



CNCS Library Newsletter



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A big warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and to a new academic year! There are lots of things coming up this year in the library beginning with Year 7 Library Inductions and Year 7 Bookmark competition so be sure to pop in and see us.

Mrs McLachlan (Library Manager)



This term the library launched its new reading incentive which has been rolled out to our new Year 7 students. When a member of staff sees a student reading for pleasure, in other words reading out of class, they will hand that student a 'Catch Me Reading' slip. The student can then hand this into the library for the chance of winning a £20 voucher at the end of the term. In the future the library hopes to roll this out to the rest of the school. Good luck everyone!

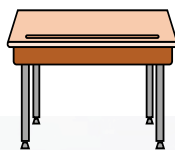


Library Facilities

Please make a note of the facilities that the library has to offer!



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



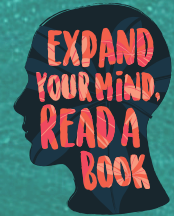
Please see what is available in the Library Stationery Shop - just come to the main desk for any enquiries or purchases.



Book Facts!

Reading can reduce stress by up to 68%, according to a study by the University of Sussex.

RECOMMENDED READING AUTUMN TERM



Year 7 - *The First Year* - Matt Goodfellow

Year 8 - *Wolf King* - Curtin Jobling

Year 9 - *All the Things That Could Go Wrong* - Stewart Foster

Year 10 - *When the World Tips Over* - Jandy Nelson

Year 11 - *Songlight* - Moira Buffini

Post 16 - *This Song Is About Us* - Sara Barnard



Nate is about to start secondary school. After a challenging final year at Primary, things seem to have settled for him and he is ready for a fun-filled summer before a fresh start in September. However, a new school brings new challenges- and some old.



Discover the epic fantasy adventure series as Drew Ferran learns he's the last of a long line of Werewolves - and rightful ruler of a land governed by Werelords. When the air is clear, Drew Ferran can pick up the scent of a predator.



When their mums arrange for Alex and Dan to spend time together over winter break, it seems like a recipe for certain disaster...until it isn't. Once forced together, these two sworn enemies discover that there is much more to each other than they ever knew.



The story follows the Fall siblings—Dizzy, Miles, and Wynton—as they grapple with the disappearance of their father, long-held family curses, and their own personal struggles.



Elsa Crane and Rye Tern, secret Torches, are preparing to run away together, but when Rye is betrayed and captured, Elsa lets out such a flood of grief that it captures the attention of two Torches miles away in the capital city: Kaira Kasey, a frail and lonely girl with a powerful songlight gift, and Sister Swan, a politician with an agenda of her own.



Told over three summer festivals, this stunning novel from bestselling prizewinner Sara Barnard charts the emotional turmoil of young love and early fame. The Kerbs are a four-piece pop rock band on the verge of breaking big the moment that frontman, Drew, turns 18 at the end of the summer.

A world of reading awaits you. Have you tried the CNCS SORA Reading App yet?

Getting started with **Sora**



With SORA, you can get free ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels and more. Follow the instructions to get started.

1

Install the SORA app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or go to soraapp.com.

2

In SORA, find our school, Cardinal Newman Catholic School, then sign in with your school login.

3

Browse the **EXPLORE** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

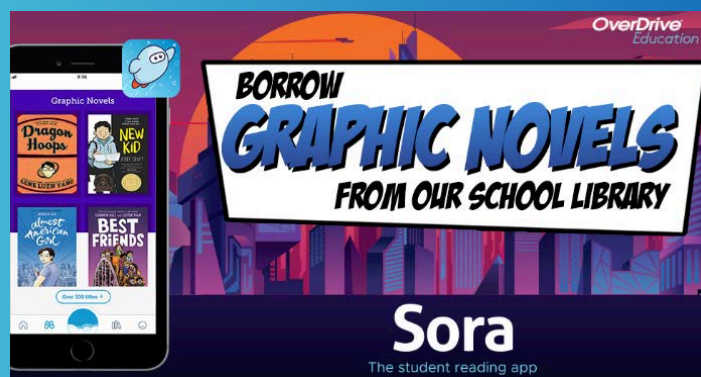
4

Close the book and go to your **SHELF** to see all your books.

