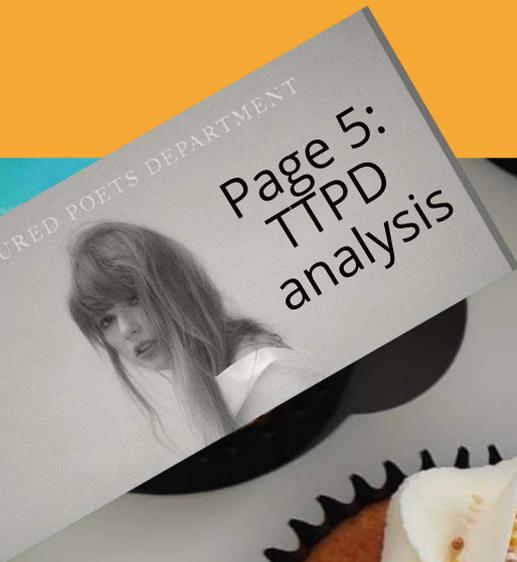


CHS Library Newsletter

Half term 5 - 2024



World Book Day 2024 Thank you!

The Library Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved with the World Book Day activities this year. From the meticulously planned outfits (both students and staff!), to the lovingly baked cakes, so many people put in a huge amount of effort that really made the day special.

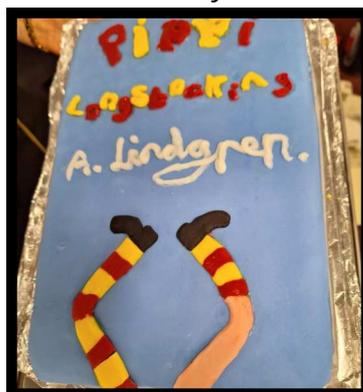
Another massive thank you goes to Thomas and Faith in Y11 who gave up their dinner to run the bake sale.

Thank you to Miss Warters for donating two boxes of her beautifully decorated cupcakes to be raffled off at the bake sale. Congratulations to Evan Watkins in Y7 and Mrs Jenkins who won these.

Last but definitely not least, thank you to Mrs Plater for organising such a wonderful day. We are very grateful for all of the hard work that you put in to ensure World Book Day remains a key date in our school calendar.

Book Bake Off

This year, we ran our first ever book themed bake sale. We were apprehensive about how many donations we would get, but we were blown away by both the quantity and creativity that everyone put into their bakes. Because of this, the bake sale managed to raise a massive £254.50. Congratulations to Eliza Mann-Berue in Y8 who won the first prize for her vegan Pippi Longstocking cake. Well done also to the runners up: Faith Cresswell, Ben Frank & Evelyn Hepworth. Have a look on the next page to see everyone's bakes, but below is a picture of Eliza's. Well done everyone!



Raffle Competition

Well done to everyone who took a book out of the library between World Book Day and Reading Week. The lucky winner of the £20.00 Waterstones voucher was Pria Backhouse in Y7. Congratulations to the ten other students who were drawn and won a VIP queue pass. We hope you all enjoyed your library books!

Bookmark Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for the CHS bookmark competition - they were all wonderful. We couldn't choose just one winner, so there are now two bookmarks that you can choose from in the library, free of charge. Congratulations to the winners Eve Dunn (Y9) and Ellie Thorne (Y8) for their wonderful designs.



Ellie Thorne



Eve Dunn



Book Bake off entries...



World Book Day outfits



Spring has Sprung..



If you hadn't guessed from the tulips and daffodils in bloom outside the front of school, Spring has definitely arrived at Cottingham High.

Have a look at the Spring display that was in the library a couple of weeks ago. If you'd like a Spring read, ask Miss Marsh to help find the right book for you.

Tuesday the 23rd of April was not only St George's Day, but also Shakespeare Day! Shakespeare was both born and died on this day. Every year, he is celebrated through performances of his plays and readings of his sonnets. The world has its own, different ways to pay their respect to the 'Bard of Avon'.

Pop into the library to browse over Shakespeare's many works, as well as to learn about the words and phrases he coined (over 1700!).

