

B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

**Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Dear Library Friends,

WOW what an amazing start to the new Academic Year! On the first day back, 145 books were returned before morning registration. The book returns just kept on coming including one which was 210 days overdue. Please see our impressive stats in the Library Report overleaf. A shout out too for our Summer Holiday super readers; we have awarded House Points to those who succeeded in our challenge to read six or more books:

Ethan Brough (8R)	47	Dyls Rees (11B)	15
Jennifer Real (9B)	31	Leah Swannick (9T)	15
Esme Bailey (8E)	20	Sam Gill (8R)	11
Amy Cooke (9R)	16	Lucy Brough (11R)	9
Charlie Hughes (8O)	15	Pacey Williams (Yr 6)	6

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new Year 7s and have greatly appreciated their enthusiasm during our Library induction sessions. Similarly, I met some lovely parents during our Open Evening and I think I already have some new recruits for our Library family.

Our Library team continues to expand, our community jigsaw has been a hit, Games Workshop and Dungeons & Dragons are still going strong and my relaunched Jammie Dodgers book clubs are going well. Our Debate Club is languishing (lots of voices but a reluctance to research and prepare!). I am sure our October Balloon Debate will get us back on track.

Happy Reading

Mrs Brett
Library Co-Ordinator



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Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

STATISTICS

During the last Academic Year (2022/23) our Librarian Team shelved **5,683 books**. This is a fantastic achievement and indicates that usage of our Library has returned to healthy 2016/17 levels.

Month ending 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Books shelved by the Library Team **810**

This compared with 571 returns September 2022

Number of overdue books **103**

This includes 23 lost books withdrawn from stock

TASKS

1. Maintaining the focus on overdue Library books. I have introduced a new system whereby pupils are contacted via satchel: one, bypassing the Tutors who have more than enough to do during morning registration.
2. Year 7 Inductions. Two sessions, the first focusing on the Library layout, the books and clubs on offer, the second designed to consolidate Library knowledge with a fun quiz. Both sessions offer opportunities to borrow books and to appreciate the safe space.
3. Relaunching Jammie Dodger book clubs during morning registration (Monday Year 10s, Tuesday Year 9s, Wednesdays Year 8s and Thursdays Year 7s). Years 7 and 8 are designing book marks and reading Crime. Years 9 and 10 are working on a new Book Award and the reworking of fairy tales/myths and legends.
4. Compiling a new book wish list.
5. Refreshing Library displays (Climate Crisis, Crime, Bookflix, Ukraine, Library Clubs, October Black History Month); preparing for Open Evening.
6. Organising mentoring for our new trainees (currently we have 27 pupils to accommodate).
7. Organising Library visits as part of the ongoing Review.
8. September newsletter.

WANTED

DEAD OR ALIVE



MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS

WE HAVE 80 OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

**IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE CULPRITS YOU
WILL HAVE BEEN MESSAGED ON SACHEL:ONE.**

RETURN OR RENEW PRONTO PLEASE!!!

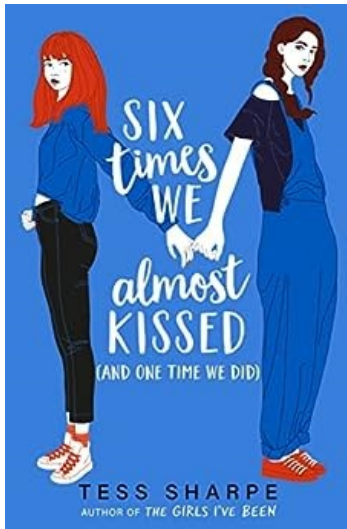




Mrs Brett's Reading : JULY & AUGUST

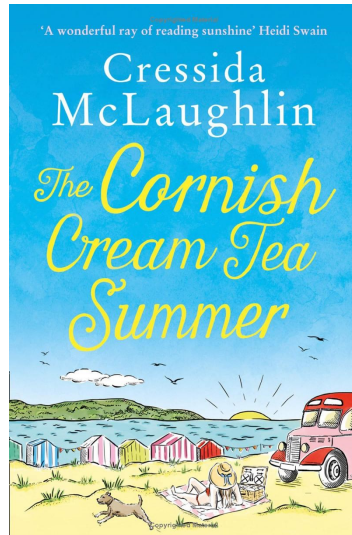


This Summer Holiday - for the first time - many of our pupils read more books than me... Regular readers of our Library newsletter will see that I have altered my review format. I am focusing on genres and recommendations for 'what to read next'.



LGBTQIA+

One of my favourite reads of the holiday. If you enjoyed the Heartstopper series, this could be for you.



