

Reading Round Up

We are pleased to announce that the Library at Etone College has been refurbished for the start of this academic year. Pupils have been really excited about being able to delve into the shelves. The books are even more accessible and pupils are able to see the wide range available for them to borrow including a huge selection of brand new novels.

Our School Library is open from 8am until 4pm Monday – Thursday and 8am – 3.30pm on a Friday. Pupils are welcome to come into the Library both

before and after school, to browse the books, read quietly or to join us to complete their homework. They are also welcome during break. Since the start of this academic year almost 400 books have been loaned already and we are delighted with how Etone College pupils are engaging with this facility.

We were delighted to welcome a new librarian to Etone College this term and the pupils have had great fun interviewing and finding out about her role and what she loves to read!

'Mrs Whitmore is great at setting jobs for the Pupil Librarians and helping pupils out with anything we need. She is very funny and really kind. Mrs Whitmore's favourite book is "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" and her favourite shop is Waterstones. She has always wanted to work in a Library as it is her dream job'.

Since Mrs Whitmore has joined us we have really welcomed her input into our wider reading programme including her own recommended reads to support our personal development curriculum.

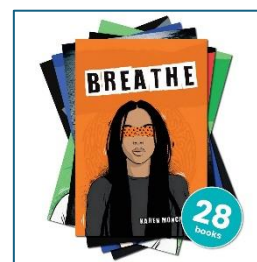


New Books

We are pleased to have been able to buy some new books for the Library.

We have a brand new set of Accelerated Readers which cover inclusion and diversity.

This collection has been specifically chosen to include characters from varied backgrounds to ensure pupils may be able to see themselves reflected within the pages. They are fast paced, short reads containing ethnically diverse and LGBTQ+ characters as well as looking at topics such as mental health, homelessness and life as a young carer.



Reading Events



Bookbuzz was launched with our Year 7 & 8 pupils. Each pupil was

able to choose a book of their choice from 16 different authors, which school purchased for them to keep. Pupils were asking daily when their books would arrive, it was a real pleasure to be able to hand these out to the pupils and to see them reading them. If you have a look in the front of their books, you will see a sticker that welcomes them to their Etone journey at Etone College.

They have also been given the opportunity to take part in Bookbuzz bingo where any pupil who has read 10 Bookbuzz books by Easter will be entered into a prize draw. First prize is a Kindle, 2nd prize a £20 book voucher and 3rd prize a £10 book voucher.




Summer Reading Challenge, 2024



A stunning 82 pupils engaged with our summer reading challenges, with an amazing 66 receiving their bronze reading awards. They have been wearing their wonderful badges with pride.

Reading Points are awarded to pupils every time they engage with a competition or activity which will enable them to reach their next Reading Badge.

Reading Badge Awards	
Points	Award
50	Bronze Award
150	Silver Award
250	Gold Award
500	Platinum Award



International Day of Literacy - 8th September

Since 1967, the annual celebrations of International Literacy Day (ILD) have taken place on 8th September around the world to remind policy-makers, practitioners, and the public of the critical importance of literacy for creating more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society.



The theme for 2024 was '**promoting multilingual education: literacy for mutual understanding and peace**'. Pupils in Years 7 & 8 explored reading completed at Etone - collated to celebrate this day - as part of their library induction. We also celebrated this with our other Trust schools by displays of the books that we are reading across our schools on our TV Screens and by linking recommended

reads to places that our pupils had visited as part of our Turing Scheme.



Roald Dahl Day - 13th September



Roald Dahl Story Day is celebrated every year on his birthday, the 13th of September, and people all over the world come together to celebrate the magic he brought to, and continues to bring, children everywhere.



He wrote over 70 stories and books in total

Including 21 children's picture books, novels & poetry collections as well as over 50 stories for adults

Several of his books have been made into films

Including Charlie & The Chocolate Factory & Matilda

This year would have been his 108th birthday. We celebrated in the Library with a display of some fun facts. The English department ran a host of competitions and activities during the day from making 'Dream Jars', describing tasty treats, exploring characters and a Weekend Challenge Card. In addition, Year 7 battled it out at lunchtime with a quiz matching characters to the book. A massive well done to our two winners, Katie and Autumn.

Black History Month - October

During October we are celebrating Black History Month. The reason we celebrate this is because it provides an opportunity to learn and educate others about the diverse experiences of Black people in the UK, from the Windrush generation to contemporary activists, artists, and leaders. It's a chance to dispel myths, challenge stereotypes, and foster understanding. The display in the Library recommended 5 books for pupils to read to



celebrate this event and these were displayed on the TV screens. This was part of our wider Trust celebrations of personal development including assemblies, form time activities and competitions. Reading is a key part of personal development and events such as this provide invaluable opportunities to highlight this to our pupils.



National Poetry Day



'Cool', 'amazing', and 'exciting' were just a few of the words which Etone pupils used to describe their sessions with Damani Dennisur on National Poetry Day (3rd October 2024). Damani's performance poetry was exciting, dramatic, and engaging for years 7, 8, 9, and 10 showing them how relevant and impactful poetry can be.

