



Queens' Library News: The Biblio-Files

QUEENS' SCHOOL

Dare to be Great

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Welcome to the autumn 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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The Library move over the summer was incredibly hard work but has resulted in a superb space for our students to use. We are thankful for all the positive comments we have had from students and staff. We especially want to thank the following people: The whole Estates Dept including Mr Cheek, Mr Pearson and Mr Walker, Mr Lewis from the Design & Technology Faculty, Mrs Hancock and the IT Dept.

We now have a lovely new sign outside the Library, round tables in our fiction area which have proved very popular with students who wish to read quietly, 36 study spaces for students during the day, doing assessments, revising after school or working at lunchtime. We have new signage to guide students around the space.



This term has been incredibly busy and we have held: these training sessions:

- Year 7 Library induction classes including general library skills such as how the library is organised, how to find books, borrow and return them, how to use Accessit and our eBook collection.
- Year 12 induction sessions to make sure all Year 12's are up to date with information and research skills, demonstrating our databases such as JSTOR and Gale and Hodder Education Magazines and additional information sources and skills.
- Learning Support team training to demonstrate how eBooks can be useful for students with ADHD and dyslexia or sight impair students. We have a new wellness eBook and audio collection which focuses on positive mental health and is available to all students and staff.



Our library displays and reading lists have covered “Back to School” books for September and in October we celebrated Black History Month. Our new author of the month corner, featured a Malorie Blackman display. Our horror display for Halloween was suitably slimy and lots of students enjoyed reading the ghost and horror fiction we displayed. For November, our chosen author was Tom Palmer. We showcased his popular war stories to tie in with remembrance, war and conflict. All our copies of his books were loaned out!

November is Non-fiction November around the country so we put a display of Key Stage 3 non-fiction out and set up a competition to borrow and read as many non-fiction books as possible. Students have to tell us what they have read and our Reading Bees book club has designed a non-fiction book review form as well.

Finally the Library has been turned into a famous book for our winter display and advent calendar. The link can be found here:

<https://app.myadvent.net/calendar?id=gu29t21e0pbf9cyspp84tazip8rku0d>





Reading lists for our all displays this term, and more can be found on Accessit and they are a useful way for students to find their next great read and link into reading for pleasure or curriculum based topics.

This term we have created War & Conflict Reads, Black Authors Showcase, It Came From the Library (Halloween & Horror) and Best School Books Ever.

If you are not sure what to read next please ask the librarians to suggest something. We always try to make sure we offer suggestions based on student interests and age appropriateness of content. If you are looking for some recommends websites for children and young adults with age and genre information here are a few you might like to use.

**Love Reading for Kids Toppsta.....The Book Trust and Scottish Book Trust.....
Commonsense Media.....The School Reading List...BKMRK**

Every year we run a poetry competition in conjunction with the English Department around the start of October for National Poetry Day. Poetry is a large component of GCSE English Literature so we love to encourage our students to write their own poems. This year's theme was "Counting."

Well done to our joint first prize winners Aryan (Year 10), Cecile (Year 7) and Stefan (Year 7) in second place. They all receive book tokens and a certificate.



Hertfordshire Libraries Winter Reads Challenge is all a series of exciting reading challenges and events for all ages, taking place across Hertfordshire libraries until the end of January. Pick up your challenge materials from your local library. Once you've finished 6 challenges you'll be entered into a prize draw to win an iPad (plus other fantastic runners-up prizes).

As well as being a great way to explore new books, authors and genres, Winter Reads is a brilliant opportunity to read together as a family or with friends. Find out more here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/winter-reads.aspx?searchInput=&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=card>

