

**HENDON SCHOOL  
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JANUARY 2025**



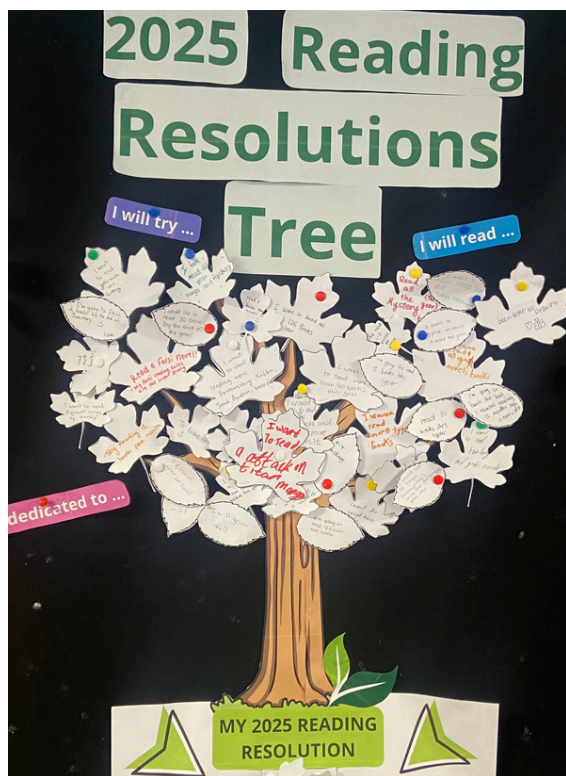
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### Hendon students' 2025 reading resolutions

Hendon School students started off the year with amazing reading resolutions! ★

We asked them to write down on a leaf what part of their reading habits they would like to work on this year, which they then pinned onto our Resolutions Tree.



Whether they've set record numbers of books to read, new genres to discover or general healthier habits, we librarians are very excited to support their progress by implementing fun and educational activities throughout this term. ✎

On the left-side picture, you can catch a glimpse of their resolutions, each one written on a paper leaf ornamenting the tree. 🌳 ✨

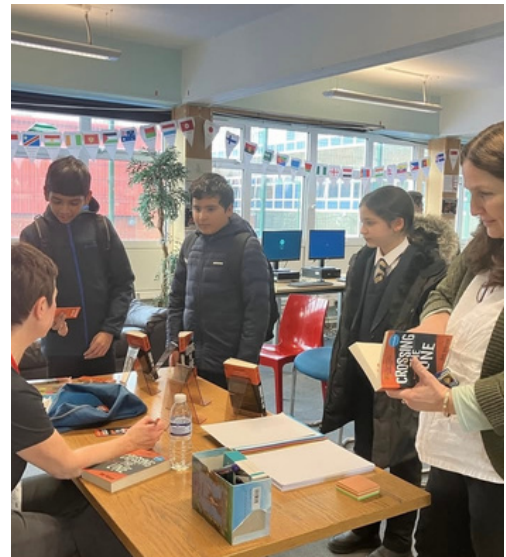
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### Author event: Tia Fisher

We were thrilled to welcome Tia Fisher, award-winning author of *Crossing The Line* and winner of the 2024 Yoto Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Award, to Hendon School on Wednesday, 29th January! 📖🌟

Tia captivated our Year 8 students with an insightful talk about her powerful book, which explores the topic of county lines violence. She didn't just stop at storytelling – she also empowered students with important resources on whistleblowing and staying safe. Meanwhile, our Year 9 and 10 students got creative in an exciting poetry writing workshop and go to experiment with calligrams. 📝✍️



The energy in the room was electric, with students eagerly participating, asking questions, and embracing the art of writing. A huge thank you to Tia for inspiring our young writers and raising awareness about such an important topic! 🙏

