

Reading Round Up

What a busy half term! Etone pupils have now borrowed over 1,260 books during this academic year so far, and our most popular books continue to be the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series, along with the Usborne animal series.

Silver & Bronze Reading Challenge Awards

We recently had the pleasure of awarding one of our pupils with their Silver reading challenge award badge having achieved 150 reading points, well done Mikaela.

In addition, 44 pupils achieved their Bronze reading award this half term, all having worked their way towards achieving 50 reading points. Well done to Evie, Ella, Arvind, Kai, Tegan-Mai, Huzaifa, Kc-Jane, Jessica, Hamza, Henry, Ava, Animah, Cara, Carlton, Denis, Emmie, Alexa, Shaylei, Delia, Eric, Joseph, Bethia, Eloise, Uzayr, Effie, Belle, Kiera, Adam, Freya, Amelia, Lily-Grace, Treasure, Aroush, Jessie-Dee, Aishvaryraj, Megan, Ava, Talia, Sylwia, Kane, Jessica, Landon, Oscar & Connor. Next stop Silver for these!



Games

We recently started a games box including Chess, Uno and Connect 4 for pupils to use during break time in the Library. Pupils have really enjoyed these new additions and they have helped promote a positive social atmosphere, bringing out pupils' competitive streaks.



Read Before You Leave

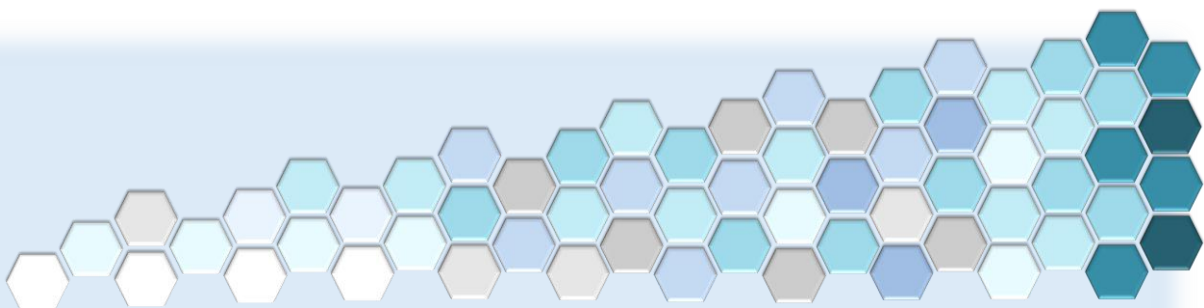
We have launched a new reading mission entitled, 'Read before you Leave' through which we will challenge Etone pupils to read a list of books recommended by pupils, parents, staff, and Etone's community partners. We would like this list to represent quality fiction alongside key characters, places, and themes which would enrich, and delight. These books should be suitable for a reading audience between 11-16 years.

We are looking for book recommendations from pupils, parents and our local community! Any recommendations can be submitted by:

- ☐ Picking up a form from the library or Etone reception;
- ☐ Emailing Mrs D Whitmore (School Librarian) at dwhitmore@etonecollege.co.uk, with the title of the book(s), author(s) and the reasons for your recommendations, along with your name;

Completing the Microsoft for - <https://forms.office.com/e/WahzLfuR5b>

We very much look forward to receiving these, the final decisions will be made by a diverse group including pupils, staff, and our community partners.



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READ BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Your recommendations for our reading journey from Year 7-13

We are looking for recommendations for books that you think every Etone pupil should read before they leave school. We plan to collate this list from recommendations from our school and local communities.

Please provide details of your chosen book below.

Title of Book _____

Author _____

Genre _____

Reasons for my recommendation

Recommended by _____



LGBTQ+ Pride Month June 2025



Pride month in June provided a platform celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and allies to celebrate diversity, raise awareness about LGBTQ+ rights, and foster a sense of community and acceptance. In the library, to celebrate Pride we ran an LGBTQ+ trail where pupils were invited to come and explore a broad range of themed books and answer the trail questions, with 10 reading points for each entry and prizes to be won. Our lucky winner was Amelia, along with our runners up Emilee & Ibrahim. Well done to you all!



LGBTQ+ Trail

15 Reading Points each entry & Prizes

Write your answers next to the books/slides

Find 4 words from the word cloud

Write the title of a film with a character who represents the LGBTQ+ community

Name two distinctive elements about the way this book's author

On Page 40 what does that tell you about the





Reading for Pleasure Week



Reading for Pleasure Week



During our penultimate week of this academic year, Etone pupils are being invited to read for pleasure during their Library lessons. This will mean can read magazines, newspapers, Guinness World Book of Records or any other text they would like to read either alone or with a friend. This will see our pupils being excited about reading and creating a real buzz in these lessons

New Books

Yet again we have some great new additions to our reading collection. With new titles from the much loved 'Little People, Big Dreams' and 'Usborne animal' series. Along with some beautiful encyclopaedias, which were kindly donated and several books from the Horrid Henry series. As always, Mrs Whitmore is happy to receive any suggestions of books pupils would like to see in the Library.





