



QUEENS' SCHOOL

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Queens' Library News: The Biblio-Files

March 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Spring term edition of the **Queens' Library** newsletter.

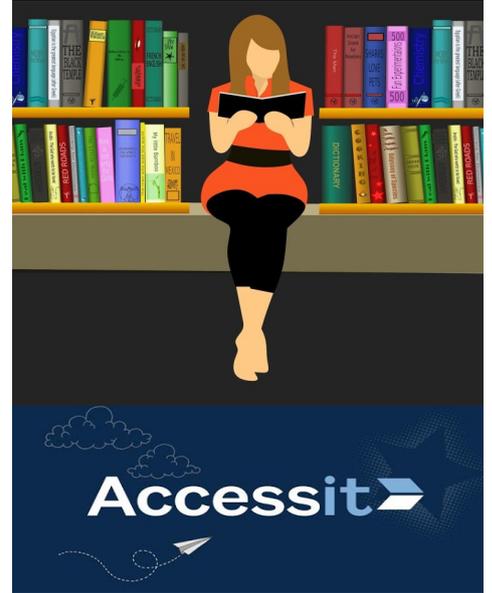
All of our resources are listed in the Library Catalogue, Accessit: with lots of extra resources too!

<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, authors and Library events.

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Happy reading from Mrs Greatrex & Ms Goetsch



By the start of April we will have hosted 84 English fiction lessons in our reading space. Each lesson consists of reading a poem in class, coming to the library to read, return and borrow books and share a brief spoken book review with teachers and peers.

The lessons created by Ms Wood & Mrs Greatrex help our students to:

- experience a wide variety of poetry before GCSE
- improve their oracy skills when talking about literature
- encourage them to read for pleasure,
- teach library skills, such as finding and choosing reading materials



Please make sure your child has an age appropriate book to read in school. The Librarian can supply suitable suggestions and we have a huge range of fiction for students to borrow. We organise our books by age range and catalogue them with keywords & genres which students can use to find their next great read. We are reviewing our fiction stock and have purchased over 300 new books, so there is plenty to choose from. We chose award winning, diverse and exciting young and older teen fiction to inspire our students to continue their reading journeys.

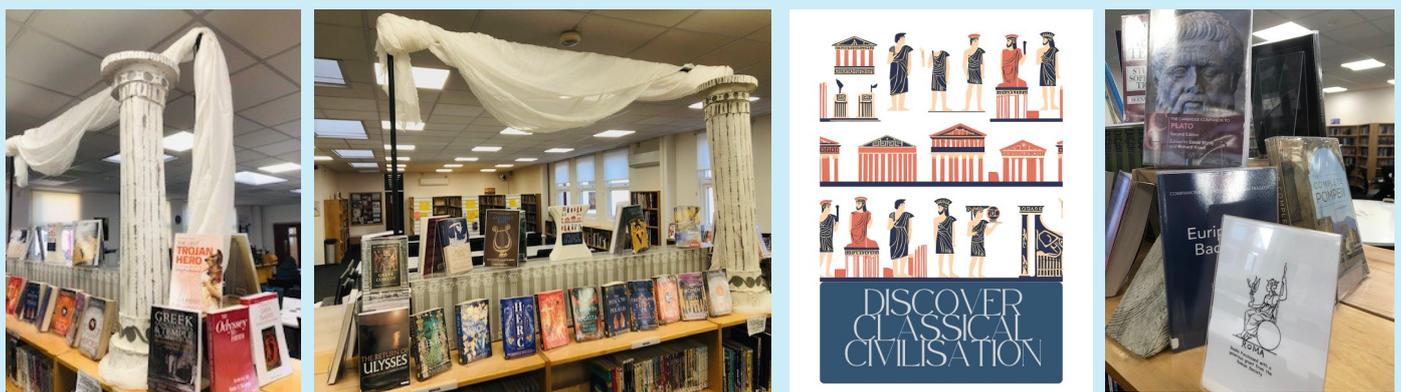
Our library displays and reading lists this term have covered a fascinating exploration of Thought Provoking Reads which supported the PRE (philosophy, ethics and religion) department .It was interesting to discover some new books and think about books with ethical dilemmas or deep philosophical questions in them. The library author of the month was Philip Pullman, author of His Dark Materials Trilogy.



February celebrated the romance genre and books about relationships. Our display showcased great reads for all ages. It featured wonderful origami hearts that the Year 7 bookclub enjoyed making and using as bookmarks. Our author of the month was Alice Oseman, author of Heartstopper ,which is hugely popular graphic novel series recently serialised on Netflix.



Mrs Desner obtained a grant from the Roman Society which allowed the Classics department to order some new senior textbooks and some fabulous retellings of myths which are extremely popular at the moment. Mrs Greatrex has purchased, catalogued and made a wonderful display of them as a showcase for students and staff alike. Mrs Wood is keen to start reading them Rick Riordan who was the author for March , this ties in appropriately with his brilliant Percy Jackson series all about .demi– gods, children of gods and mortals, and their awesome adventures.



WORLD BOOK DAY

6 MARCH 2025

World Book Day was on the 6th March this year.

We celebrated by dressing up as book characters (Professor McGonagall, The Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland and Mrs Madukah as Cruella De Ville from 101 Dalmations). We gave out World Book Day £1 book tokens to all forms in Year 7,8 & 9. It was lovely to have some sixth formers ask for vouchers too. Mrs Greatrex purchased a WBD book for each student in Year 7, please ask your child to visit the library if they did not pick up their free book.



This year the Library has created Library Champions in each Year 7 form, to tell their forms all about what is happening in the Library, special events, new books and authors to look out for, as well as activities related to books. Each student applied in writing and has a special Library Champions badge. This scheme will last until January next year when the next batch of Year 7's will take over. It was so lovely to hear about why students wanted to be part of the school library. We had our first breakfast meeting to talk about the World Book Day events and suggest topics for Reading Bees Book Club.

BECOME A LIBRARY CHAMPION

NEW FORM ROLE FOR YEAR 7'S!

YOUR LIBRARY'S TOP IDEAS

APPLY TO BE YOUR FORM'S LIBRARY CHAMPION!

- Help with library tasks and displays
- Suggest new books
- Feedback news from the library
- Shiny badges
- Library meet ups
- Be a champion reader
- Only students without a current role

EMAIL WHY WE SHOULD PICK YOU TO: LIBRARY@QUEENS.HERTS.SCH.UK BY 1ST FEB



Reading Buddies is a well established literacy scheme which partners a Year 12 student volunteer with a Year 7 or 8 student who is in need of additional reading practice. It is a wonderful way to improve reading fluency, confidence in

reading, speaking and comprehension, as well as enabling students to create friendships with an older year group. We have been really impressed with our Year 12 volunteers who, in some cases help twice a week. When asked some Year 7's said they had made great friends with their buddies, they felt more confident reading out loud and since starting the scheme their understanding of what they were reading had improved as well. Thank you to parents, students and Miss McFadden for supporting the scheme and especially Mr Millard-Healy designing it .