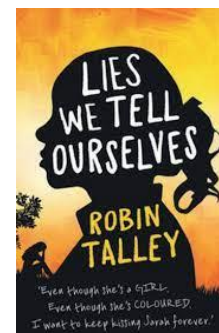
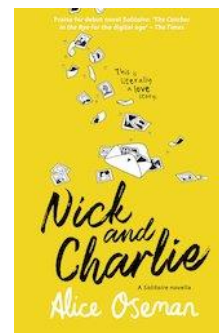
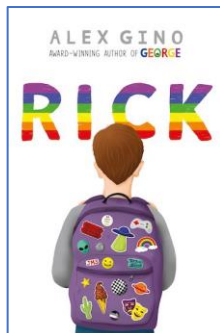
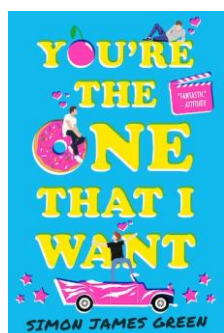
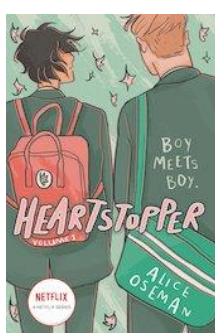




Pride Month is a month-long celebration that recognises the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by this community and to stand in solidarity with their fight for equality, acceptance, and human rights. Pride Month is a joyful and colourful display of love, unity, and resilience, with events and activities that promote inclusivity, educate the public, and celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.

Throughout this month we will be promoting books which focus on these communities.



# A.I.M HIGH WRITING DAY

On Friday 26th May, six of our Year 7 pupils took part in the 'A.I.M. High' Writing Day with pupils from 2 other local schools.

The visiting author/poet, Matt Abbott, delivered a creative writing workshop. During one of the activities, pupils were asked to describe their favourite place using five senses to develop their writing further. Matt explained how to edit your writing and use metaphors and similes to make it more interesting.

The pupils from all schools thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to meet a famous author.

Noorulain said "It was wonderful and really fun to learn about different ways to expand my writing. I really enjoyed it and would love to do it again."



# MEET OUR NEW LIBRARIANS

As our current Year 11 librarians, Safiyah and Abi, will be leaving after their exams, Mrs Hanson has appointed 7 new Year 10 pupils to continue their work in the library at break time and lunchtime.

The new librarians have already started their roles and have been trained by Safiyah and Abi in all aspects of their new position.

I applied to be a librarian due to my interest in books and love for reading. I feel that the skills I will acquire will be beneficial to me in the future - Tuba

I wanted to be a librarian because I love to communicate with others. I also want to be a good role model to others younger and older than me - Madihah

I wanted to be a librarian because I love reading, looking at books and organising the library - Lucy



I wanted to be a librarian because I like to help people - Zainab

I became a librarian to help others as I enjoy reading - Zara

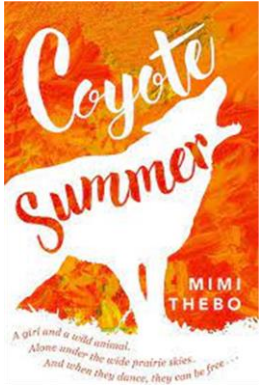
I have always wanted to become a librarian since Year 7 and I took this opportunity as soon as I could. I love being surrounded by books and this will give me experience that I can use in the future - Shahad

I wanted to be a librarian because of my passion for books and reading and my desire to instil an appreciation for literature into my peers. I want to promote an effective learning environment and make it easier for pupils to gain knowledge - Khadija

# KS3 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

## YEAR 7



### **Coyote Summer by Mimi Thebo**

Sometimes I get that feeling like everyone can see right through me. Like all my secrets and thoughts and things I don't want anyone to see are hanging all over me.

My mum has exiled me; sent me halfway across the world to live with her sister in Kansas. Have you ever been to Kansas? The emptiness is overwhelming.

Everyone thinks I'm a failure. But then he sees me. The coyote, eyes golden and wild. And I guess it's because someone's watching me, but I start to dance.

## YEAR 8



### **The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped.

When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.

Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.

# KS4 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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

## YEAR 9



### **The Selection by Kiera Cass**

Thirty-five beautiful girls. Thirty-five beautiful rivals...

It's the chance of a lifetime and 17-year-old America Singer should feel lucky. She has been chosen for The Selection, a reality TV lottery in which the special few compete for gorgeous Prince Maxon's love.

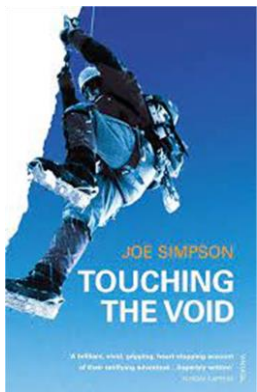
Swept up in a world of elaborate gowns, glittering jewels and decadent feasts, America is living a new and glamorous life. And the prince takes a special interest in her, much to the outrage of the others.

Rivalry within The Selection is fierce and not all of the girls are prepared to play by the rules. But what they don't know is that America has a secret – one which could throw the whole competition... and change her life forever.

**This is the first book in the Selection series**

## YEAR 10

## AND 11



### **Touching the Void by Joe Simpson**

Touching the Void is the heart-stopping account of Joe Simpson's terrifying adventure in the Peruvian Andes. He and his climbing partner, Simon, reached the summit of the remote Siula Grande in June 1995. A few days later, Simon staggered into Base Camp, exhausted and frost-bitten, with news that that Joe was dead.

What happened to Joe, and how the pair dealt with the psychological traumas that resulted when Simon was forced into the appalling decision to cut the rope, makes not only an epic of survival but a compelling testament of friendship.

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 for September. We currently have 756 overdue library books.

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.

It is fine for your child to still borrow books until the middle of July but then we will be asking for all books to be returned ready for the new academic year.