18 Before 18

We have still been spotlighting the 18 books we recommend Etone pupils read as part of their reading journey from Year 7 to 13. These books range from 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak to 'Girl in Pieces' by Kathleen

Glasgow. All of our chosen books are loanable from the Library. Our pupils have been working hard to submit reviews, to earn themselves reading points to work towards their reading badges. We received over 45 entries. Our prize draw took place and our lucky winner was Nathan. Well done Nathan!

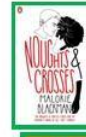
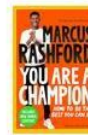


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18 BEFORE 18



Our recommendation for your reading journey from Year 7-13



Write a review or submit a video review to be entered into our prize draw to win a free book- every half term

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KS4 -

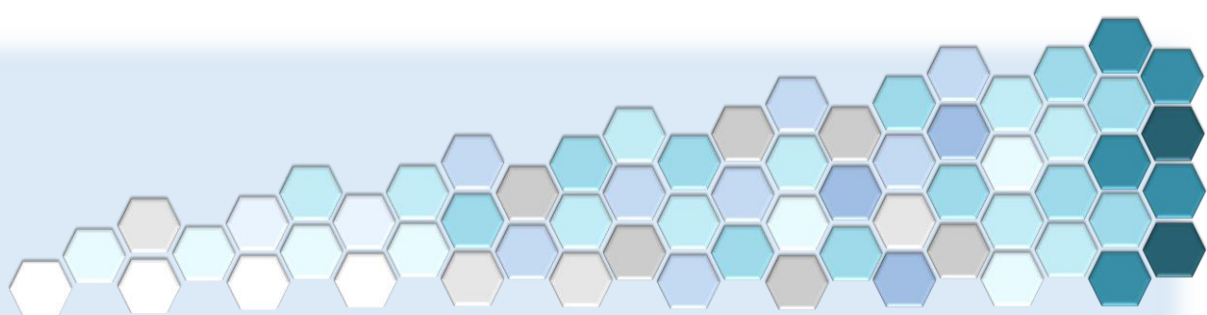
KS5



Transition read - find me in the cafe



Form Read



Newspapers & Magazines

We are also fortunate to have received some donations of backdated magazines and newspaper alongside our regular subscriptions that our pupils have been enjoying reading. From football to gaming to how things work, these have really been a welcome addition to the library, with new editions arriving each week.



Published Poets

At Etone College, we are proud to announce that we have 6 pupils who are now published poets following their successful entries into the Young Writers, Poetry Escape competition.

Well done to Olaf, Autmn, Grace, George, Sharifa & Pranita. Come along and take a few minutes to read their amazing poems, which can be found in the Poetry Escape book located in the Library.



New Library System Update



Over the Summer holiday Etone's Library will be migrating over to a new system called Libresoft. This will provide our Librarian, Mrs Whitmore, instant loan data, popular books choices and reports to enable her to restock the Library in the most beneficial way. Pupils will also have access to the system meaning they can see their current loans, reading history and books available. This will be a very exciting addition.

Accelerated Reader Update

Here are the overall Accelerated Reader house competition results for this academic year:



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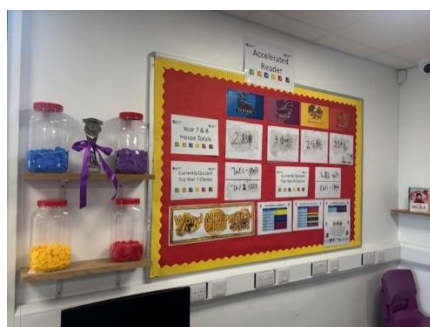


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Year 7 Most Quizzed Class – 7A/EI – 1503 quizzes & 7b/EI – 1329 quizzes

Year 8 Most Quizzed Class – 8A/E3 – 1073 quizzes & 8B/EI – 1806 quizzes

We are delighted to award our Reading trophy to **Dragon** house





Speed Read Week Results

Speed Read Week



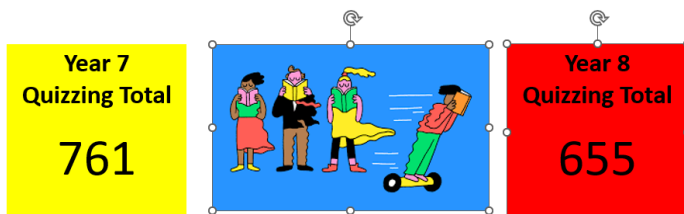
During the last week of the previous half term in our Library lessons, it was our Accelerated Reader Speed Reading Week. This is where pupils read and quiz on as many short reads and articles as they could, this created a real buzz around reading and quizzing with all classes hoping they would conquer and become one of the four top quizzed classes.



Here are the results



Speed Read Week Results



Word Millionaires

Etone are proud to announce we have two more Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires, taking our total to **TWELVE**. Aroush and Reuben have read **over one million words** this academic year. They were recently presented with their book choice and a certificate. Well done to you both! In addition we have an additional 18 pupils who are working their way towards this goal, having already read over 500,00 words.

