



CARDINAL NEWMAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Welcome to the library at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. I hope you will find this information useful as you prepare to join us in September. The library is a really popular place for students to use both during your English lessons and social times. I look forward to welcoming you all to the library in September, please pop in to meet me. See you all soon.

Mrs Kennedy, Librarian.



LIBRARY INFORMATION



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Student Librarian Team



I am supported in the library with a team of Student Librarians. I have students from each year group and it is a great way for you to meet new people whilst learning new skills. If this is something you would enjoy, come and see me when you start in Year 7 to collect an application form.

Mrs Kennedy

Summer Reading Challenge

Every year Coventry libraries run the **Summer Reading Challenge**, calling for children aged 4 – 11 to sign up to read six books over the summer holiday. This year children can still join a free virtual challenge at www.silysquad.org.uk.

This year's theme is 'Silly Squad' – a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

To take part in Silly Squad:

- Create a free account at www.silysquad.org.uk. It's a simple process and requires approval by an adult (via email).
- Children taking part in the challenge this year will be asked to set their own reading goal, but we hope that children will try to read at least six books.
- Children can rate and review the books they are reading and there will be videos, quizzes and lots of other downloadable treats to encourage children to meet their reading challenge at home.
- If you don't want to take part in the challenge there are still lots of other fun activities on the website for everyone to explore.

Coventry Libraries have a fantastic selection of free children's e-books and audio books to read at www.coventry.gov.uk/ebooks.



**Get
Involved!
Keep
Reading!**



We have a book club in the library where we meet every Thursday lunchtime. It is open to all year groups and everyone is welcome. If you have a love of books then this would be the perfect group for you to join. We participate in book awards like The Coventry Inspiration Book Awards and The Carnegie Medal.



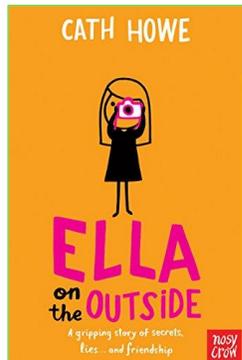
Book Recommendations

Below is a list of books suitable for children taking the transition into secondary school in September. Some of these books are available as an eBook completely free through the Coventry Libraries website. These books have the link attached to access the book

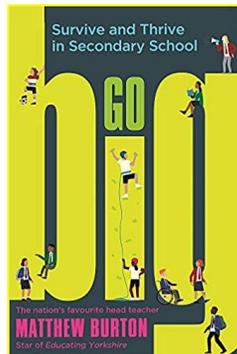
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Ella is the new girl at school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't have any friends. And she has a terrible secret. Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend - but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone? A gripping story of lies, friendship, and blackmail...



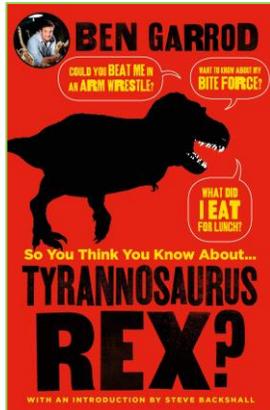
Secondary school can seem scary. Corridors are wide, older students look terrifying and there's homework, messy friendships and stressful exams to deal with. But, whether you're about to land at secondary school or you're still settling in, Mr Burton is here to guide you through your journey - worry-free. From your first day to your final exams, this handbook will have you achieving, succeeding and being the best you can be!

Written by head teacher and star of *Educating Yorkshire*, Mr Matthew Burton, this is the ultimate secondary school survival guide.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN ACCESS AUDIO AND E-BOOKS COMPLETELY FREE THROUGH COVENTRY LIBRARIES? ALL YOU NEED TO HAVE IS A CURRENT LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP, IF YOU HAVEN'T YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE FOR FREE!



