

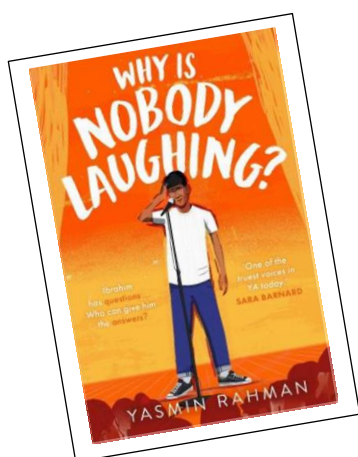
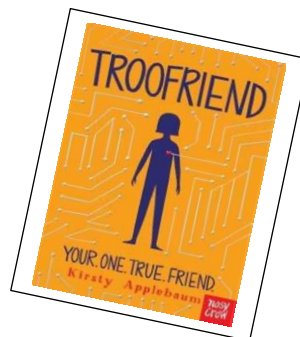
Library News

We relaunch the 'Book of the Week' this week. We have had a number of new books arrive in the library so this week's two choices will come from those. There is a T+ option in addition to a book accessible for all.

Many of these new texts have been looked at and considered by Year 8 students during their library lessons, and we have a number of T+ titles that will be added to our shelves too.

Imagine having the perfect friend, one who never steals, lies or bullies. Now you can, with the TrooFriend 560, the latest in artificial intelligence! What can go wrong with a robot buddy? Especially one that's developing human characteristics and feelings, and who has just run away with her human?

Told from Ivy's point of view, Troofriend is an original and fascinating exploration of artificial intelligence that feels all too relevant - it's easy to imagine TrooFriends being produced in the near future.



Did you hear the one about the wannabe comedian who couldn't tell a joke without having a panic attack?

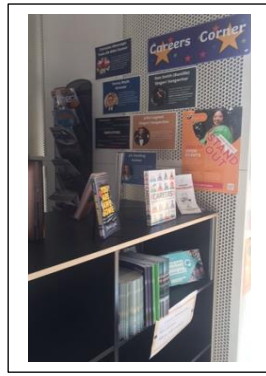
Will the real Ibrahim Malik please stand up? Ibrahim and Dexter have been best friends forever. While Dexter is always cool and confident, Ibrahim...well, Ibrahim's dealing with a lot. Hiding his passion for comedy from his family, dealing with the pressure of being the oldest child in an immigrant family, and now he's started having episodes he soon realises are panic attacks.

When Ibrahim has a panic attack on stage at a local stand-up competition, he runs off to a deserted room. There he finds Sura, who is kind and helps him come to terms with his anxiety. He can open up to her in a way he's never been able to with Dexter. But there's also something strange about her – how much she knows about Ibrahim, and how she seems to disappear in an instant. Will Ibrahim crumble under the pressure, or will Sura's words be enough to help him? And what will happen when he no longer has her help?

T+

Please do take note of the need for parents or carers to respond to the T+ enquiry form that has been sent out. I will be providing another opportunity to respond to this via parent/ carer email.

Information regarding what qualifies as a T+ book is included. Please answer whether you are happy for your child to borrow a T+ book from our Library.



There's been some slight movement in the library and our **Short Reads** can now be located on the **rotating book stand**. This makes them easier to see and will hopefully encourage students who prefer a quicker read to have a good look. It also means that **we now have a 'Careers Corner'** where all students can find leaflets and information about future college choices and career options. Additionally, we will be building up our collection of books that support an understanding of certain roles and jobs. With this movement, some space has been made available so we will be looking at creating a mini- genre area where students can find books that are organised by genre rather than author surname. Students often ask where a certain type of book is and this will be a starting point for them in the future.



The 31st October marked Halloween - our resident spider held on for the week and was named via a light-hearted competition with students visiting the library. The final decision was 'Charlotte' – fans of the well-known 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White will understand why that was so fitting for a library based arachnid. Now the cobwebs and bats have been sent on their way to make room for future displays.

The library continues to be **available before, during and after school**.

A quick reminder about opening times:

- Before school from 8.30 am. *However, it is usually available before this time as once I'm in, it's open!*
- During breaktime and lunchtime
- After school until 3.30 pm. *Longer availability is an option.*
- Year 7 and 8 Book Club runs on a Wednesday until 4.00pm
- Games Club runs on a Friday until 4.30 pm

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