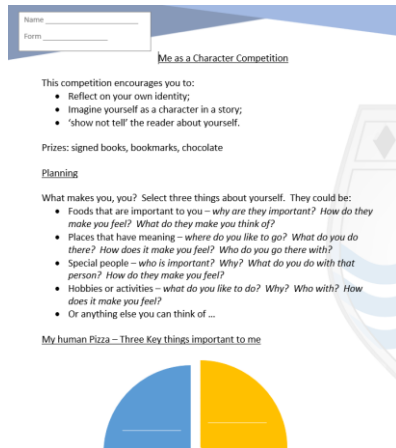


Blue Peter Badges

It is so lovely to see our pupils with Blue Peter Reading Badges on their lapels. Applications can still be accepted. Pupils can obtain an application form from Mrs Whitmore in the Library or during their weekly Library lesson.



'Me As a Character' competition – our competition inspired by Bali Rai's workshop.
This competition encouraged pupil to:



Name _____
Form _____

Me as a Character Competition

This competition encourages you to:

- Reflect on your own identity;
- Imagine yourself as a character in a story;
- 'show not tell' the reader about yourself.

Prizes: signed books, bookmarks, chocolate

Planning

What makes you, you? Select three things about yourself. They could be:

- Foods that are important to you – why are they important? How do they make you feel? What do they make you think of?
- Places that have meaning – where do you like to go? What do you do there? How does it make you feel? Who do you go there with?
- Special people – who is important? Why? What do you do with that person? How do they make you feel?
- Hobbies or activities – what do you like to do? Why? Who with? How does it make you feel?
- Or anything else you can think of ...

My human Pizza – Three Key things important to me

- Reflect on your own identity;
- Imagine yourself as a character in a story;
- 'show not tell' the reader about yourself.

We received some inspiring entries. Our lucky winner was Cody and our runners up Ava and Amber. Well done to all three of you!



Two Summer Holiday Reading Challenges

Etone College pupils have the opportunity to enter our two Summer Reading Challenge.



Reading Can Take You Places



Our first challenge is for pupils to find themselves reading a book anywhere across the country/world and tell us all about their reading journey.

Each entry will become part of Etone's reading map and pupils can earn themselves 10 reading points.

It could not be easier – there are only 4 steps

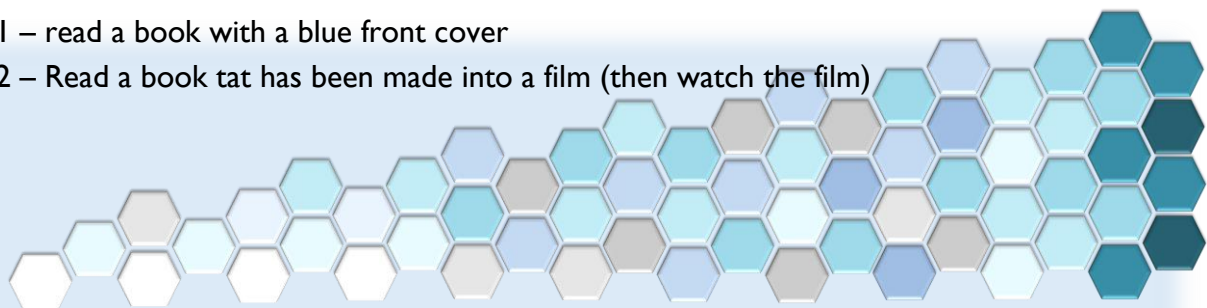
1. Who? Tell us something about yourself and your reading journey so far?
2. What? Tell us what you were reading, title, author, genre and a brief overview of the book:
3. Why? Tell us why you chose to read this book, what did you like most about it?
4. Where? Tell us where you were when you read this book, were you on holiday, visiting relative or any other reason.

Pupils are invited to include a photo of them reading at their destination



Our second challenge is six weeks, six challenges. Pupils can collect **15 points for each** challenge completed, helping them work towards their reader badges.

- Challenge 1 – read a book with a blue front cover
- Challenge 2 – Read a book that has been made into a film (then watch the film)



- Challenge 3 – Read a poem
- Challenge 4 – Read a book borrowed from a friend/family/Library
- Challenge 5 Read a book in a genre that you don't normally read
- Challenge 6 – Read a factual book, list five facts from it.

Partnership with Nuneaton Library

As part of our commitment to engaging Etone pupils in reading for pleasure, we would like to make you aware of the excellent library facilities available at Nuneaton Library. These facilities are available beyond the school day, at weekends, and throughout the school holidays:

Day	Opening hours
Monday	10am to 6pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	9am to 6pm
Thursday	9am to 6pm
Friday	9am to 5pm
Saturday	9am to 4pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm

We would strongly advise Etone pupils join Nuneaton Library to make full use of facilities, which includes books, computers and iPads. The library also has study areas where pupils could complete study and homework. Membership is **free of charge** and can be completed online:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary>

Membership of the library also brings free use of the app. 'Borrow Box' which enables the loan of eBooks and audiobooks **free of charge**. The app can be downloaded onto phones and tablets.