ROMANCE

A 'must read'; great escapism for all 'RomCom' fans!



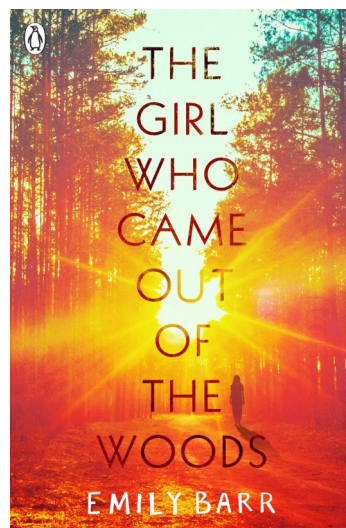
ROMANCE

A cliff hanger finish, there has to be a sequel. Highly Recommended for 'Bridgerton' fans.



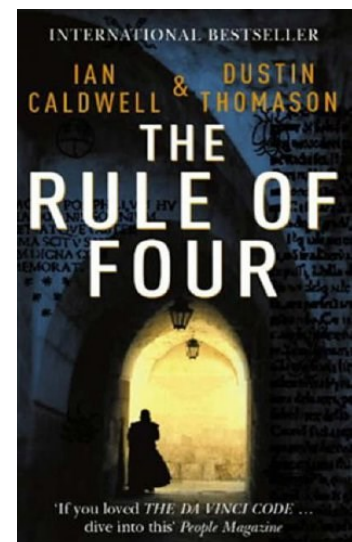
FANTASY

For readers looking for something more challenging than Disney's 'Twisted Tales' series.



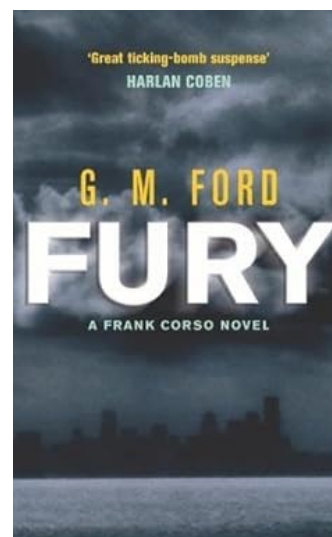
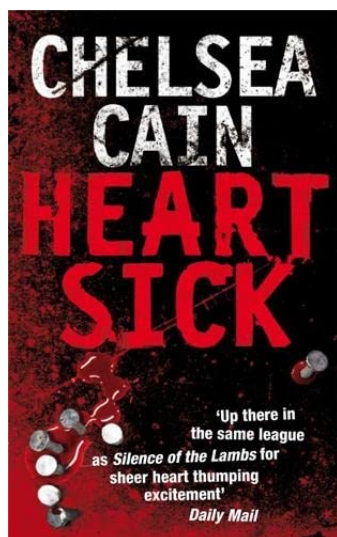
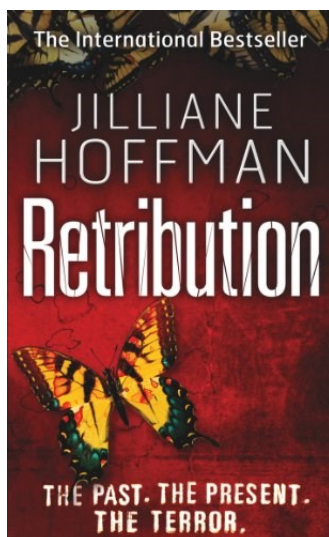
THRILLER

If you like thought provoking books with a twist, Emily Barr is the author for you.



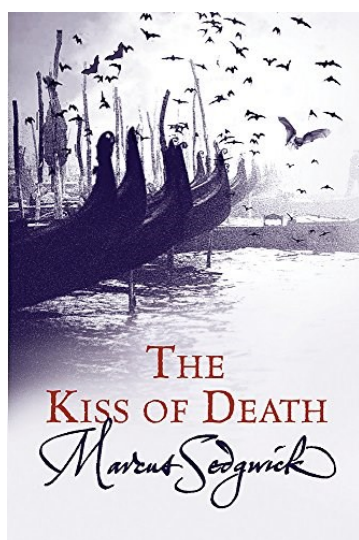
THRILLER

Copy available at the Issues Desk. 'The Da Vinci Code for those with brains'.



