

Autumn B LRC Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to our final Newsletter from the LRC for 2019. Each year at the Ursuline, students are given the opportunity to become leaders in a specific area, ranging from the arts and public speaking to teaching and learning.

This year, we have lots of applications from students to become Junior Librarians. We currently have a small team of students who will work to promote the Learning Resource Centre and reading in general, while developing and practicing their leadership skills through a variety of activities, such as holding assemblies, conducting surveys, running book clubs, writing book reviews for the newsletter and creating display boards. I want to say a Big 'Thank You' to all the girls who have helped with the running of the LRC.

Anja Anthony Ava Mitchell-Hughes
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Please pop into the LRC
if you would like to apply

Our Book Christmas Tree Display

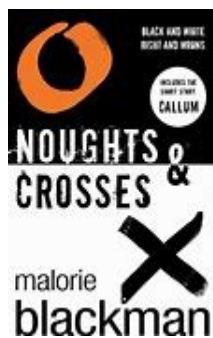
With such a vast array of books at our fingertips what better way to create our very own festive tree? With special thanks to Ava & Devon, 7F for their creative festive ideas.



Book of The Week

NOUGHTS & CROSSES by Malorie Blackman

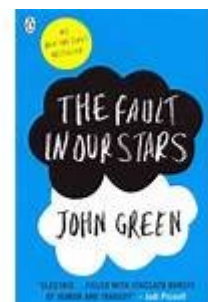
Noughts & Crosses is a series of young adult novels, by English author Malorie Blackman, including three novellas, set in a fictional dystopia. The series describes an alternative history in which African people had gained a technological and organisational advantage over the European people, rather than the other way around, with Africans having made Europeans their slaves. The series takes place in an alternative 21st-century Britain.



"Noughts and crosses is one of my favorite dystopian novels of all time, and I would recommend it to ages 12+."

Amman, Year 8F

If you enjoy thought-provoking, emotional books : *The Hate You Give* by **Angie Thomas**, *Divergent* by **Veronika Roth**, **Suzanne Collins'** *Hunger Games* trilogy and *The Fault in Our Stars* by **John Green** are in the same vein. All are available to borrow from the LRC.



The logo for Reading Cloud, featuring the words "reading" in blue and "cloud" in orange, both in a rounded, bubbly font.

Welcome to our school Reading Cloud

This is our online library system where students can not only use this at school to borrow library books from the school LRC, but they can also access the reading cloud at home on desktop computers, laptops, iPad and even mobile phones!

The idea of the Reading Cloud is to allow students to read at home by accessing a large collection of premium eBooks, which are available on computers and devices like smartphones and tablets, anytime, anywhere!

Accessing the Reading Cloud

If you've forgotten how to log on, just follow these easy steps:

- Go to the school website
- Click on the About Us Tab and select Learning Resource Centre (LRC)
- Once in the LRC section scroll down and click on the New Library system link
- To Login you will need:
- Username: Your School Email
- Password: Date of Birth in 8 digits (eg. 01012001)

What you can do with the Reading Cloud?

- Create an online identity (Avatar)
- Search, reserve or download resources across the Reading Cloud
- Recommend resources to other students: Write or video online book reviews (reviewed by administrator)
- Work collaboratively within the Reading Cloud community
- Enjoy a wide range of both publisher and author digital media
- Blog about your favourite books and authors
- Develop your literacy skills through all curriculum subjects. Catalogue your own books and resources in "My Home Library"
- Share your Book, Author and Profile "Likes" with the Reading Cloud community
- Access the Reading Cloud through mobile technologies

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A student life in books

Year 11 student, **VERONIQUE**, shares the reads that have shaped her life so far

MY FAVOURITE BOOK AS A

CHILD WAS...Eragon by Christopher Paolini. His writing technique is flawless as he grips the reader within the first few words of the series.



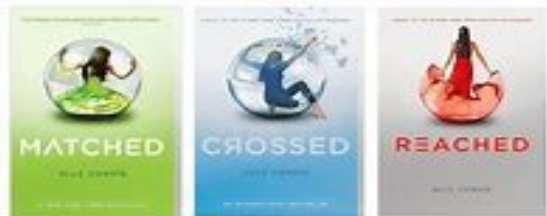
THE LAST BOOK THAT MADE ME CRY

WAS...Legend by Marie Lu. It is the first of a dystopian series based on the future and what may happen in a totalitarian society.



MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER FROM A

BOOK IS...My favourite character of all time is Cassia Reyes from the Matched series by Ally Condie. The main female protagonist is a strong-headed and determined young woman, who will do anything to rise up against evil to be with her loved ones.



THE BOOK THAT GOT ME THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME

WAS...The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood. It made me realise that while life is bad and sometimes unfortunate, it can also be a lot worse.

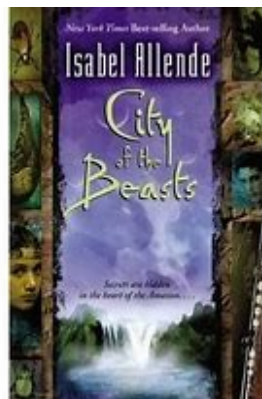
THE ONE BOOK EVERYONE SHOULD READ IS...

A Series Of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket as the tale of the Baudelaire orphans is one that shocks readers to the core while also marvelling at how they manage to get past their troubles.



THE LAST BOOK THAT MADE ME LAUGH WAS...

The City Of The Beasts by Isabel Allende. The main character has a truly amazing adventure and there is also a second book filled with more hilarious and hair-raising tales.



KS3 Book Club

Our Book Club takes place in the library every Monday after school 3.15—4pm. We are currently reading **Terror Kid** by **Benjamin Zephaniah**.

Rico knows what trouble is and he knows to stay away from trouble as best he can because if there is one thing he has learnt, it's that he will always be a suspect.'

The girls are really enjoying this book and take it in turns to read aloud. We pause every now and then to discuss what we think. It is a relaxing and fun club.

The **BookTrust** has just sent us five of the best new books that offer great scope for discussion and activities. Which one shall we pick first?

The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble

Lightning Mary by Anthea Simmons

Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Looking at the Stars by Lewis Hine



Some members of our Book Club (back row left to right) Laura 7M, Roisin 7B. (Front Row left to right) Emma 7A, Adonia 7B Amelie 7B & Nikola 7T (not pictured)



If you would like to join our Book Club please come along after school.



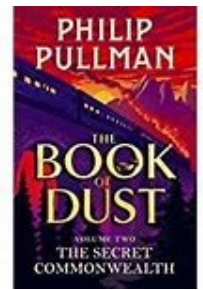
His Dark Materials is an epic trilogy of fantasy novels consisting of **Northern Lights** (1995, published as **The Golden Compass** in North America), **The Subtle**

Knife (1997), and **The Amber Spyglass** (2000). It follows the coming of age of two children, Lyra Belacqua and Will Parry, as they wander through a series of parallel universes. An adaptation of this wonderful Trilogy is currently being shown on BBC1 but do you think the books are better? Isla in Year 7 certainly does. She is watching the series and now reading the Trilogy for the second time as she loves it so much!! If you'd like to try the books, please come to reserve your copy now.

If there is a book you are really keen to read and it's not available in the LRC please come and tell the librarian



Reading Inspiration



Popular Classic Christmas Reads

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens

The Chronicles of Narnia - CS Lewis

Harry Potter - JK Rowling

Mary Poppins - PL Travers

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott

Oliver Twist -Charles Dickens

Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte

The Snow Queen - Hans Christian Anderson

How the Grinch Stole Christmas - Dr Seuss

Christmas Gift Ideas for Young Adult Readers

The Book of Dust: The Secret Commonwealth -Philip Pullman

Queenie - Candice Carty-Williams

The Deathless Girls -Karen Milwood Hargrave

The Truants - Kate Weinberg

Toffee - Sarah Crossman

Bearmouth -Liz Hyder

Deeplight -Frances Hardinge

Rose, Interrupted -Patrice Lawrence

His Dark Materials –Philip Pullman



Non-Fiction Gift ideas



GWR 2020 Fully revised and updated, the record-breaking compendium of superlatives is back and bursting with facts, figures and incredible stories – each one selected to inspire you to learn about the fascinating world we live in... and to break records of your own.

Becoming is the memoir of former United States First Lady Michelle Obama published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother.

Politics For Beginners is a topical, informative guide to political systems, elections, voting and government, and issues including feminism, human rights, freedom of speech and fake news, all explained with clear text and bright, infographic style illustrations. Includes tips on how to argue and debate, a glossary, and links to specially selected websites with more information.

