hard to make sure the library has lots of varied texts on offer for our students. Our librarians have made me very proud and have been an excellent help over this term. I look forward to organising lots of exciting future events including welcoming authors into the library to meet our students."



Our Librarians

We have a fantastic team of librarians at English Martyrs who show excellent commitment to the library. They have been involved in various activities this term, including organising lots of new books, giving out recommended reads, managing and organising the library, and they have even won an award for their efforts.



Our librarians were presented with a Librarian Award at our recent Awards Evening. They received this for their commitment to and support of the school library.

The winners were;
Maddison Murray
Maja Summerson
Lily Mekins
Emily Williamson
Hashir Ahmad
Abigail Hall
Charlotte Boagey
Jian Min Huang
Joe Clark
Abisha Pragashq



Well done and thank you for your ongoing hard work.



Readathon



This term, 23 students took part in our Readathon, raising money for the excellent charity Read for Good who donate books to children in hospital. Students read their favourite books for a full day! Well done to everyone involved.

“Good books are as important as good doctors when you are in hospital. One makes your body better and the other your soul.”

Adam (age 13), Leeds General Hospital





Inclusion & Identify



This month, we have explored the themes of Inclusion and Identity. Students have been discussing key topics linked to this, including protected characteristics.



A Recommended Read from one of our Librarians, Maddison Murray (Year 9):

Heartstopper by Alice Oseman



Summer Reading

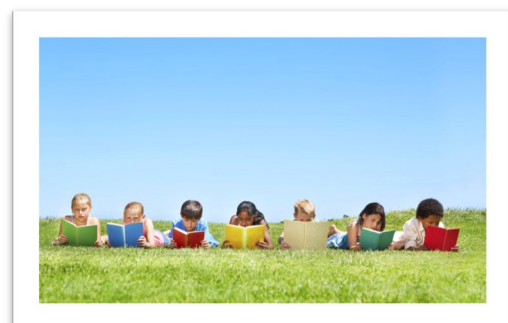


Calling all staff
We are currently collecting for our Summer Book Exchange. Staff are encouraged to donate books to the LRC and they will be available to collect for an exchange just in time for summer.



Key Stage 3 students have access to our free online digital library, MyOn. There are over five thousand different books to choose from. Books are all linked to ZPDs and STAR reading. There are multiple genres and subject areas available to all. Next time you have a chance, log on to MyOn on our school computers or at home. Logins and passwords are available on Teams and were handed out by tutors in September. Just go to www.myon.co.uk/login. Student logins are the same ones used to login to the school computers. Student passwords were handed out in tutor group in September and recorded in planners. If students have forgotten their logins they should ask their tutor, or email Miss Chapman on lachapman@ems.bhcet.org.uk.

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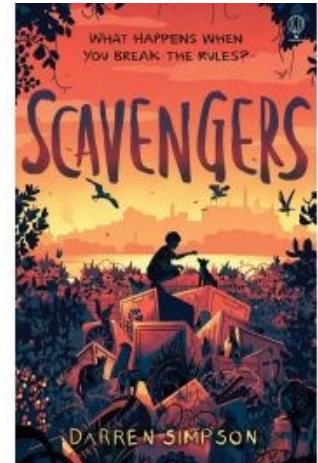
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Year 6

Book Title: Scavengers

Author: Darren Simpson

Synopsis: Landfill has lived his whole life as a scavenger, running with wooflers, swimming with turtles and feasting on fresh gull. Old Babagoo has always looked after him, on one condition - follow his rules. NEVER COME LOOKING OUTSIDE. NEVER RISE ABOVE THE-WALL. But despite the dangers, Landfill longs to see Outside. And some rules are made to be broken.

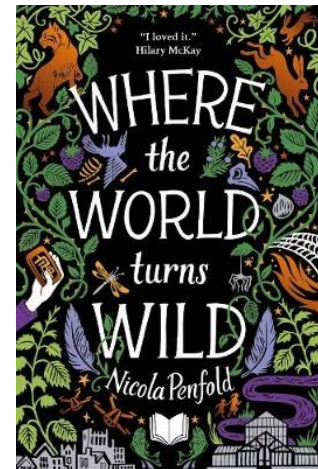


Year 7

Book Title: Where The World Turns Wild

Author: Nicola Penfold

Synopsis: Juniper Greene lives in a walled city from which nature has been banished, following the outbreak of a deadly man-made disease many years earlier. While most people seem content to live in such a cage, she and her little brother Bear have always known about their resistance to the disease, and dream of escaping into the wild. To the one place humans have survived outside of cities. To where their mother is. When scientists discover that the siblings provide the key to fighting the disease, the pair must flee for their lives. As they journey into the unknown, they soon learn that there's cruelty in nature as well as beauty. Will they ever find the home they're searching for?

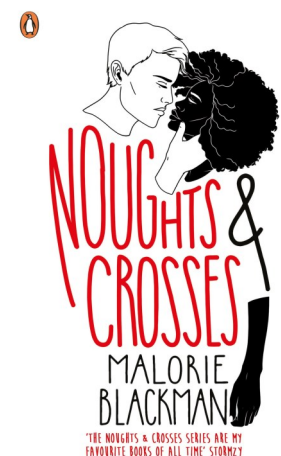


Year 8

Book Title: Noughts & Crosses

Author: Malorie Blackman

Synopsis: Sephy is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely, and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her. Callum is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life. They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question. Then - in spite of a world that is fiercely against them - these star-crossed lovers choose each other. But this is love story that will lead both of them into terrible danger . . . and which will have shocking repercussions for generations to come.





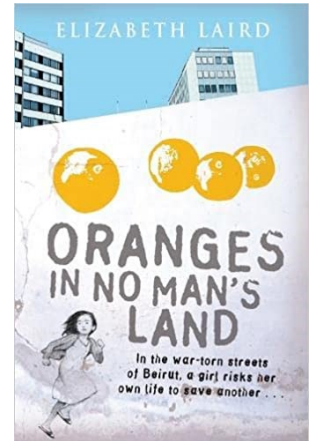
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Year 9

Book Title: Oranges in No Man's Land

Author: Elizabeth Laird

Synopsis: Since her father left Lebanon to find work and her mother tragically died in a shell attack, ten-year-old Ayesha has been living in the bomb-ravaged city of Beirut with her granny and her two younger brothers. The city has been torn in half by civil war and a desolate, dangerous no man's land divides the two sides. Only militiamen and tanks dare enter this deadly zone, but when Granny falls desperately ill Ayesha sets off on a terrifying journey to reach a doctor living in enemy territory.

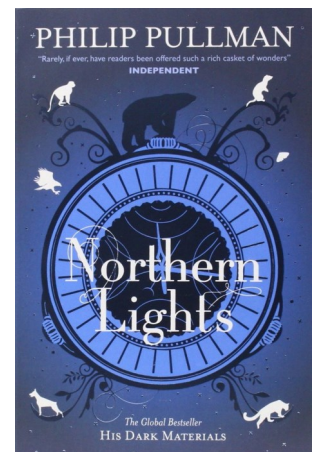


Year 10

Book Title: Northern Lights: His Dark Materials

Author: Phillip Pullman

Synopsis: Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and care-free among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight. Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...



Year 12

Book Title: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Author: Douglas Adams

Synopsis: Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of the The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out of work actor. Together this dynamic pair begin their journey through space aided by quotes from The Hitch Hiker's Guide

