



# CNCS Library Newsletter



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So far this term the library has been hosting lots of revision sessions and study periods for Year 11s and Year 13s. With the exams over, Library lessons for Year 7 and 8 were able to restart so the annual 'Book Cover' competition for Year 7s and a new competition for Year 8s could be launched. It was fantastic to see all the amazing creations and a winner from each year group was chosen - well done!

## The Great Book Giveaway!

Last half term the library hosted 'The Great Book Giveaway' at break and lunchtime. Students were invited to pop in during their social time to browse the books on display and take one or two home to read and keep. It was a beautiful and sunny day yet many students chose to come into the library to see the selection of books. It was wonderful to see so many students from all year groups, including Post-16 students, browsing through all the different titles.

We are pleased to see that nearly all the books have gone home to be loved again. Special thanks to those individuals who donated books to the event and a huge 'thank you' to the student librarians who helped set up the event. Amazing!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### COMPETITION WINNERS



#### STAR READER



Well done and congratulations goes to our Star Readers from last half term – Ollie F (Y7), Oluwatoni O (Y8), Peaceman E (Y9), Aiden W (Y10) and Arek B (Y11). All of these students have demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and commitment to their reading. We are incredibly proud of them!



#### BOOK RAFFLE

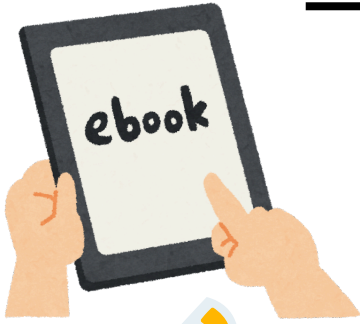


Congratulations to last half term's winner Paula W (Y7) whose lucky ticket was pulled out by Mrs McLachlan.

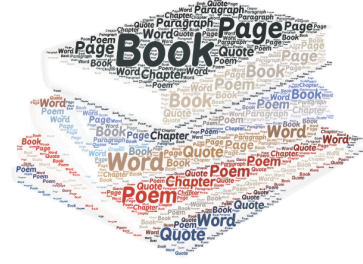
*Well done!*

## BOOK FACTS

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# The first E-Book is 50 years old.

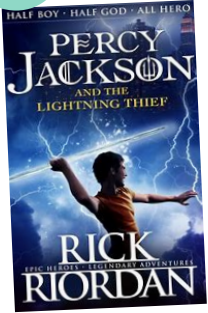


## BOOKS TO FILM/TV

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Available  
in the Library

The *Percy Jackson* series is made up of 6 books, *The Lightning Thief* being the first. Percy, a 12 year old boy, discovers that he is the son of Poseidon, one of the Greek Gods. After being accused of stealing Zeus' lightning bolt he embarks on a quest, along with a daughter of Athena and a satyr to discover who the real thief is and return it back to Zeus.

His adventure includes many dangers from many different enemies.



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## STUDENT BOOK RECOMMENDATION

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**Richard Russell Riordan Jr was born in Texas, America. His novels have been translated into 42 different languages and he has sold over 30 million copies in America alone.**



The "Percy Jackson & the Olympians" series by Rick Riordan masterfully blends Greek mythology with modern-day adventures, creating an engaging narrative that captivates readers of all ages. The story follows Percy Jackson, a relatable young demigod, as he embarks on thrilling quests with his friends Annabeth Chase and Grover Underwood. Riordan's accessible and humorous writing style, combined with well-developed characters and fast-paced plots, makes each book a page-turner. The series' exploration of themes like friendship, bravery, and self-acceptance, along with its positive representation of learning disabilities, has left a lasting impact on young adult literature, inspiring readers to delve into the rich world of mythology.

Laviru (Year 8)

Available  
in the Library

# STUDENT LIBRARIANS

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## A Big 'Thank you'!

The library would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to all of the Student Librarians who gave up their social time this year to volunteer in the library before school, break and lunchtimes. The library has been so fortunate to have such a hard working, dedicated and committed team this year. They have all progressed through the Student Librarian Programme, achieving their Gold awards having learnt new skills whilst developing more confidence and personal growth. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

## Goodbye and Best Wishes

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and best wishes to Angel (Y11) who will be sadly leaving us. Angel has proved herself to be a confident, positive, dedicated, and hard working librarian. Her positivity and sense of fun has been a delight to have the library. We send her all our best wishes in her new adventure - she will forever remain part CNCS and the Student Librarian family.