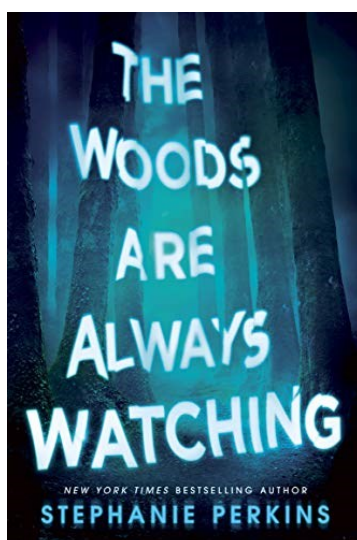
ADULT THRILLERS

Copies available for staff only.



HORROR

I am not fan of Sedgwick's writing style but I made an exception for this one. A must read for fans of vampire stories!



HORROR

Highly recommended for all Stephanie Perkins fans and for readers prepared to commit to books with a slow start. The plot twist takes your breath away and from then on it is 'unputdownable'.

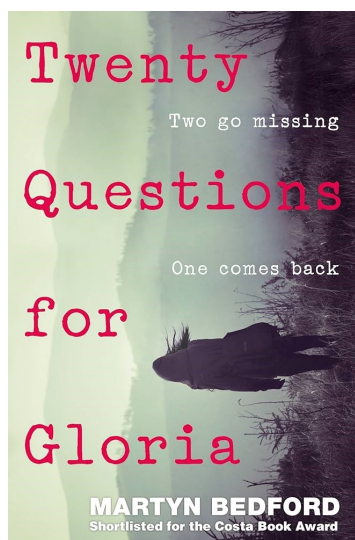


HORROR

With 1056 pages and explicit adult content this one is only available for our Year 11 mature readers. Invariably the length of Stephen King's novels diminishes pupil interest...

For more book recommendations check out the Library page on the School Website.

Mrs Brett's Reading : AUGUST 'INTO' SEPTEMBER



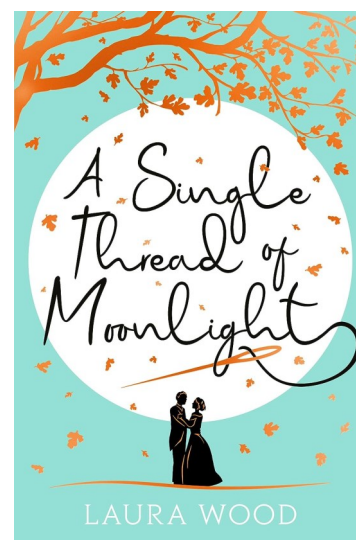
THRILLER

This is a clever book and will appeal to those who like Romance with a bit of edge (Holly Bourne fans).



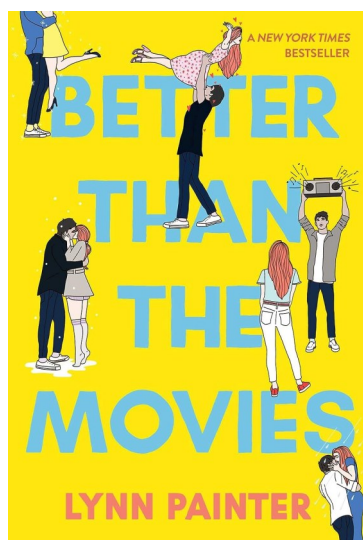
ADVENTURE

Laura Wood tends to write books for young adults. This one is an excellent 'intro' to this author for KS3 students.



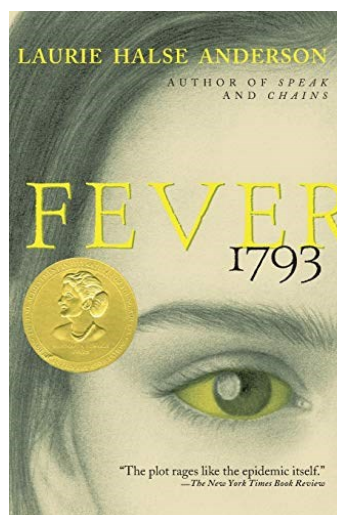
ROMANCE

Having just raved about Laura Wood, I have to admit to being disappointed with this one. Good for those who like formulaic Romance.



ROMANCE

Thanks to Mrs Williams for donating this to our Library. This book has the 'feel good' factor. 'Unputdownable'.