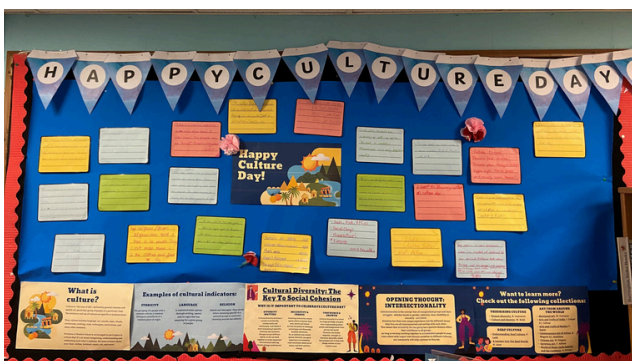
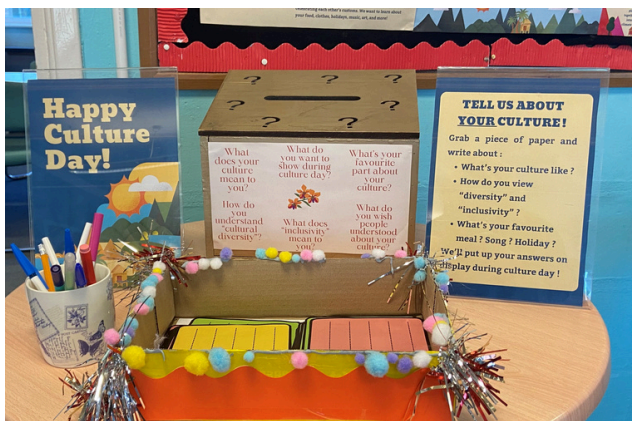
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### Culture Day

Hendon School celebrated another vibrant Culture Day on January 31st! 🎉 Students proudly wore their traditional clothing, shared delicious homemade dishes, and showcased what their heritage means to them. It was a beautiful display of the diverse backgrounds that make up our school community.

📚 **At the Library**, we embraced the spirit of the day with informative displays and resources, helping students and staff learn more about the importance of cultural diversity. From books on different traditions to discussions on inclusivity, the goal was to educate, celebrate, and embrace the richness of our differences.



📚 **Interactive Question Box** – We invited students and staff to share personal reflections about their culture, answering questions like:

- 🌍 What does your culture mean to you?
- ❤️ What's your favourite part about it?
- 👉 What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?

Their heartfelt responses were then displayed in the library, creating a powerful collage of voices and experiences that highlighted just how beautifully diverse our school is.

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### Display spotlights

This January, our library was alive with thought-provoking and inspiring displays, each designed to educate, engage, and encourage students to explore important topics:

**🕯️ Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – We highlighted the power of anti-racism, peaceful resistance, and the strength of community, encouraging students to reflect on MLK’s legacy and the ongoing fight for equality.



“I have decided to stick with **love**. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

“**Injustice** anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere.”



**🕯️ Holocaust Memorial Day** – A space for remembrance and learning, this display featured impactful fiction and non-fiction books to help students understand the importance of remembering the past and standing against prejudice in all forms.

**🔬 Science Spotlight** – From mathematics and astronomy to physics and biology, our non-fiction science display encouraged curiosity and discovery. We loved seeing students dive into educational resources—and many even borrowed books to continue their learning beyond the library!



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### Our Book Clubs

Our book clubs have been buzzing with creativity and excitement this month!

✂️ **Manga & Anime Club (Tuesdays)** – As always, this club brought together a group of passionate and artistic students who love discussing their favorite series and creating their own original manga stories. We can't wait to see their ideas come to life! 🧑🎨

🧑🎨 **Comic Book Club** – This month, we held our final Comic Book Club session. It's been an amazing journey exploring superheroes, graphic novels, and storytelling. A huge thank you to everyone who participated! 📖

✍️ **Coming Soon: Creative Writing Club!** – As we say goodbye to Comic Book Club, we're excited to launch a brand new Creative Writing Club on Mondays! Whether you love poetry, short stories, or world-building, this is your chance to develop your writing skills and share your creativity in a fun and supportive space. ✨

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### Free Online Resources

**Audiopi:** audio study and revision guides for GCSE and A-Level.

**Badger learning:** provides 1 new free eBook per week.

**Barrington stoke:** super readable, dyslexia-friendly fiction to help every child become a reader.

**BBC Bitesize:** secondary levels learning resources and lessons.

**Book Trust:** here, use Bookfinder to browse through book recommendations, Writing Tips for advice from well-known authors, and Bookmark for information on disability in children's books.

**ComiXology:** selection of free comic books for Young Adults.

**Elmwood:** access free Mathematics textbooks.

**JSTOR:** register for a free account and access an extensive catalogue of academic articles & resources - great to prepare for university!

**Khan Academy:** free online courses, lessons and practice.

**LoveReading4Schools:** a great portfolio if you struggle to start reading, as well as mental health resources.

**Marvel:** selection of free comics and the latest Marvel news.

**National Literacy Trust:** view the "Zone In" page for tips on boosting your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. There are also new free eBooks every week, and challenges available to write your own video game story.

**The School Reading List:** information on children's writing competitions and KS3 / KS4 reading lists.

**Young Writer Awards:** info on the National Writing Competitions.

**Winter Mini Challenge:** from December to February, collect different rewards for reading and reviewing books.