From there you can:

Tap **OPEN BOOK** to read your book.

Tap **OPTIONS** to renew or return your book or to get your notes and highlights plus more.





Competition Winners



STAR

READER



Well done and congratulations goes to our Star Readers from Autumn Term 1.1 – Delina W (Y7), Emmanuel S (Y8), Rebecca N (Y9), Lidiia D (Y10) and Samuel A (Y11).

All of these students demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and commitment to their reading. We are incredibly proud of all of them!

Congratulations to 7PWN!

This tutor group had the highest number of book loans this half term - well done!

**BOOK
RAFFLE**



Congratulations to the Autumn Half Term's winner Ollie B (Y8) who had his winning ticket pulled out by Mrs Good and received a library goodie bag in recognition of his continued reading - well done!



YEAR 7 BOOKMARK COMPETITION



WINNERS:
KATIE C 7RCY,
KELSEY C 7RDS
AND
OSIAN A 7RDS



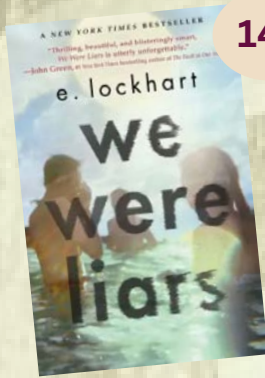
RUNNERS UP:
KENDALL C 7AMW,
CATHERINE M 7PRN,
JOSEPH O 7SON
AND
NICHOLAS S 7PWN



THE LIBRARY HOSTED THE ANNUAL YEAR 7 BOOKMARK COMPETITION THIS HALF TERM. DURING THEIR LIBRARY LESSONS STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO DESIGN A BOOKMARK WHICH COULD BE ABOUT ANYTHING THEY WANTED AS LONG AS IT WAS BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL. THE LIBRARY IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP - CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU. AMAZING CREATIONS!



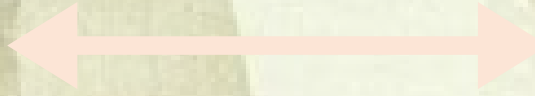
BOOKS TO FILM/TV



14+



16+



We Were Liars by E. Lockhart is a contemporary novel that revolves around the wealthy Sinclair family, who spend their summers on a private island. The story is narrated by Cadence Sinclair, who suffers from amnesia after a mysterious accident during a summer vacation. As she tries to piece together her memories, she uncovers dark secrets about her family and the events that transpired that summer. The novel explores themes of privilege, love, and the consequences of deception.

In the end, Cadence learns the truth about her past and the tragic events that led to her current state, leading to a shocking and emotional conclusion.

The series can be seen on Amazon Prime.

Student Book Recommendation

Children's Quick and Easy Cookbook – Angela Wilkes

Children's Quick and Easy Cookbook is a really good book for easy recipes; the cookies are really nice! I would recommend the book for quick and easy snacks. This book is a gem, the recipes are easy to follow, simple and delicious.

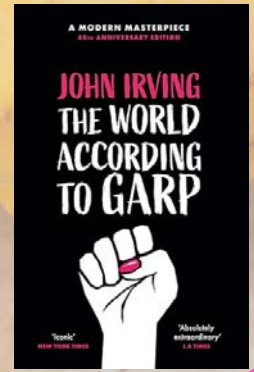


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Available
in the Library

Hollie S (Year 7)

MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STAFF



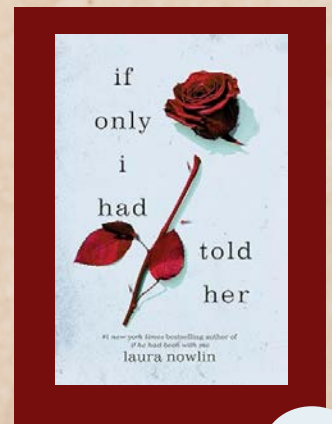
Each issue of the Library Newsletter a staff member will tell us what their favourite book is and why. Mr Shaw from our Reprographics department, has very kindly shared the book he has most enjoyed.

