



CNCS Library Newsletter

Summer Term - 2024-2025 / Issue 4, 5 & 6

Welcome to the last and extended issue of the Library Newsletter for this academic year. The summer term in the library has been busy with revision sessions for Year 11 and Post-16 students as well as new books being ordered for September. There have also been a number of events including World Book Day, 'The Great Book Giveaway', Year 7 and 8 Library lesson competitions, Transition Day for our new Year 7s coming to us in September, Gold Student Librarian Awards and much more.

It has been a wonderful academic year in the library with many visitors and events taking place as well as many competition winners who have demonstrated their skills and creativity in the library. It is amazing to see how busy our school library is throughout the entire academic year and it is a pleasure to see how well our students use this fantastic space. Of course we are sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students and wish them the very best for their future! I wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer - see you in September 2025!

Mrs McLachlan (Library Manager)

Reading Aloud



The Library's Reading Aloud reading programme, which runs each Tuesday morning every term in the library, has been extremely successful this year. This is down to a number of factors, enthusiastic and hard working Year 7s who have attended every week and worked so hard in their reading which results in growing confidence, not only in reading, but in all areas of their academic studies - well done Year 7 students. Also the programme's dedicated and committed Year 9 students who have turned up every week to listen, encourage and support Year 7 students, without you the programme would not be possible - well done Year 9. Lastly, special thanks goes to our Post-16 students Angel, Niamh, Olivia and Alicja who have supported the Year 7, Year 9 and Mrs McLachlan in running the programme - a big thank you, your help and assistance has been invaluable.

This wonderful reading programme is possible because of these wonderful volunteers and we would like to say a huge....

WORLD BOOK DAY

6 MARCH 2025



The World Book Day celebrations were even bigger and better this year! There were a great many activities throughout the day including: staff and some Post-16 students dressing up as various book characters, a number of Post-16 students dropping into classes to read excerpts from different books, WBD themed activities taking place in various classes including Year 7 and 8 Library lessons, Year 7 'Dress the Door' competition, 'Staff Dress Up' competition where students had to name as many dressed up staff/Post-16 students they could find and also a WBD Bookmark competition.

The library celebrated the event with a Roald Dahl theme, specifically 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. During the day Year 7 and 8 classes came in to participate in Roald Dahl activities and during break and lunchtime students were welcomed into the chocolate factory themed library. Roald Dahl book activities were available on the tables for students to take part in as well as a Roald Dahl book quiz and 'Where's the Golden ticket?' competition. Ten (not five!) golden tickets were located around the library and students had to fill in an answer sheet with all their locations. Prizes were awarded to all competition winners!

Just like Wonka's factory there were sweets, chocolates and cakes available to students and staff. It was an amazing atmosphere, and, like past years, everyone had an amazing day!



WORLD
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6 MARCH 2025

Year 7 Dress the Door Competition

The Winner
is.....



Books are traditionally only published in paperback after interest in the hardback dies down.

RECOMMENDED READ - SUMMER TERM

Year 7 - *Glassheart* - Katherine Orton

Year 8 - *What Happens Online* - Nathanael Lessore

Year 9 - *The Inheritance Games* - Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Year 10 - *Red Queen* - Victoria Aveyard

Year 11 - *Twenty-Four Seconds from Now* - Jason Reynolds

Post 16 - *The White Tiger* - Aravind Adiga



Through the glass, the magic is waiting... Nona and her uncle travel everywhere together, replacing stained-glass windows in war-torn buildings. When a mysterious commission takes them to the lonely moors of Dartmoor, Nona discovers a wild and powerful magic which threatens everything.



Until Existor's notoriety spreads to his school, and Fred sees an opportunity: everyone listens to what Existor has to say, so why not use that? Soon, Fred is coming up with outlandish rumours about his classmates, and everyone's lapping it up.



The Inheritance Games follows a teenage girl, Avery Kylie Grambs, who is unexpectedly left a billion-dollar fortune by a mysterious philanthropist, Tobias Hawthorne. In his will, Tobias stipulates that Avery must live in his mansion, Hawthorne House, for one year if she's going to inherit. Avery shares the home with the Hawthornes, who are angry and confused as to why Tobias left his fortune to Avery. The book follows Avery's journey as she unravels the clues Tobias left behind, hoping to understand why a man she doesn't remember meeting left her billions of dollars.



