

## Library News

We marked National Poetry Day in the library this week and the students joined in with their own creative responses.

National Poetry Day is an annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry.

And as the theme this year is 'The Environment' I asked the students to be inspired by the examples of poetry on display and write their own verse of poetry on a leaf. These could be a message of hope, or a poem warning people. Many wrote a verse celebrating our environment and what it offers. These thoughtful words were then added to our 'poet-tree'

In addition, we had poetry and environment- based activities for them to do alongside a display of a range of poetry, including verse novels which are becoming increasingly popular as a form of writing.

Our poet-tree quickly grew from bare to flourishing! There's still time for students to pop along to the library and add a leaf or two.



### Library Lunchtimes

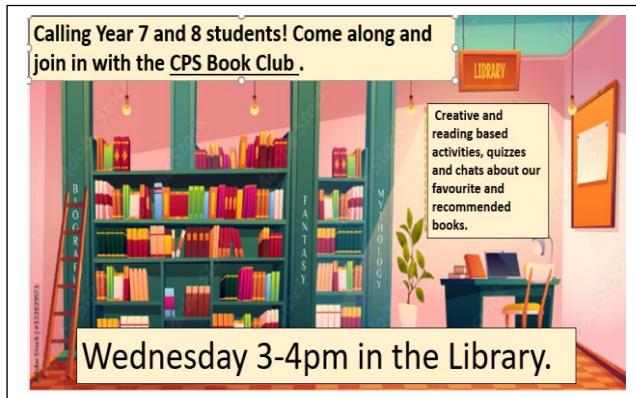
The library is brilliantly busier now but with that it has brought a slight change to the scheduling in terms of available activities. 'Chill and Chat' continues on Mondays and Fridays as this allows an opportunity for students to feel they have an alternative place to come along and meet/ chat to others, so we top and tail the week this way. However, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday run slightly differently. To ensure the growing number of students who wish to read quietly or complete homework/ revision in the library have a place to sit, Wednesdays is now a reading/ homework day where students can relax and enjoy the books or complete homework quietly. The Library's aim is to use the space to cater for all students.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chill and Chat – board games available.	Reading, alongside mindfulness activities/ homework & revision and <b>quiet</b> board games	Reading, homework & revision, with mindfulness activities also available. <b>Board games unavailable</b>	Reading, alongside mindfulness activities/ homework & revision and <b>quiet</b> board games	Chill and Chat – board games available.

### A quick reminder about opening times:

- Before school from 8.30 am
- During breaktime and lunchtime
- After school until 3.30 pm
- Year 7 and 8 Book groups runs on a Wednesday until 4.00pm
- Games club runs on a Friday until 4.30 pm

### Book Club



We have a growing number of students joining in this club but the more the merrier. It's an informal club where we relax, play quizzes, have a go at creative and reading based activities and enjoy a bit chatting about books (and things in general!). I'd love to see more students from years 7 and 8 come along and join in.