



# Queens' Library News: The Biblio-Files

QUEENS' SCHOOL

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Welcome to the summer term edition of the Queens' Library newsletter, The Biblio-Files!

All of our resources can be found in our Library Catalogue, Accessit:

<https://uk.accessit.online/qns04/#!dashboard>

You can view the latest recommended reads, reading lists and reading themes of the month. Students can login to view their loans and search the database and view lots of information about our displays and Library events.

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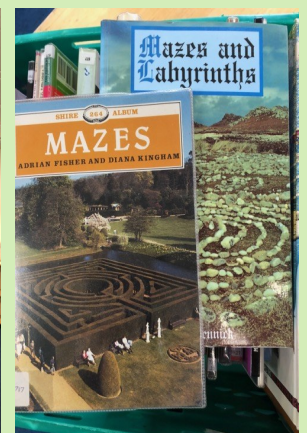
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Happy reading from Mrs Greatrex & Ms Goetsch & Mrs Hancock!



Our big news this term is that the Library is moving and being refurbished. As you can imagine this is a huge job given that we started the year over 19,000 items in stock. We have weeded out of date items and anything that was in poor condition: in total over 4000 items. We have had some wonderful Year 9 DofE volunteers (Priyanshi, Danai, Jaiden, Nathan and Sophia) and Year 12 volunteers, who processed them all by removing labels and covers and boxing them up. Special thanks to En in Year 12 who volunteered a few times a week to help us.

We even found some very old books—my favourite ones were the maze and labyrinth books below. Now our library catalogue is up to date with every book, it's location and subject which will help aid our students and teaching staff to find what they need. It also makes room for some lovely new books in September!



April seems like a long time ago already but our reading theme was related to Earth Day. We had a great selection of non – fiction about the natural world and the environment, as well a good selection of fiction about eco-lit: an emerging genre of childrens and teen fiction relating to nature, environment and climate issues. The theme for Earth Day was “People V Plastic”



Mrs Greatrex even made a coral reef out of recycled materials such as plastic and paper to highlight the damage done to our oceans from plastic pollution and students loved it. Mr Ringshaw has kept it in the Biology department.

Our eco reading lists can be found [here](#) for junior fiction and [here](#) for teen and older fiction.

June’s theme focused on the upcoming Olympic Games this summer. Books on sporting heroes, the history of the games and guides to different sports are all popular non-fiction in our library and were on display. There is more information on the Olympics (and Euros) on our library catalogue. Click [here](#).



Finally, lots of new non– fiction has been purchased to support EPQ, coursework and wider reading in Sixth Form. The EPQ is a 5000 essay on a research topic of choice undertaken alongside A-levels which many of our Year 12’s opt to do. Medicine, dentistry, geography, economics, physics, philosophy and history

are all subjects with new books.







Celebrate Pride Month in July with our display and reading lists which cover popular diverse fiction for Years 9 and upwards.

[Reading list](#)

Some of us may be getting excited about the upcoming summer holidays. Amidst the excitement that they bring, families often find themselves facing a challenge: how can they keep their kids reading during those six weeks off from school? Here are some handy tips from the Book Trust.

1. Get children to create their own reading challenge— a series, books by an author, a topic or themed reading challenge of either a few books or more! Find creative ways to record your reads such as posters, charts, bookmarks on online records such as StoryGraph.) See ideas here <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/summer-reads-teen/>
2. Read some summer themed books such as these <https://www.readbrightly.com/summer-ya-books/>
3. Incorporate reading into travel plans with eReaders and audiobooks for long journeys. Choose reading which reflects the destination such as non fiction, travel guides etc. Use [Accessit](#) to read our eBooks all summer long for free!
4. Read outside—on sunny days take a picnic and books to read or read around a campfire with a sleep out under the stars.
5. Explore festivals and events—many have authors who read and talk about their stories and writing. Check Eventbrite for local listings
6. Finally check our Mrs Greatrex's list of recommended Bookflix and recent prizewinning books [here](#).

Hertfordshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is all about reading and making . Ideal for younger students the link to sign up can be found here or at your local public library.



<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>

Don't forget you can also borrow ebooks and read magazines from public libraries too , as long as you have a library card. Find out more [here](#) and join [here](#).