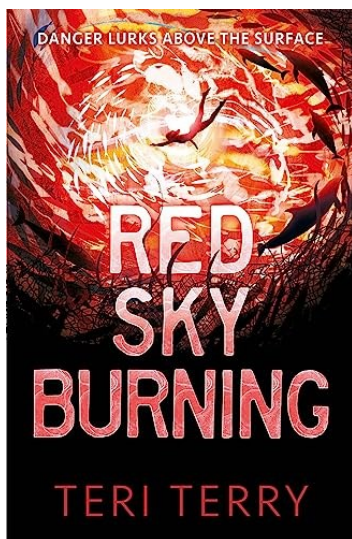
HISTORICAL FICTION

For those who enjoy 'reading around' lesser known historical events



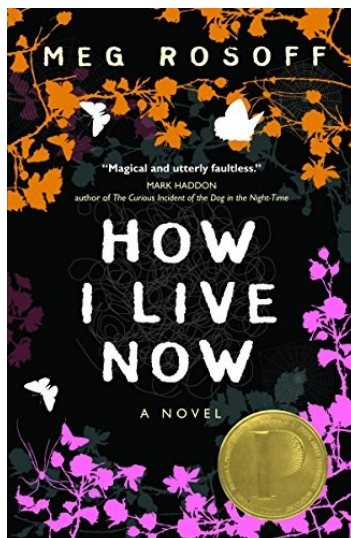
Ignore the cover! If you are interested in reading Holocaust related stories, this is a thought provoker.

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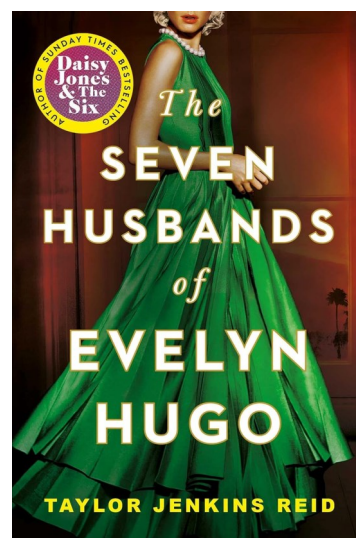
DYSTOPIA

Whilst I loved Terry's 'Slated', I am disappointed in the 'Dark Sky Rising' series. This is the sequel to this 'eco-thriller'. Sorry I cannot recommend this one.



TEEN

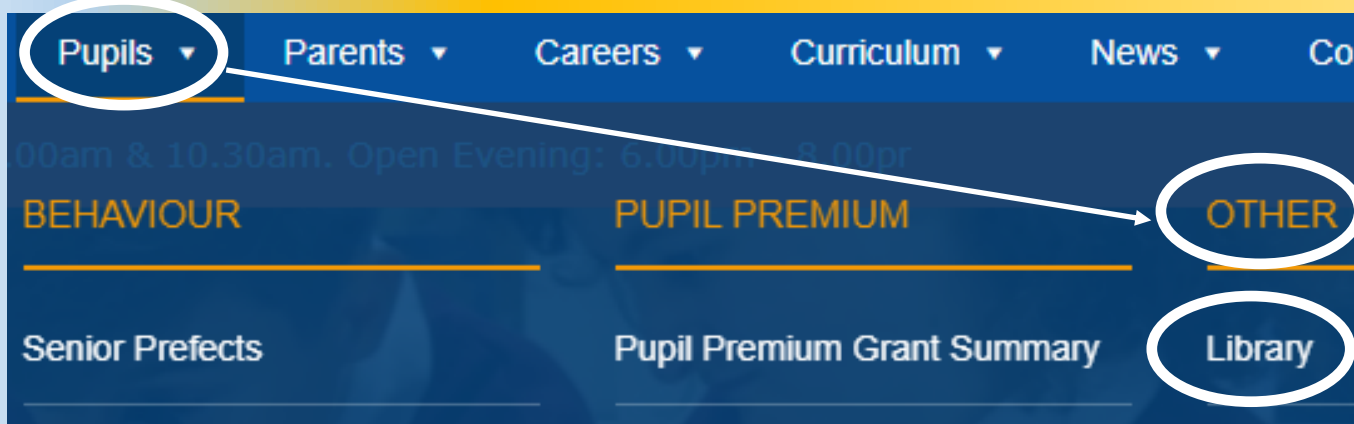
My favourite Meg Rosoff novel (so far) for mature KS4 readers who like thought provoking novels.



TEEN

I would never have read this if not for pupil interest. A brilliant novel encompassing several genres. For readers looking for something a little bit different.

If you need reading inspiration, please check out my mini book reviews in previous publications. You can find 'Bring on the Books' on our School website.



Join our **BALLOON DEBATE**

Our notional hot air balloon is crashing down to earth and we can only save one passenger (the one with the best cake). Who will you vote for?

Come along to the School Library

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER @1.45pm

Chairperson : Millie Forsyth

See Mrs Brett for details and an early lunch ticket



ALL WELCOME !!!