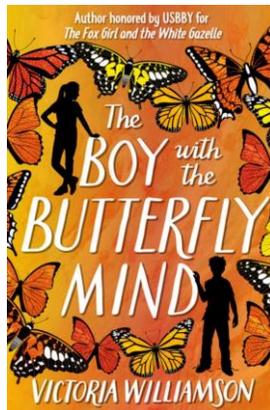
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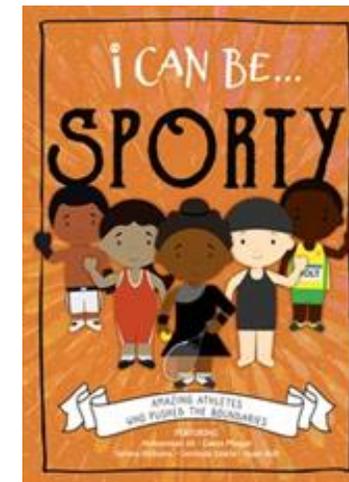
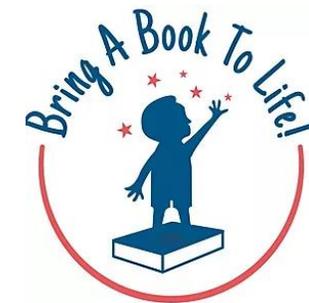
Did you know that not all dinosaurs are green and scaly, some are ginger and feathered, or that they didn't all roar, they cooed like pigeons, or that the ultimate prehistoric predator is actually not a dinosaur? TV scientist, Dr Ben Garrod, is proud to be a geek as he mixes hard science and humour to prove that science is for everyone. All children know their dinosaurs but Ben encourages them to think differently, revealing how new discoveries and breakthroughs occur in science every day. By looking at the evolutionary arms race, prey, predators, place, time, groups and species, Ben reveals new-look dinosaurs. Palaeo art by Scott Hartman and Gabriel Ugueto and cartoon illustration by Ethan Kocak.

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Jamie Lee just wants to be normal but his ADHD isn't making it easy. If only he could control his butterfly mind then he'd have friends, be able to keep out of trouble, live with his mum and not be sent to stay with his dad. Elin Watts just wants to be perfect. If she could be the best student and daughter possible, then maybe her dad would leave his new family and come back to Glasgow to live with Elin and her mum, happily ever after. When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're actually more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes. Uplifting and moving, The Boy with the Butterfly Mind is an inspiring story of acceptance, blended families, and discovering that in the end, being yourself is more than enough.

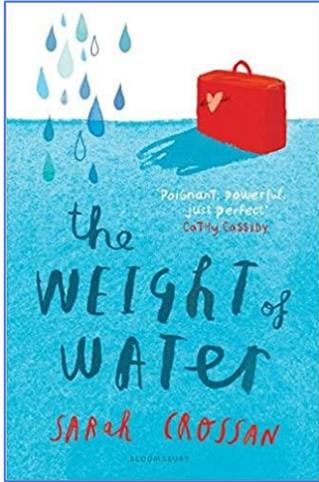


Non-Fiction book with potted biographies of a range of sport stars such as Serena Williams, Geeta Phogat or Usain Bolt. Written by Shalini Vallepur and published by Book Life this is ideal for ages 7-11 (available as a pdf download).

[I Can be Sporty! e-book](#)



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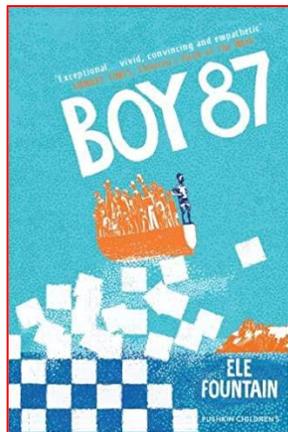
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat.

The Weight of Water is a startlingly original piece of fiction; most simply a brilliant coming of age story, it also tackles the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving, unsentimental and utterly page-turning, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails.

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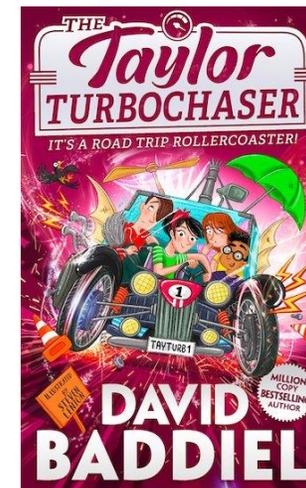


Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe.

Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea. He will encounter cruelty and kindness; he will become separated from the people he loves.

Boy 87 is a gripping, uplifting tale of one boy's struggle for survival; it echoes the story of young people all over the world today.

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A non-stop thrill-ride adventure that will have readers young and old racing to the finishing line. The Taylor Turbochaser is a road-trip rollercoaster... with a twist. At its heart is the unforgettable Amy Taylor. Amy loves cars, and dreams of being a driver. But there's a major catch: her slow old wheelchair with its broken wheel. When Amy finally gets a new electric one, it's exciting... at first. But standard engines only have so much power. And that's where Rahul comes in - Amy's best friend and genius inventor. Soon Rahul turns a wheelchair into... a supercar!