Did you know that Shakespeare invented these words:
Bandit, critic, dauntless, dwindle, elbow, green-eyed, lonely, swagger, unaware, uncomfortable, undress



The Tortured Poets Department

On Friday the 19th of April, Taylor Swift's fifteenth studio album 'The Tortured Poets Department' was released and received around the world. By far her most vulnerable album yet, the lyrics and melodies tell tales of heartbreak, love and loss. The album has a total of sixteen tracks, however Swift deceived fans by releasing a secret double album 'The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology' which contains a further fifteen tracks. As the name suggests, the writing within these songs is a lot more hard-hitting than her other albums, and after listening to it non-stop, I picked out some of my favourite, most poetic lyrics and what they made me think of.

1. *'I died on the alter waiting for the proof' - So Long, London.* Supposedly about Joe Alwyn and their previously rumoured engagement, this song and line really encapsulates the mistrust and heartbreak Swift must have felt at the hands of their split.

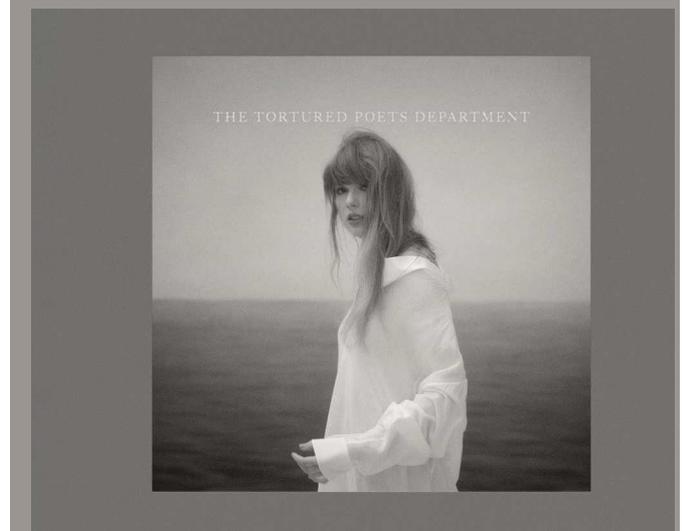
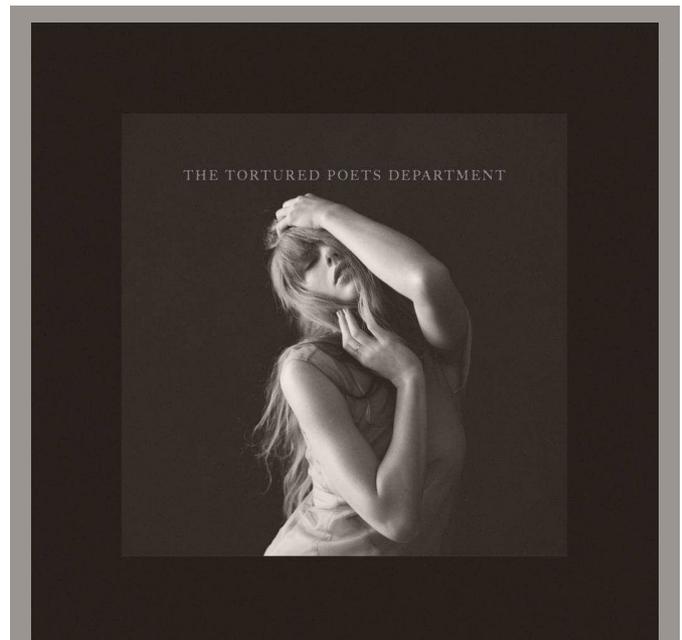
2. *'Crucial evidence, I didn't image the whole thing.' - I Can Do It With a Broken Heart.* Even though this is one of her more upbeat songs on the album, the lyrics still disclose Swift's inner turmoil. This line shows her exploring the themes of grief, specifically denial, which Swift confirmed was a large focus within TTPD.

3. *'Cause the sign on your heart said it's still reserved for me' - The Alchemy.* Personally my favourite song on the album, 'The Alchemy' is all about Swift's current boyfriend, Travis Kelce. To me, this lyric is the sweetest of the whole song as it shows how true and patient their love is - something Swift deserves after her previous relationships.