## What I loved about being a Student Librarian

*To be honest most of my friends always questioned me why I'd applied to be a Student Librarian and these are my reasons why:*

*At the CNCS Library you make many friends in all year groups, which boosts your confidence and social skills.*

*Secondly, you get a variety of books to read and always get first dibs on new books.*

*Thirdly, although this should be my first point, the librarian is a very cheerful lady who will always make you smile anytime of the day, she always gave me such inspiration and hope. Also, she gives us lots of chocolate during our half-termly meetings.*

*Working in a library expands your knowledge as you learn about the history of authors and so much information about the world.*

*In conclusion, my favourite part was having a chat with different people every day. I will say, however, that there is always room for improvement but you will never regret your choice of being a student librarian.*

*PS If you become a librarian always remember to ask Miss for sweets, she will get tired of you nagging her and so will probably then give you some.*

*Hope you enjoy your time as a Student Librarian.*

**Angel Maina (Year 11)**

## MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STAFF

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

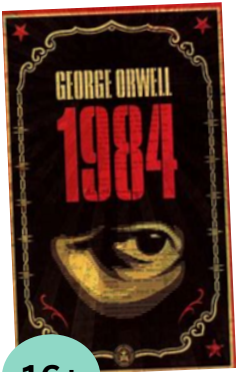
### 1984 - George Orwell

I read this book in the 80's and it has had a lasting impact upon me.

1984 is set in a dystopian world where a totalitarian state has powerful control over its people. The novel focuses upon Winston who works for 'The ministry of Truth' whose job it is to 'rewrite history' so that it is inline with the current political thinking. Winston however secretly rebels against the government and embarks on a dangerous quest to discover decency and truth. 'Big Brother' is however watching him, and he gets caught by the 'thought police' who violently 're-educate' him so that in the end he 'loves' Big Brother.

This book, which was written in 1948, contains several fascinating themes, for example, technology as power, ruling power wealth, control of the people through poverty and the dangers of propaganda. So many of these themes resonate today, for example the chaos of 'fake news' and the power of 'AI and face recognition technologies. For me however, it was the notion of 'language being a tool for mind control', the idea that if you destroy the existence of a word, people could no longer think it, that really blew my mind!

Back in the 80's this book sparked my interest in the Social Sciences, and so was pivotal to who I am today!



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## MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STUDENT

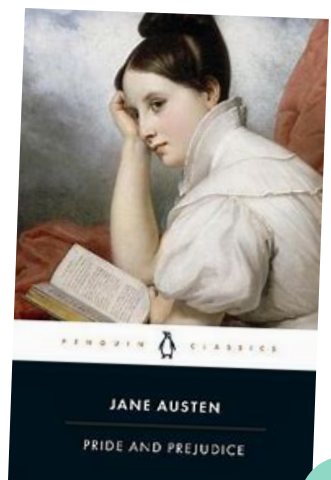
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### *Pride and Prejudice* - Jane Austen

My favourite book is a timeless classic called *Pride and Prejudice*, written by Jane Austen in 1813. *Pride and Prejudice* is where my love for classic literature began and I will never look back without a smile. *Pride and Prejudice* is my favourite book for many reasons, e.g. the conflict and tension, the enemies to lovers trope that happens to be one of my favourites, and Jane Austen's breathtaking writing.

The story follows Elizabeth Bennett and Mr Darcy who seem to hate each other with Mr Darcy believing the people of the village to be beneath him. What I love about the dynamic is the slow shift into love. Jane Bennett, Elizabeth's sister, and Mr Bingley fall in love quickly but yet it is Mr Darcy and Miss Elizabeth Bennett's conflict that still makes me laugh, smile and wish I had a Mr Darcy of my own. The turmoil and apprehension they have in the beginning is nothing compared to the stories now. *Pride and Prejudice* surpasses every book I've ever read and will continue to do so.

Ellie (Year 10)



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# RECOMMENDED READ - SUMMER TERM 3.2



Y7



Y8



Y9



Y10



Y11



Y12+



## ANSWERS FROM ISSUE 5



**FAMOUS FIRST LINE:**

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J. K. Rowling

**RIDDLE/TRIVIA  
OF THE WEEK:**

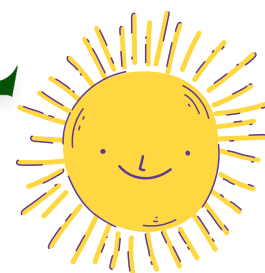
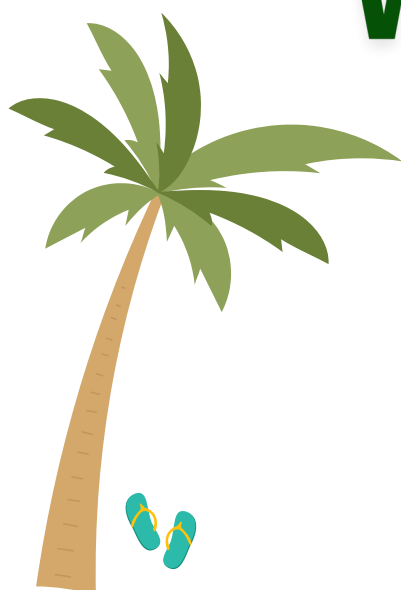
A glove

**GCHQ BRAIN TEASER:**

IF  $R+B=P$  AND  $R+Y=O$  THEN  $B+Y=?$

Red mixed with Blue makes Purple  
Red mixed with Yellow makes Orange  
Blue mixed with Yellow makes Green

# WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER HOLIDAY!



Contributors to this issue are: Cole (Y8), Laviru (Y8), Ellie (Y10), Angel (Y11), and Miss Gill.