



Reading for Enjoyment at RLS

October 2024

Welcome back to school! We are absolutely thrilled to announce a range of exciting initiatives designed to foster a deep love for reading across our school community.

Our Key Stage 3 students will engage in specially crafted **reading for enjoyment lessons** that encourage exploration of diverse genres, foster creativity, and build critical thinking skills. Each interactive and inspiring lesson showcases the joys of literature and storytelling.

To further ignite enthusiasm, we invite all students to participate in our Reading Challenge. Those who demonstrate exceptional dedication will be proudly featured on our prestigious **Reading Honours List**—a recognition of their commitment to expanding their literary horizons! The books included in this challenge are on page three.

This term will see the launch of Richard Lander's very own **BookTok Book Club**, providing a vibrant platform for students to gather, share their favourite titles, and discuss age appropriate trending books in an engaging environment. We meet every Friday in the Library, 1-1.30 for KS4 students, and 1.30-2 for KS3 students.

RLS's first **Student Reading Council** is taking shape, enabling students to have a direct say on how we read for enjoyment across school. Application forms are available from the Library.

Our **Subject Libraries** will also play a pivotal role in developing reading for enjoyment at RLS, offering a rich collection of reading materials that cater to all interests and reading levels through the curriculum. Look out for them in your classrooms!

Did you know?

Our library is open every break and lunch time for students to browse and borrow books.

We are investing in new books every single month, so there's always something new to explore!

Creative Writing Club Mondays 1-2

BookTok Fridays 1-2

Student Reading Council meet once a month to discuss new stock for the library, Subject Libraries and arrange author talks - apply now!



Studies prove that the more you read,
the better your life will become!



Become a Sparx Reader Superstar

In addition, we are excited to introduce **Sparx Reader** to our new Year 7 students, and continue its use with years 8 and 9.

This innovative programme not only promotes reading but also rewards students with certificates and exciting prizes every half term, celebrating their progress and achievements.

Gold Reader passes are available to avid readers - please speak to your English teacher or Mrs Power.

Don't forget to check out our **Recommended Reads** section in the library for carefully curated titles that cater to a variety of tastes, and please pop in book suggestions to our suggestion box!

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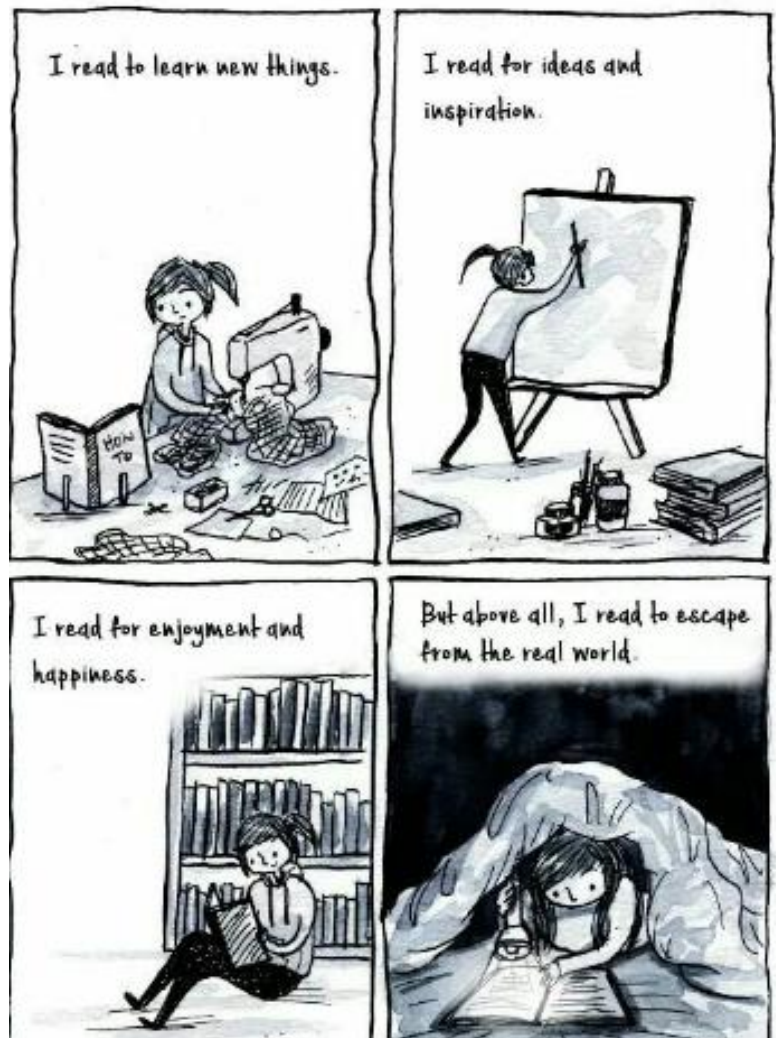
For KS4 students, reading for enjoyment is an ideal way of supporting your mental health.