Red Queen is a young adult fantasy novel by Victoria Aveyard. The story follows seventeen-year-old Mare Barrow, a peasant-born Red, who discovers she has special powers like the elite ruling Silvers. To hide her true identity, she is declared a long-lost Silver princess and betrothed to one of their own.



#1 New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds tackles it—you know...it—from the guy's perspective in this unfiltered and undeniably sweet stream of consciousness story of a teen boy about to experience a huge first.



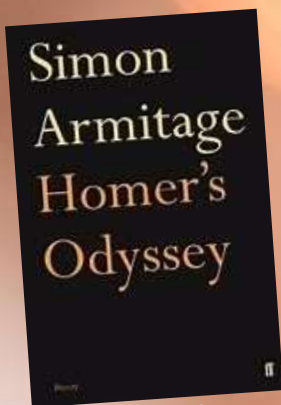
The White Tiger is a novel that tells the story of Balram Halwai, a rickshaw driver's son who skilfully climbs India's social ladder to become a chauffeur and later a successful businessman. The novel is framed as a narrative letter written over seven nights to the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. It examines the dark underbelly of contemporary Indian society, its caste system, and its place in the globalized world.

**S R Well done and congratulations goes to our Star Readers from
T E Spring half term – Jessica L(Y7), Jessie L-F (Y8), Niamh R (Y9),**

A A George T (Y10) and Alisa S (Y11) and from this term Morireoluwa R D A(Y7), Harry P(Y8), Istishna M(Y9) and Carys-Arlene E(Y10). E All of these students demonstrated extraordinary perseverance R and commitment to their reading. We are incredibly proud of all of them!

Congratulations to Spring half term's winner Julia R who had her winning ticket pulled out by Mrs Hilton and this term's winner is Amelia Rose W whose winning ticket was pulled out by Crystal (Post-16 student). Both students received a library goodie bag in recognition of their continued reading well done!

BOOK RAFFLE



STUDENT BOOK RECOMMENDATION

This book was much easier to read and understand than the original 'Odyssey' book version which I read prior to this play version of it. I really enjoyed reading this book as did my friend. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who listens to 'EPIC: The Musical' (if so be my friend) but also to anyone interested in general Greek Mythology. Homer's 'Odyssey' is one of my all time favourites, whether that be the play version or the prose one.

Aurelia W (Y9)

Being a Student Librarian 2024-2025

Hello, my name is Sienna and for the past year I have been a librarian in the Cardinal Newman library. My experience has been extremely enjoyable, as all of the people are so kind and funny and just overall nice to be around, and our amazing librarian is, well, an absolutely amazing teacher that will gladly help with anything.

Overall I love my job, and hope to be a librarian again in the following year.

If you love books and being in a library environment, then hopefully I'll see you next year!

Summer Awards 2025

It has been another amazing year in the library and the library has been fortunate to have yet another fantastic and dedicated team of Student Librarians. Each year the library receives many applications for the role and this year was no exception. The library has had the biggest team so far, with many more applicants on the waiting list, and all have contributed greatly to the day to day running. Each and every one of them has given up some of their social time each week (before school, break and lunchtimes) to volunteer in the library. They have demonstrated commitment, dedication and hard work whilst taking on new challenges such as learning how the library is organised, assisting and directing their fellow students to the resources they require, contributing to the half termly newsletter, keeping the library a tidy and safe environment, communicating with students and staff whilst maintaining a professional and polite presence. I, personally, am particularly proud how much they have all grown and developed during their experience. It has been a pleasure to see how they have worked well with each other and together have formed a strong and friendly team. I would like to give thanks in particular to the Senior Student Librarians (Cole, Krzysztof, Ketan) who have been with the library a few years now and continue to support the newer and younger librarians by being patient and welcoming. A huge thanks must go to our Head Librarian Lucie who has stepped up to the role with grace, warmth, dedication and commitment and who has developed immensely demonstrating great initiative and leadership. All have been awarded their Gold Student Librarian Award this term.

Well done all of you! You are amazing and the school library is blessed to have you!

Mrs McLachlan



We would like to say goodbye and best wishes to Krzysztof and Yuvraj who will be sadly leaving us to pursue their ambitions elsewhere and good luck to Ellie who has now completed her GCSEs and is now onto the next adventure. We shall miss you all.





The Great Book Giveaway

Towards the end of the Summer term the library hosted *The Great Book Giveaway* at break and lunchtime.