4. *'It's hell on earth to be this heavenly' - Clara Bow.* The last track of the album reveals feelings about Swift's highly publicised career in the spotlight, and this line divulges into how Swift must have put on a facade for the media, something that she has been open about in the past.

5. *'We learned the right steps to different dances' - How Did It End?* Finally, I think that this line tells us the miscommunication Swift must have felt at this time in her life and how it was a 'right person, wrong time' kind of situation. She learnt the right steps for what she needed, but it still wasn't enough.

- Izzie Lutkin Y10



KS3 Reading Recommendations



Shadow and Bone - Leigh Bardugo

Shadow and Bone is a Young Adult fantasy fiction, telling the story of Alina Starkov, a young orphan, drafted into the Ravkan army with her childhood best friend, Mal Oretsev. The pair set out to cross the Shadow fold, (a swath of unnatural darkness created by dark magic) and in the fight to save her best friend's life, Alina unleashes dormant magic that not even she knew she possessed. The reader then follows Alina, as she struggles to make sense of her new power and find her place as she is misused as a pawn by those obsessed with power. The unfolding story is full of love, hope and intrigue, as she makes a dangerous discovery that could threaten all she loves and the very future of the nation.

I am recommending this novel because as soon as I started reading it I was hooked. This book brings you on a journey brimming with action, intensity, love, betrayal and magic. I think that you will struggle to find a book that has the same beautiful qualities or depth of description! If you like to be transported to different worlds, this book is for you, as the entire Grishaverse is teeming with detail and unforgettable characters that make it all feel very real.

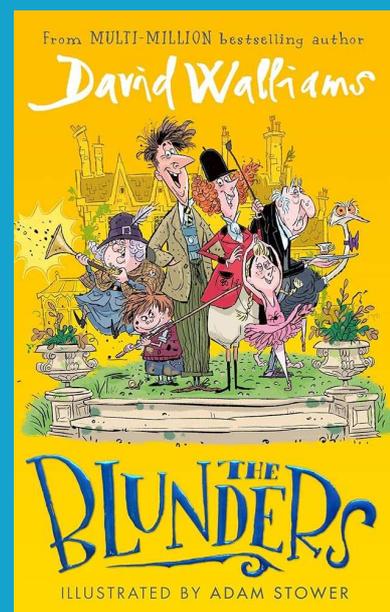
Alina Starkov is a really intriguing character, who you see develop from a shy, unknown orphan to a somebody capable of defeating the most corrupt dark being who ever lived. I like the fact that the plot of this book is very gripping and fast paced, with lots of page turning action to keep you on your toes. This book is a perfect example of a Fantasy fiction novel and I highly recommend it to anybody who likes this kind of book or who is open to trying new genres! This book is perfect for ages 13 years old and over. It's also part of a trilogy so offers many hours of reading and entertainment. I really hope that you will give this book a go and enjoy it as much as I did!

- Ava Robinson Y8 

The Blunders - David Walliams

As with other books by David Walliams, this book is written in the same witty style. *The Blunders* is about a blustering family- promptly named the 'Blunders' family- Bertie, Betsy, Brutus, Bunny, Old Lady Blunder and their pet, Cedric. The aim of the story is to save their family home, Blunder Hall, despite many calamities. A thoroughly enjoyable book, perfect for all the family. Five stars!

- Eliza Mann-Berue Y8



KS3 Reading Recommendations



Murder Most Unladylike - Robin Stevens

I've just finished reading the second book in this series (available in the library), but if you haven't read the first Murder Most Unladylike Mystery, start there! It is brilliant, a great page turner! In book one, the main characters, Daisy and Hazel, have set up their own secret detective club, the Wells and Wong detective society, at Deepdean, their boarding school after they abandoned the "shrimpy" supernatural club which had got out of hand. No spoilers, but a new teacher arrives at Deepdean, and causes chaos because the other teachers (and many students) all fancy him! There are lots of strange goings on and then a murder is committed that only Daisy and Hazel know about. The book is also about the friendship between the girls which is really well written because you can feel for them both at different times. The more you get to know the girls and their backgrounds, the more their characters and how they interact makes sense, especially to me, being a similar age. They also have a shared monologue so you get to know how everything plays out from different points of view. The book is an easy read. The mystery is great, as you don't know who to believe or trust and it's written to keep you guessing. I did not spot the murderer as it wasn't obvious even with the small number of suspects. I just wanted to keep reading, as it was hard to put down, so I'm really glad there's a whole series to get through.