Some workshops included poetry writing, feeding creativity and encouraging pupils to express their ideas.

Eric and Autumn, Year 7 were particularly pleased with their poems and enjoyed sharing them with Damani at breaktime in the library.

As well as welcoming Damani Dennisur into school to work with pupils from Years 7-10, we ran a 'haiku word trail around school for the week. We were delighted to award Olaf, Year 10 with a fabulous anthology of poems for winning our haiku trail challenge. Olaf's winning entry:

Dusky autumn night

Like the depth of the night fox

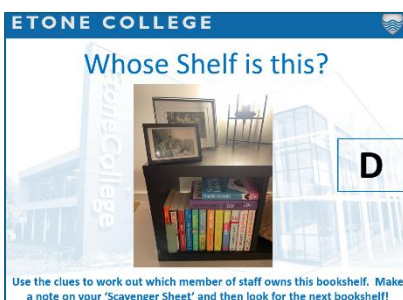
Freezing harvest night

A massive well done!



Teacher Book Shelves

We are currently running a hunt for images of teacher shelves and 16 images have been hidden around school. Use the clues in the book titles and prop, pupils try to link the right shelf to the right teacher. Trail sheets are available to collect from the library. Pupils should hand them in to the library when they have finished. Entries will be placed into a draw for prizes and all entries will receive 20 reading award points.



Staff Book Recommendations

In addition, staff have recommended their favourite books from when they were younger, these have all been displayed on classroom and office doors. It's been lovely to see conversations between pupils and staff about their favourite books.

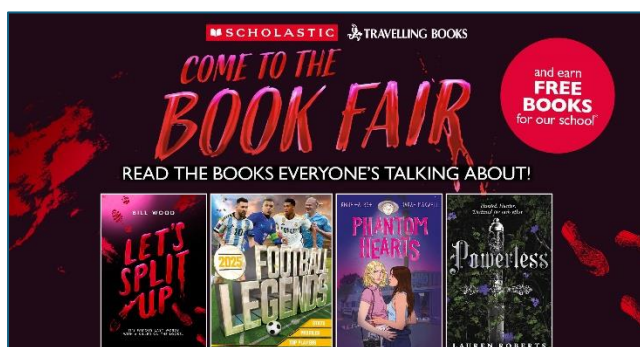
Here are our Deputy Heads' choices:



Staff Extreme Reads

Our staff just love reading, and over the summer have shared their most 'extreme reads'. Watch this space to see who is crowned Etone's Most Extreme Reader ...

Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th November.



Come along and join us at our first Book Fair of this academic year. This will be held from Monday 11th November up until Thursday 14th November. Pupils will be able to come along both before and after school to purchase their chosen book/books or to complete their wish list to take home.

There will be something for every pocket at the fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. **Approximately 24% of titles are under £5. Book packs starting from £1.99.**



Pupil Librarians

Etone Library is proud to announce to have appointed 11 Pupil Librarians. Their roles and responsibilities will include supporting the Librarian in shelving / displays / choosing and purchasing new books, selecting book displays of recommended or themed books, creating a monthly book bulletin, promoting reading competitions and events across the school, distributing reading award badges, and monitoring AR House Competition progress.

Let them introduce themselves:

- Hi my name is **Wasiullah** but you can call me Wasi for short. The reason I want to be a Pupil Librarian is because I like books and I also want to improve my communication and organisational skills.
- My name is **Dexter** and I wanted to be a Pupil Librarian because I love books and libraries so I'm really happy that I got it!
- My name is **Grace**. I wanted to be a Pupil Librarian because I really love reading, it's one of my favourite hobbies. I love the diversity in books.
- Hello I'm **Brody** and I signed up to be Pupil Librarian because I really like reading and want to help people and promote reading.
- My name is **Harvey** and I applied for Pupil Librarian because I am kind and friendly and I will help out in the Library.
- Hi, I'm **Mikaela**. I wanted to be a School Librarian because I like helping people, I LOVE reading and I have had experience of being a Librarian before. I am quite organised and I love the chance to be able to help and represent the School in such an enjoyable way.
- Hi, my name is **Tabitha**, but most people call me Tabi. I wanted to become a Pupil Librarian as I've always had a love of books – from action to romance, fiction to non-fiction, most books I could resonate with. I hope you all have an adventurous visit in the Library!
- I am **Mason**. I chose to be become a Pupil Librarian because I've always wanted another role in school and I want to help other people.
- My name is **Binuk**. I am from 10P1. I chose to be a student Librarian because I like to help others and it will help me too. I am pleased to help the school.
- Prisha** - With all due honesty, I clicked on the link available to apply for pupil librarian as soon as I read the purpose and skills required as they go hand in hand with my personal abilities.



