



# CNCS Library Newsletter

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**HAPPY  
New  
Year**

*Welcome back!*

The library team hopes you have had a fantastic and restful holiday. Please read on for library information and news.

**2024**

## LATEST NEWS

*Congratulations*

Congratulations and well done to this year's Library Bookmark Competition winners - Gracie W (Year 7) and Gracie W (Year 8). There were some amazing and creative entries. Well done to everyone who took part.

## NEW BOOK ARRIVALS SOON!

New book titles will be arriving in the library soon so don't forget to pop in and have a browse!



## LIBRARY VISITOR

On Friday 26th January Emilie Lauren Jones, Coventry's Poet Laureate, visited the library and hosted workshops with some lucky Year 8s. Emilie is a regular visitor to our school and we were so happy to welcome her back.



During a whole week in December the library hosted a variety of Christmas themed activities for students to enjoy during their break and lunchtime. Students were able to partake in activities such as decorate a Christmas tree ornament, snowflake, angel and bauble templates to hang on the library tree, *Where's Santa* competition and then the end of the week wrapped up with a Christmas quiz. Students answered some festive questions as well as enjoying a mince pie and were entered into a draw where a lucky winner won an early Christmas present.

Normally a quiet environment, the library was full of festive music, activities, sweet treats and fun for the entire week!



## COMPETITION WINNERS



### STAR READER



Well done and congratulations goes to our Star Readers for last half term – Duke M (Y7), Kaylum L (Y8), Sarah Ade S (Y9), Jamie T (Y10) and Luca H (Y11). All of these students have demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and commitment to their reading. We are incredibly proud of them!



### BOOK RAFFLE



Congratulations to last half term's winner Sharan (Y10) whose lucky ticket was pulled out by Miss Townend.

# BOOK FACTS



**Bibliosmia** is the enjoyment of the smell of old books.



## BOOKS TO FILM/TV



**Available  
in the Library**

*The Darkest Minds* is a YA dystopian novel written by Alexandra Bracken and it follows a 16 year old girl called Ruby who escapes from a government camp for children with special abilities. She joins a group of fugitives and looks for a safe place where she can learn more about her ability and how to control it. This book is the first in a series of four books. The film received average reviews and the book is considered to be much better. Recommended for fans of *Divergent* and *The Hunger Games*.



## BOOK RECOMMENDATION



**Kenny Imafidon is a journalist, author and co-founder of the research company Clearview which focuses on diverse and under represented communities.**

“Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future!”  
Captivating, heart-wrenching, poignant but most of all... real. *That Peckham Boy* is me, you or any Black boy in the UK. It is a story of redemption, grace and courage. It really emphasises the point that you are not a product of your environment, but you can use it to push you to your greatness. *That Peckham Boy* truly is about growing up, getting out and giving back. It is about a young Peckham boy who is a star student by day and drug dealer by night- until he is accused of a murder he did not commit. Three things that really touched me in Kenny Imafidons book was that we can decide the life we want to lead and that our stories can change with the actions we take and that your name is your power. No one can ever diminish it or take it away from you.

Masterpiece!

Edwin (Y13)



**Available  
in the Library**



# I LOVE READING BECAUSE...



I love reading because. . .as a young child I remember always being surrounded with books, magazines and newspapers at home, grandparents and extended family. I couldn't wait for birthdays, Christmas, Easter and school holidays as I would receive more new books or magazines to add to my growing collection. Every Christmas, as a family, we would get a copy of the Guinness Book of World Records and sit together and read every Sunday. We had world atlases, encyclopaedias and reference books on many different subjects. I read them all! My grandparents took me to jumble sales, markets and charity shops so that I could buy more books.

My dad and I have a shared interest in history and he encouraged me to question and explore the history of our local and wider community. We drove around the UK looking at and finding out about street names, towns, cities, castles and historical buildings (dragging my bored siblings along).

As I became a more independent reader I discovered the magical worlds and characters as told by Enid Blyton in her stories of *The Enchanted Wood*, *The Magic Wishing Chair* and many more. Then came the solving of mysteries with *The Secret Seven* and *The Famous Five*. My mum did buy the classic books that every child should have but, I was more interested in mysteries and adventure. Oh, and I mustn't forget the obsession I had with dinosaurs after seeing a film on tv. For several years I asked family for books about dinosaurs and found out everything I could from the Tyrannosaurus Rex down to the Ammonite. My favourites were the Woolly Mammoth and Sabre Tooth Tiger.