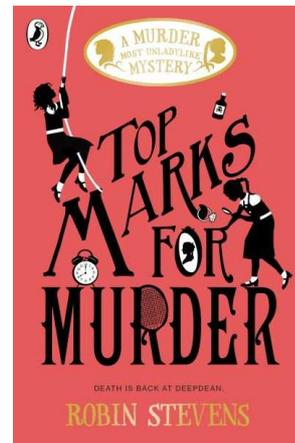
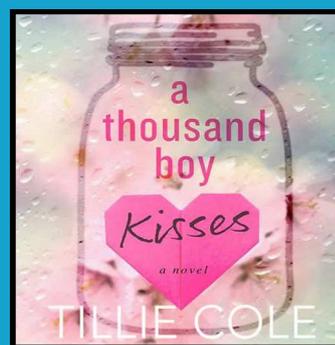
I would rate this book five out of five stars, I thoroughly enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone in KS3.

- Matilda Keane Y7 

A Thousand Boy Kisses - Tillie Cole

A bond that will last a life time, or so they believe. As the blossom in Georgia begins to appear, lovers Poppy and Rune are forced to separate when Rune is sent back to his native Norway. Try as they might, their bond is severed, but will secrets deeply entwined in their relationship bring them closer together or destroy everything they had? In this sweet modern tragedy you will laugh and most certainly cry as you learn the lesson that life is fragile, but love makes you strong. I highly recommend A Thousand Boy Kisses to anyone who is looking to connect with meaningful characters and for easy lovable Spring read!

- India Peebles Brown Y8



KS4 Reading Recommendations



Red Rising - Pierce Brown

Red Rising by Pierce Brown is the first action packed, thrilling and high stakes fantasy/sci-fi novel within the Red Rising Trilogy. It follows 16-year-old Darrow, a miner on Mars, who is at the very bottom of the hierarchy and is a slave to a society he is kept blind to. However, everything changes when his wife, Eo, catalyses a revolution that Darrow is thrust in the centre of. With his life upturned, Darrow must learn and adapt to a new world that is filled with everything he despises, all whilst keeping secrets and promises that the whole rebellion depends on. Perfect for fans of 'The Hunger Games' and 'Ender's Game', it is a book that you simply cannot put down.

- Izzie Lutkin Y10

A Court of Thorns and Roses - Sarah J. Maas

"A Court of Thorns and Roses" by Sarah J. Maas is a captivating blend of fantasy, romance, and adventure. Set in the faerie lands of Prythian, the story follows Feyre, a brave young huntress, burdened with the responsibility of providing for her impoverished family. When she kills the wrong wolf, who turns out to be a Faerie, her life takes a drastic turn as she's swept into the world of immortal creatures she once feared and has no choice but to navigate dangerous realms ruled by powerful beings. From unexpected alliances to shocking betrayals, the thrilling plot twists will make sure you won't be bored!

- Lily Hocking Y10

One True Loves - Taylor Jenkins Reid

This book is a beautifully written story about love and loss, with lessons in grief, healing and acceptance. The novel is authentically complex and heart - achingly emotional.

Following the protagonist, Emma Blair, we are introduced to a young woman who - in her twenties - married her high school love Jesse. They travel the world together whilst living life to the fullest, until on their first anniversary Jesse is on a helicopter over the Pacific that goes missing, leaving Jesse presumed dead and gone forever.

A decade later, and now in present time, Emma falls in love once again and is engaged to her old friend Sam. Experiencing her second chance at true happiness. That is, until Jesse is found. He's alive, and he's been trying all these years to come home to her. With a husband and a fiancé, Emma has to now figure out who she is and what she wants.

This book immediately grasped my attention from the first line: "I am finishing up dinner with my fiancé when my husband called."

Immediately setting the motion for events to follow in the book. If you enjoyed The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo or Maybe In Another Life. This book is for you.

- Ava Kleinhout Y11

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