This has become an annual and very popular event seeing many students coming into the library to choose a book to take home and keep.

It is always wonderful to see so many students from all year groups, including Post-16 students, browsing through all the different titles, especially when the weather is so beautiful. There have been a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles on display and we are pleased to see so many of 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!



TOP BORROWERS 2024 - 2025



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Post-16



Year 7 Book Cover and Year 8 Comic Strip Competitions

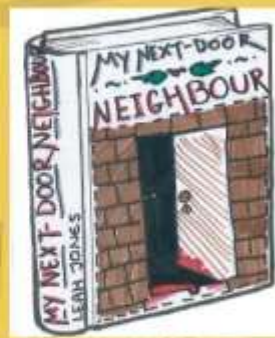
To end the academic year, Year 7 and 8 took part in two different library competitions. Year 7 were given the brief to design a book cover of their choice which could be based on an existing book or one that they have created themselves. They were asked to make it bright and include a book title and author and to also ensure these were written on the spine of the book. The amazing creations made it nearly impossible to pick out a winner so this year there were two winners and five runners up prizes given. Well done Year 7s on demonstrating such varied imaginations as well as creative and stand out designs.



WINNERS
Sophia B
Angel G

RUNNERS UP

Jake W
Karolina P
David O
Julia R
Roisin K



Year 8, having taken part in the Book Cover competition last year were asked to create a comic strip. Their brief was to think about characters and develop a story (beginning, middle and end) which could then be told using a comic strip format. It was fantastic to see students come up with amazing and original stories which they then transferred onto their comic strip templates. There were some very funny, exciting, scary, emotional entries, which like Year 7, made it very difficult to select a winner so two winners and five runners up prizes were awarded. Well

done everyone!



RUNNERS UP

Lloyd A
Scarlett F
Sara S
Nia S
Coragh F-H



WINNERS
Jacob R
Nadia S

BOOKS TO FILM/TV



'You're the last of the Werewolves, son. Don't fight it...conquer it.'

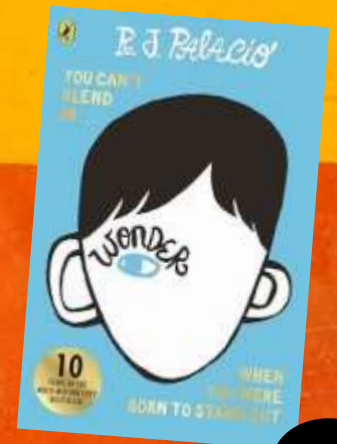
This epic fantasy series by Curtis Jobling depicts the story of Drew who learns he is the last of a long line of Werewolves and the rightful ruler.

Drew can pick up the scent of any predator so when a vicious beast invades his home Drew begins to transform.

Can he master the wolf within as his does battle to become what is rightfully his?

Already a successful Netflix animated series.

Student Book Recommendation



Wonder is considered a good book for several meaningful reasons. Firstly, it has a powerful message of kindness and empathy with many relatable characters.

Its portrayal of the different challenges that the characters experience has real impact and this makes the book inspirational without coming across as too self-righteous.

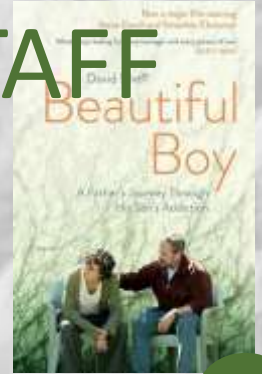
If you haven't read this book then you are missing out on something very special.

Carmelita (Y7)

Available
in the Library

MY FAVOURITE BOOK -MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STAFF CNCS STAFF

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



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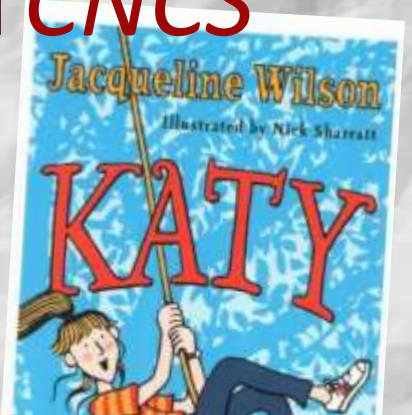
Beautiful Boy- David Sheff

