

Library



The school library aims to:

- provide a wide selection of resources which support the taught curriculum, allow for further exploration of topics and encourage reading for pleasure;
- support the development of literacy levels through the introduction of a variety of initiatives;
- teach and encourage the development of key information literacy, research and revision skills, and
- create a welcoming and positive working environment that students will thrive in.

The library is open weekdays from 9am until 6pm and is managed by a fully qualified Librarian. The library stocks approximately 8000 resources and subscribes to an array of magazines and journals. Computers and laptops are available for use by students and they are able to use the printer and photocopier.

Students in year groups 7, 8 and 9 spend thirty minutes per fortnight in the library during their English class. This year they have been provided with a Reading Challenge designed to encourage them to read books from cover to cover, instead of dipping in and out of various books. Year 7 undertake a library induction in their first half-term which includes them solving a 'Murder in the Library' using the Dewey Decimal System.

Students of all years are being rewarded with school credits for reading. They can choose to read a Reading Bug book, where they will answer a ten-question quiz about the book they have read. The credits awarded will vary depending on the number of correct answers.

Tutorials have been created which allow students to improve their information literacy, research and study skills. The Librarian teaches groups of students who are working towards their Higher Project Qualification or Extended Project Qualification on ways to develop these skills.

During the academic year students will have the opportunity to purchase books from the Book Fair. The commission raised will be used to purchase new resources for the library.

Various clubs are offered to students which take place during lunchtimes or before school, these include:

- Creative Writing – A chance for students to practice their writing skills and learn new techniques.

- Team Read – A paired reading scheme designed to give younger readers more confidence.
- Book Riot – Students relax and eat breakfast whilst we read short stories to them.
- Book Club – Six books are selected by Mrs. Ellis which students read over the academic year and then we all meet one per half-term to discuss them.