I still enjoy reading regularly and my interests are very varied with fiction and non-fiction. My favourite genres to read for pleasure have got to be . . . thrillers, supernatural, whodunits and true crimes.

My favourite sayings are:

"Knowledge is for sharing not keeping"  
"You are never too young to pick up a book"  
"You can never have too many books!"



Miss Acton



## STATIONERY SHOP

Forgotten your pen? Need a pencil? Visit the library shop today at break and lunchtime.



Black Pen - 20p  
Green Pen - 20p  
Pencil - 20p  
Sharpener - 10p  
Ruler - 60p



Highlighter - 50p  
Protractor - 60p  
Personal Organiser - £2  
Eraser - 5p

## MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STAFF

Each issue of the Library Newsletter a staff member will tell us what their favourite book is and why. Mrs Good, Head of History, has very kindly shared the book she has most enjoyed.

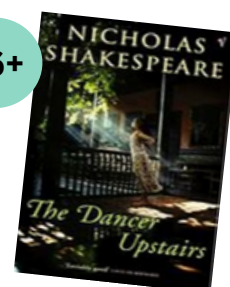
### *The Dancer Upstairs* by Nicholas Shakespeare

This book is based on the Peruvian terrorist organisation 'Shining Path' and tells of the hunt to capture the Leader, Ezequiel, by Detective Rejas. The story is a crime thriller with twists and turns, it has Rejas desperately wanting to prove his worth and capture Ezequiel but also his daughter's dancing teacher's affection and heart. This inevitably leads to his two worlds eventually colliding and his family devastated by his decisions.

Once I was past the first chapter I was gripped, I'm a sucker for a romance and the historical terrorist group plot was an added bonus, a great read all round.

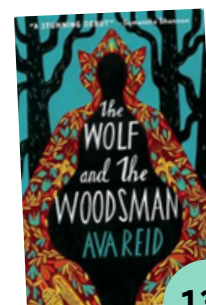
## MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STUDENT

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### *The Wolf and the Woodsman* - Ava Reid

My favourite book is called *The Wolf and the Woodsman*, this is my favourite book because of how beautifully it was written, the attention to detail and how the book was inspired with Hungarian/Jewish mythology. Also the slow burn romance from enemies to lovers was so amazing and not forced with a strong female lead. I loved reading this book and I know for sure I'll be reading it again.



13+

Aliyah (Y10)



## LIBRARY FACILITIES



Fiction/non-fiction books  
Revision Guides - GCSE / A'Level

Photocopier / Printer

Computers

Reading Corner

Magazines

Newspapers

Titles in French, Spanish, Tamil, Romanian  
and Polish.

Reading Overlays

Diversity Section

Post-16 University Prospectuses and  
Apprenticeship Information.

Designated tables at social times for reading,  
homework and games.

Graphic Novels

Manga

Comics

Library Noticeboard

Stationery Shop

Dyslexia Titles

Mental Health & Wellbeing Titles



# GCHQ BRAIN TEASER

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Which word or phrase  
is the odd one out and  
why?

CATWOMAN  
DEUS EX MACHINA  
PARISHIONER  
PYROMANIA  
SCUBA



## RECOMMENDED READ SPRING TERM 2.1

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Year 7 – Dragon Mountain– Katie & Kevin Tsang

Year 8 – Fight Back– A. M. Dassu

Year 9 – Game Over: Rise of the Riad Mob– M. J. Sullivan

Year 10 – A Poem for Every Winter Day – Ed. Allie Esiri

Year 11 – Macbeth (Graphic Novel)– W. Shakespeare

Post 16 – The Great Philosophers –S. Law

## RIDDLE/TRIVIA OF THE WEEK



**What is the most  
expensive book in  
the world?**

## BOOK QUOTE

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**“As he read, I fell in love the way  
you fall asleep: slowly, and then all  
at once.”**

John Green -

*The Fault in Our Stars*

## LIBRARY DATES

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23rd January - Chinese New Year  
26th January - Emilie Lauren Jones Visit



## BOOK RAFFLE



Every time you borrow a book from the library you will receive a raffle ticket with a number on. Your ticket gets popped into the library jar and at the end of each half term a ticket is pulled out and the winner receives a prize. The more you borrow, the more tickets go into the jar and the greater chance of winning. GOOD LUCK!

## AUTHOR'S BIRTHDAY

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J. R. R. Tolkein - 1st January

Zora Neale Hurston - 7th January

## FAMOUS FIRST LINE

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**“All children, except one, grow up.”**

Can you name the book?

**ANSWER FROM LAST ISSUE:  
1984 by George Orwell**

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