One of my all-time favourite books is Beautiful Boy by David Sheff. I picked this up in lockdown after a year of not being able to get stuck into anything I read, and quickly I was out of my reading rut. The way Sheff writes easily transported me into the hard-hitting and devastating world of addiction. It depicts a father's heart-breaking, yet inspiring, strive to save his son from his own demise into this brutal world. This is a biographical novel, a true story of survival and recovery, which evokes real empathy for the pain felt by both father and son. We see the lengths a person will go to to satisfy an addiction. The reader, at the same time as Sheff, questions - "At what point do you give up trying to save someone?" Sheff battles with his own journey to understand what happened to his beautiful boy? Where did it go wrong? Guilt, responsibility, grief, frustration. The novel deals with complicated themes, but if you like a book that makes you feel something, then give it a go. No spoilers, but the end is worth it!

MY FAVOURITE BOOK -MY CNCS STUDENT CNCS STUDENT

Katy - Jacqueline Wilson

One of my favourite books is 'Katy' by Jacqueline Wilson. It is about a girl who falls from a tree and as a result she is unable to walk.



She has to use a wheelchair and she is starting a new school in Year 7.

I love this book because it shows that no matter what, there is always somebody looking out for you and even when your loved one is gone, they are always watching you.

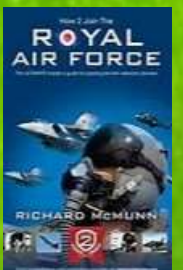
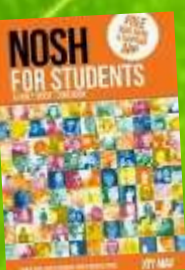
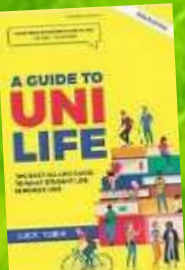
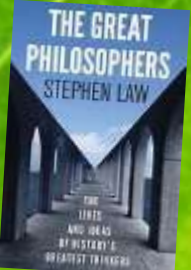
It also shows that you should never try to do things that require adult supervision without an adult because it can sometimes result in injury or worse.

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Morire (Year 7)

POST-16

The library is happy to announce a new Post-16 area which is larger than before and incorporates many more resources for Post-16 students to access. Now situated just inside the main entrance to the library, students can benefit from the variety of resources available. In the library the Post-16 area includes Fiction and Non-Fiction titles as well as titles to support your studies, university life, apprenticeships, driving lessons, magazines and much more as well as fiction books for some 'reading for pleasure' time! . The library is continually expanding these areas so please do take a look to see what is available.



PUZZLES AND MISCELLANEOUS

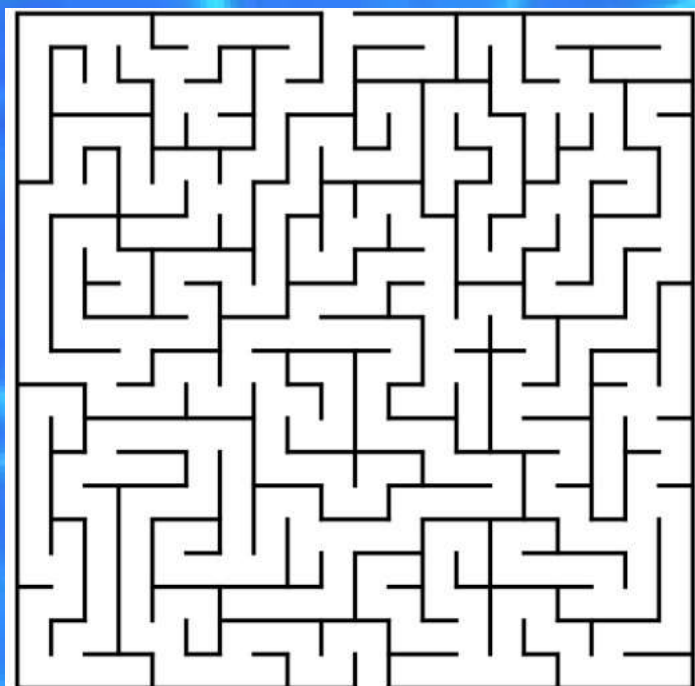


RIDDLE



What ancient invention allows people to see through walls?

First 2 students to the library in September with the correct answer receive a sweetie treat! - Last issue's answer (A DECK OF CARDS)



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WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AN AMAZING...

Summer!



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