- Being able to enjoy reading is a gift worth sharing with all the young learners in a school environment who are just being introduced to the reality of our world and so: I believe that if I get an opportunity like this to spread knowledge I will most definitely fulfil it with determination. Thank you very much for this amazing chance.
- **Kat** - The reason why I want to be a pupil librarian is because I have a passion for reading along with exploring the various genres that there are to offer. I thought being a pupil librarian would help me develop skills and experience as I take this important role.



Library Induction – What We Like About the Library

Year 7 and 8 pupils all took part in a Library Induction Programme. Here are some quotes about what they love about Etone's Library:

'What I love is that there is a big variety of great books!!' Alisia, Year 7

'I love how it's a quiet place to read and to study homework while being in a safe, calm environment'. Amelia, Year 7

'My favourite thing in the Etone Library is all of the fiction books that you get to read and all of the other kind of books. It is the best Library I've ever seen' Kayden, Year 7

'My favourite thing about the Etone Library is the vast variety in genres of books to borrow and read'. Tyler, Year 8

'The staff are really kind and the books have different levels for different reading abilities'. Tomas, Year 8

'The Etone Library is a fantastic place to be, there are numerous amounts of books'.



Warwickshire School Library Service

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Supporting reading and learning in schools

The Library has now subscribed to the Warwickshire School Library Service.

This will be exciting for Etone as we will have access to their Reading for Pleasure Subscription. This will include two book talks in school relating to three children's book awards or a reading for pleasure topic. We will also receive one set of new books for the following awards:

- The Warwickshire Teen Book Award (Autumn)
- The Warwickshire Secondary Book Award (Spring)
- The Carnegie Awards (Summer) Once you are subscribed to us you can also benefit from our reading sets (one set free a term) - ask us for more details!

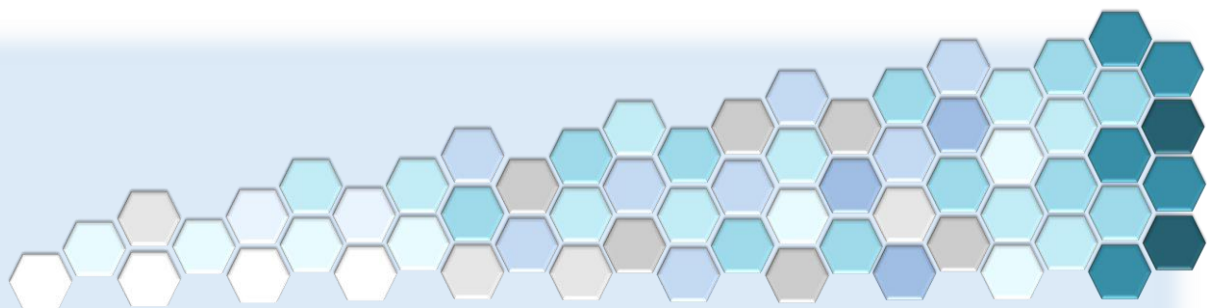
In addition, we have subscribed to their 8 project collections. This will mean we have access to 8 'pop up Library' boxes which will mean pupils have access to even more resources.

Transition Reads

In the Café and Hall, we have a large selection of books, and magazine including a large selection of 'transition books' to support Year 7 pupils with their start to secondary school.

Form Time Reading and Readers

Year 7, 8, and 9 pupils completed a short course in 'Curriculum Comprehension Strategies' (CCS) to give their curriculum based reading skills a boost to start the new academic year. This programme focuses on student's understand of texts and allows students to learn a range of different techniques to support them in comprehending what they read.



Every pupil (Years 7-10) at Etone College reads two books per year in form time to enrich their knowledge of literature, settings, characters, plots, and genres. These books have been carefully selected to represent a range of stories, non-fiction, cultures, and ideas. Pupils learn key vocabulary from the books, follow as their form tutor reads aloud, and answer key questions to demonstrate their understanding of the text. The first books this year is well underway:



Form Readers - Autumn



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10

Pupils in Year 7-9 are also developing their ability to communicate their ideas clearly when speaking (oracy) through exploring and debating ideas linked to Etone's Values. It's great to hear pupils respectfully building on each other's ideas whether agreeing or disagreeing.

Post-16 Reading Updates

Wider reading is critical for our Post-16 pupils so alongside their Reading Strategies board in the sixth form next to the library to support them, they will also be undertaking a short course in 'Curriculum Comprehension Strategies'. We are also currently in the process of updating the post-16 library, departmental leaders and post-16 teachers are compiling lists ready for refreshed stock.

Etone Elect Reading and Literacy Ambassador is also organising a Book Swop for the first week back after half term where students can bring books they have read and exchange them for a new read.



Accelerated Reader House Competition

Our House Reading Competition is well underway, the results for the first half term:

October Half Term Accelerated Reader House Competiton



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October Half Term Accelerated Reader Class Competiton

Year 7 Most Quizzed Class - 7a/E1

Year 8 Most Quizzed Class - 8b/E1

Well done to Centaur, 7a/E1 & 8b/E1 - Keep reading and quizzing

