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HENDON SCHOOL

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Valentine's Day at Hendon School Library

For Valentine's Day, we set up a fun and vibrant **literary display** encouraging students to explore romance books — but with a twist! We also included other genres that feature romance plots, proving that love stories can be found in fantasy, historical fiction, sci-fi, and even thrillers. ❤️📚

To celebrate the day, we hosted a "**Romance Literature & Culture**" Kahoot quiz, which created a fantastic buzz of excitement! 🎉

Students competed in a lively atmosphere, answering fun and tricky questions about classic love stories, famous literary couples, and romance traditions worldwide. The top three winners walked away with **prizes**, and of course, everyone enjoyed some delicious **popcorn!** 🍿

Mental Health and Well-Being display

Our library is not just a place for books – it's also a space for support, reflection and self-care. 🌱

As a part of the **“Reading Well For Teens”** program, we put together and promoted a collection of mental health & well-being books. 💡



About “Reading Well for Teens”

The Reading Agency compiled a **list of books** that provide information and advice to support **teenagers’ well-being**.

The list has a wide range of reading levels, and includes useful self-help techniques, personal stories, comic formats, fiction, and more.

For more info visit:

<https://uk.bookshop.org/lists/reading-well-for-teens>



We aim to offer **resources** for students who might need guidance or are curious to learn more about **managing stress, mindfulness and emotional well-being**. 🧠

These books will remain available and on display for the remainder of the Spring Term.

From self-help guides to inspiring personal stories, we aim to ensure that every student knows that help is always available for them at school. ☀️

Book Clubs – Updates



- **Manga Book Club**

Every **Tuesday**, this club brings together students passionate about **storytelling** and **illustration**. We're always amazed by their creative ideas and artwork! 🎨

As we continue working on different projects, we will soon organise a **display** to showcase their works ✂️



- **Creative Writing Book Club**

On Wednesdays, students can explore their imagination and develop their **writing skills**. 🖋️

Through fun exercises, they cultivate **original ideas** to write micro fiction and short stories while also **learning** about narrative structure, character development, and the power of descriptive language. 📝

- **Coming Soon: Super Readable Book Club**

We will soon be launching a **new** and **inclusive** book club dedicated to our Super Readable Books. We believe that every student, regardless of their reading level, should have access to enjoyable and engaging books. 🧑📖 📚



How to use your Book Token

The World Book Day Tokens allow students to **choose a free book** from a selection of £1/€1.50 books at participating booksellers. These include over **400 independent bookshops** as well as the following **retailers**: Waterstones, The Works, WHSmith, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Asda.

Redemption period: 13th of February to 23rd of March.

Coming up in March: World Book Day

Next month on the **6th of March** and during the whole week, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. We have prepared a variety of **exciting events**, designed to inspire and encourage reading for students of all ages and abilities. To kick off the celebrations, we've distributed **£1 / £1.50 book tokens** to Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students, which can be used from **Thursday 13th February to Sunday 23rd March 2025**. 🌍🌟



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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.

Computer Science for Fun: for educational, fun and engaging activities.

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.

Oxford Owl: free parent account makes many eBooks, educational videos and games available for free.

Project Gutenberg: this website offers over 42.000 free eBooks.

Stan Lee Excelsior Award: a nationwide book award for graphic novels and mangas where kids aged 11-16 vote on the winning books.

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

Young Writer Awards: information on the National Writing Competitions.

World Book Day: visit the "Families" website page for their "Read Your Way" campaign, which gives resources and activities to encourage your child to read.