

## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH – ROBERT MUCHAMORE

Robert Muchamore is an English author, known most for writing the *CHERUB* and *Henderson's Boys* novels.

Robert was inspired to create his bestselling *CHERUB* series by his nephews' complaints about the lack of anything for them to read! He tried to write novels that he would have enjoyed reading when he was a teenager, a time when he remembers being too old for children's novels but not old enough to read adult novels.

The *CHERUB* series follows the life of a character named James Adams and his younger half-sister Lauren Adams. James is a member of *CHERUB* (Charles Henderson's Espionage Research Unit B), a top-secret branch of the British Secret Service. The organisation recruits orphaned children and trains them as spies. *CHERUB* agents start basic training at the age of ten and once qualified, they are used to investigate targets ranging from international terrorists to gang leaders. As children, they are considered innocent by their targets.

He has also authored a second series of novels about the origins of *CHERUB* entitled *Henderson Boys*. The novels are set during World War II and follow Charles Henderson, a British secret agent, as he creates the organisation later featured in the *CHERUB* series.

Throughout July the library's focus will be this author's books.



# BOLTON BOOK AWARDS

Back in October 2022 we were delighted to announce that several pupils in Year 7P band were taking part in the Bolton Book Awards, which are organised by Bolton School.

12 of these pupils read the required 3 of the 6 shortlisted books and voted for their favourites at the beginning of May.

The ceremony to announce the winning author took place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Bolton School. The winning book was Dreadwood by Jennifer Killock.

Unfortunately, we were unable to attend the ceremony due to Eid celebrations, however our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the awards.

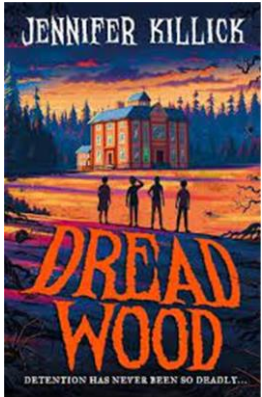
We are hoping that our next Year 7 pupils will enjoy it as much in the next academic year.



# KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

## YEAR 7

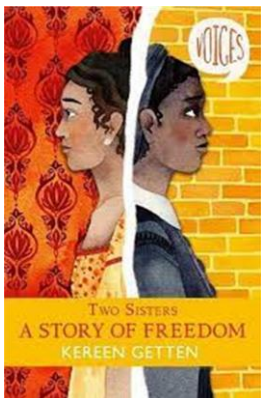


### **Dreadwood by Jennifer Killock**

It's basically the worst school detention ever. When classmates (but not mate-mates) Hallie, Angelo, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a SATURDAY, they think things can't get much worse. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary.

What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Itsy Bitsy Spider? And what horrors lurk in the shadows, getting stronger and meaner every minute . . .? Cut off from help and in danger each time they touch the ground, the gang's only hope is to work together. But it's no coincidence that they're all there on detention. Someone has been watching and plotting and is out for revenge . . .

## YEAR 8



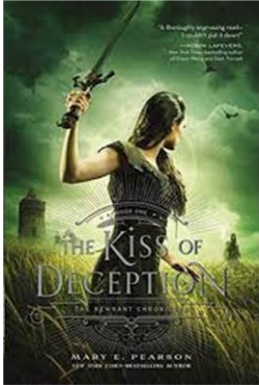
### **Two Sisters: A Story of Freedom by Kereen Getten**

Set in Jamaica and London in 1781, this insightful novel follows the fate of half-sisters Ruth and Anna, who are born to the same slave mother. Ruth's black father was sold when she was a baby, and Anna's father is the white plantation owner, Master John Ambrose. Despite their different personalities (Ruth is adventurous and fearless while Anna is quiet and dislikes confrontation), the girls are inseparable.

Fearing for their safety on the plantation, the girls' mother persuades Master John to take them to England to stay with his sister. However, when they arrive, they are met with hostility. Anna is barely tolerated by her aunt and Ruth is subjected to cruelty and humiliation. Realising her headstrong nature is not an asset in Georgian high society, Ruth desperately hopes Anna will find the strength to step up and protect them both.

# KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## YEAR 9



### **The Kiss of Deception by Mary E. Pearson**

The Kingdom of Morrighan is steeped in tradition and the stories of a bygone world, but some traditions Lia can't abide. Like having to marry someone she's never met to secure a political alliance.

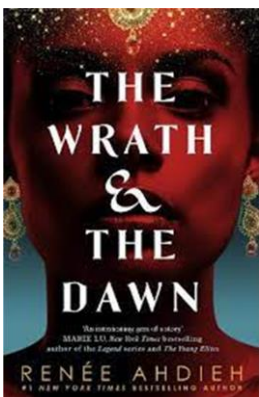
Fed up and ready for a new life, Lia escapes to a distant village on the morning of her wedding. She settles in among the common folk, intrigued when two mysterious and handsome strangers arrive - and unaware that one is the jilted prince and the other an assassin sent to kill her. Deceptions swirl and Lia finds herself on the brink of unlocking perilous secrets - secrets that may unravel her world - even as she feels herself falling in love.

**This part of trilogy which also includes:**

- **The Heart of Betrayal**
- **The Beauty of Darkness**

## YEAR 10

## AND 11



### **The Wrath and The Dawn by Renée Ahdieh**

Every dawn brings horror to a different family in a land ruled by a killer. Khalid, the eighteen-year-old Caliph of Khorasan, takes a new bride each night only to have her executed at sunrise. So it is a terrible surprise when sixteen-year-old Shahrzad volunteers to marry Khalid. But she does so with a clever plan to stay alive and exact revenge on the Caliph for the murder of her best friend and countless other girls. Shazi's wit and will get her through to the dawn that no others have seen, but with a catch . . . she may be falling in love with a murderer.

Shazi discovers that the villainous boy-king is not all that he seems and neither are the deaths of so many girls. It's up to her to uncover the reason for the murders and to break the cycle once and for all.

The sequel to this book is *The Rose and the Dagger*

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

## LIBRARY NOTICES

The library is open to all year groups at breaktimes and lunchtimes each day. Pupils can use the library for completing homework, quiet reading or to play a range of games. Library books can also be 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. These are proving very popular!

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Did you know that the library is open after school for pupils to complete homework?

MONDAY 3PM – 4PM

TUESDAY 3PM – 4PM

WEDNESDAY 3PM – 4PM

THURSDAY 3PM – 4PM

FRIDAY 3PM – 3:30PM

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Throughout July we will be collecting library books back in to manage the stock so that books will be ready to be borrowed again in September. We currently have 869 overdue library books.

Please can you ask your child to bring back any books that you have at home?

I will also be sending overdue books lists out to tutor groups. Any missing books will be charged for in September.

