

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – RICK RIORDAN

Rick Riordan is most well-known for the Percy Jackson series. His other series include The Kane Chronicles, The Heroes of Olympus, Magnus Chase and Trials of Apollo. From Norse and Greek mythology to the legends of Ancient Egypt he explores some impressive, imaginative worlds through his books. Throughout January the library's focus will be on this author's books.



WINTER BOOKS

Throughout December, the library displayed Christmas or Winter themed books which are suitable for Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4.

These books are still on display and available to borrowed.



Don't miss out on these fantastic reads, visit the library today!



Students in Years 7-9 Q band are rewarded for passing quizzes and receive certificates once they have read the number of words below.

Bronze - 10,000	Silver - 25,000 words
Gold - 50,000	Ruby - 100,000
Sapphire - 250,000	Emerald - 500,000 words
Amethyst - 750,000	Millionaire - 1,000,000 words

Several students have now achieved the Bronze, Silver or Gold award. Special congratulations go to the following students for achieving higher awards from September - December.

Alisha 8Q1 – Amethyst	Hadia 8Q2 – Amethyst	Wania 7Q2 – Emerald
Tayyaba 8Q2 – Sapphire	Halima 9Q2 - Sapphire	Sofia 7Q3 – Ruby
Ayesha 9Q1 – Ruby	Zayaan 7Q2 – Ruby	

TERM 1 RAFFLE WINNERS

Each term Mrs Hanson runs a raffle for those students who have passed quizzes at 60% or more. Each time a student passes 5 quizzes they are entered into the raffle. The more quizzes they pass, the more times they are entered. Each of the winners will receive an Amazon voucher.

Last term's winners are:

Yara 7Q2
Alisha 8Q1

KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Why not reserve these books with Mrs Hanson to avoid missing out?

YEAR 7



The Wizard of Once by Cressida Cowell

From the bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon* comes an exciting high-adventure series - set in an ancient, magical time, full of Wizards, Warriors, Giants and Sprites.

This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

Once there was Magic, and the Magic lived in the dark forests. Until the Warriors came...

Xar is a Wizard boy who has no Magic, and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned Magical Object, and she will do anything to conceal it.

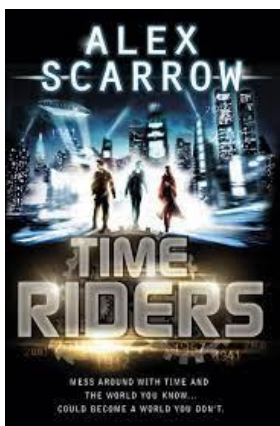
In this whirlwind adventure, Xar and Wish must forget their differences if they're going to make it to the dungeons at Warrior Fort.

Where something that has been sleeping for hundreds of years is stirring...

This is the first book in the series which also include:

- **The Wizards of Once: Twice Magic**
- **The Wizards of Once: Knock Three Times**
- **The Wizards of Once: Never and Forever**

YEAR 8



Time Riders by Alex Scarrow

Liam O'Connor should have died at sea in 1912.

Maddy Carter should have died on a plane in 2010.

Sal Vikram should have died in a fire in 2029.

Yet moments before death, someone mysteriously appeared and said, 'Take my hand . . .'

But Liam, Maddy and Sal aren't rescued. They are recruited by an agency that no one knows exists, with only one purpose - to fix broken history. Because time travel is here, and there are those who would go back in time and change the past.

That's why the Time Riders exist: to protect us. To stop time travel from destroying the world . . .

This is the first book in the series which includes 9 books in total

KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR 9



The Spook's Apprentice by Joseph Delaney

WARNING: NOT TO BE READ AFTER DARK

'Someone has to stand against the dark. And you're the only one who can.'

For years, the local Spook has been keeping the County safe from evil. Now his time is coming to an end, but who will take over?

Many apprentices have tried. Some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive. Just one boy is left. Thomas Ward. He is the last hope.

But does he stand a chance against Mother Malkin, the most dangerous witch in the County?

This is the first book in the series which includes 13 books in total

YEAR 10



Legend by Marie Lu

He is Day.
The boy who walks in the light.

She is June.
The girl who seeks her brother's killer.

On the run and undercover, they meet by chance. Irresistibly drawn together, neither knows the other's past.

But Day murdered June's brother.

And she has sworn to avenge his death.

This is the first book in the trilogy which also include:

- Prodigy
- Champion

Don't allow these books to leave the shelves – Get your reservations in!

KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS cont.

YEAR 11



Serpent and Dove by Shelby Mahurin

Two years ago, Louise le Blanc fled her coven and took shelter in the city of Cesarine, forsaking all magic and living off whatever she could steal. There, witches like Lou are hunted. They are feared. And they are burned.

As a huntsman of the Church, Reid Diggory has lived his life by one principle: Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. But when Lou pulls a wicked stunt, the two are forced into an impossible situation—marriage.

Lou, unable to ignore her growing feelings, yet powerless to change what she is, must make a choice. And love makes fools of us all.

This is the first book in the trilogy which also include:

- Blood and Honey
- Gods and Monsters

Read a brilliant book recently? Recommend it through Mrs Hanson today

BOLTON BOOK AWARDS

Over the Christmas holidays students in Year 7P band have continued to read the books for the Bolton Book Awards, which are organised by Bolton School.

Each student is required to read at least 3 of the 6 shortlisted books and vote for their favourites in May.

We will attend the awards ceremony at Bolton School in July, where students will have the opportunity to meet the winning author. How exciting is that?



LIBRARY NOTICES

The library is now open to all year groups at breaktimes and lunchtimes each day. Students can use the library for completing homework and quiet reading. Library books will also be able to taken out or returned during this time.

Mrs Hanson has purchased a range of new board games which can be played in the library at lunchtimes.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The library is open after school for students to complete homework.

MONDAY 3PM – 4PM

TUESDAY 3PM – 4PM

WEDNESDAY 3PM – 4PM

THURSDAY 3PM – 4PM

FRIDAY 3PM – 3:30PM

LIBRARY BOOKS

The library is being used by students from all year groups on a regular basis during English lessons as well as breaktime and lunchtime.

The data below shows the lending rates for each year group in each month since September.

	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Total Books borrowed
Year 7	194	588	518	154	1454
Year 8	133	157	240	61	591
Year 9	136	137	127	46	446
Year 10	75	41	21	17	154
Year 11	38	13	18	14	83
TOTAL	576	936	924	292	2436

Super work Year 7!

However, with all this use, it means we often have to chase overdue books!

We currently have 582 overdue library books, some of these were due back before the Summer holidays.

Please can you ask your child to bring back any books that you have at home? If your child would like to continue reading their book, they simply need to get it renewed and stamped again.