17+

The World According to Garp - John Irving

A captivating book that keeps you guessing as to where it will lead you. Heart-warming, funny, sad and intriguing story telling as the author weaves you through the world of the main character Garp and his family.

MY FAVOURITE BOOK - CNCS STUDENT



If I Had Told Her - Laura Nowlin

14+

If I Had Told Her is one of the most gut wrenching, beautiful, sad stories I've read. It's a sequel to *If He Had Been With Me* but this time it comes from three different perspectives including young Finny who dies and we are aware of this from the start of both books. What makes this book my favourite is the way it portrays grief and longing, the absence of someone in your life affecting the way you see your own, how everything becomes quieter. This book made me appreciate life a lot more, especially as I can emotionally relate to this book because all the characters are around my age. Love is shown beautifully where everything was full of "if only" moments he could never fulfil. This will forever be my favourite book of comfort (no matter how much it makes me cry) because it shows the truth of grief, something a lot of people can relate to.

Jenna T (Year 10)

PUZZLES AND MISCELLANEOUS

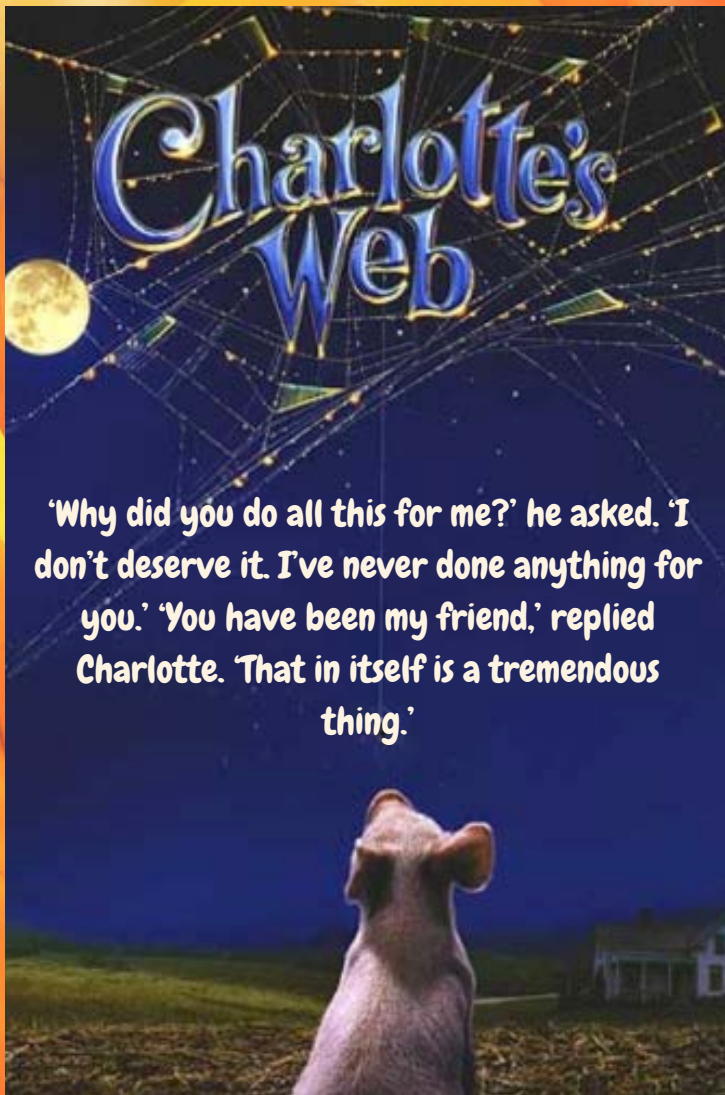


RIDDLE



What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

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



'Why did you do all this for me?' he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.' 'You have been my friend,' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.'

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- Pencil
- Notebook
- Teacher
- Classroom
- Homework
- Chalkboard
- Backpack
- Recess
- Bus
- Desk
- Ruler
- Lunchbox

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