Studies prove that the more you read, the better you will do - not only in your GCSE exams, but also in later life - readers live longer and earn more money than non-readers!

We have a range of Young Adult reads as well as self-help guides in the **library**, which is open at break and lunch every day for students to browse and borrow books.

Your subject teachers and a visit to the library will provide you with opportunities for reading for learning and reading for enjoyment.

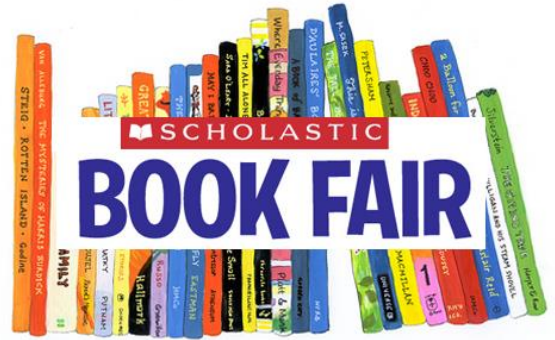
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Let's read for enjoyment and make this term a truly memorable journey into the world of books!

Scholastic Book Fair

In November, RLS will be hosting our first **Scholastic book fair** in over a decade! It will be the perfect opportunity to browse and buy the most up to date and eclectic range of Young Adult books just before Christmas. Students and parents are invited - more details to follow!



Coming Soon - Book Talks

Later on in the year, our **Book Talks** will feature inspiring author visits which provide unique insights into the minds behind the stories. These events will undoubtedly spark curiosity and creativity, building a stronger connection between our students and literature.

Help your child with reading at secondary school - tips from parents

- Let your child choose what to read, rather than choosing what you think they should read.
- Encourage your child to read magazines, comics, newspapers and the internet as well as books.
- Talk to your child about books or magazines you haven't enjoyed, as well as things you love.
- Make time to read together if you can.
- Buy books as presents. Don't forget TV tie-ins and books about interests such as computer games or bands.
- Read together. Try picking reading material about interests or hobbies you share, like your football team or a place you have visited together. 10 minutes a few times a week will make a difference.
- Talk to your child about the types of reading they think they will be asked to do in secondary school; get them to explain to you what they already know about types of non-fiction (factual writing), and try to match them to the subjects your child does at school.
- Chat about which books or magazines your child might read to learn more about the subjects they will be doing at secondary school.
- Buy a book, book token or magazine as a present/reward.
- Go online to have a look at sites that might be useful for different subjects. For information about safe websites for children, visit the Parents Information Network at www.pin.org.uk or Parents Online at www.parentsonline.gov.uk
- Download BorrowBox for free. Use your Cornwall Library Card to sign up.

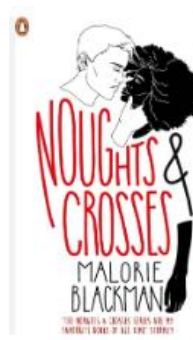
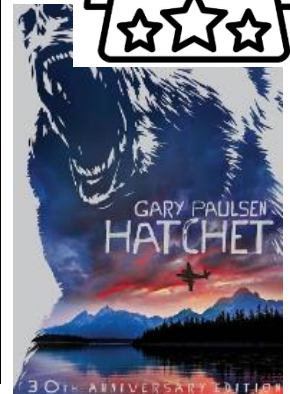
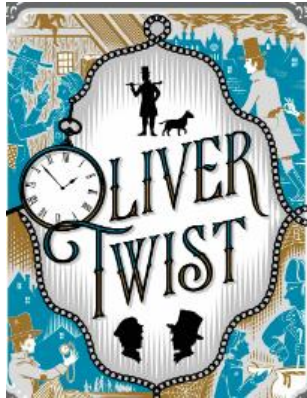
There are many more tips on how to encourage your child to read on the school website



'Books are a uniquely portable magic'



Read 5 of these curated texts to become a **Reading Honours Student!**



For 14+ readers:

