

Our Lady's Catholic High School Reading Newsletter - Autumn 2020



Welcome to the 'OLCHS Reading Newsletter'. Each term, we aim to bring you all things READING! Each newsletter will include book recommendations from staff members and fellow pupils, information on upcoming events and top tips for pupils (and parents!) looking to improve their reading skills. We might even throw in some competitions too!

NEWS

- Our school has been selected to take part in the famed 'Lancashire Book of The Year' Award. This is one of the only book awards where young people are totally in control of choosing the overall winner. What a responsibility!
- A huge congratulations to our first Millionaire readers of the school year: James Pham-Whittle, Owen Law, Joe Walmsley and Mark Law.
- Congratulations to 8U, 9L and 10R on being last year's winners of the 'Accelerated Reader Inter-form Competition'
- The 'Scholastic Book Fair' is coming to OLCHS from Wednesday 2nd December until Tuesday 15th. It will be open break, lunch and after school for the specific year groups on the LRC rota.

TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

Don't be fussy about what they read! Reading is a habit, and as long as they're in the habit of picking up something to read, it doesn't really matter what they're reading. So if they're reading magazines, great - this can lead to further reading if you can establish what they're interested in.

CAN YOU GUESS THE BOOK COVER?

Test your knowledge of children's book covers! If you get above 80%, you will be awarded two BOO points! Follow the link below to be in with a chance!

<https://forms.gle/YD7RmKuKHXYm95y19>

THE LRC's **OFFICIAL** TOP FIVE

Year 7

The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q Rauf, the award-winning author of the popular book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

Year 8

The Gifted, the Talented and Me by William Sutcliffe

Year 9

The Boy Who Steals Houses by C G Drews

Year 10

The Sky Painted Gold by Laura Wood

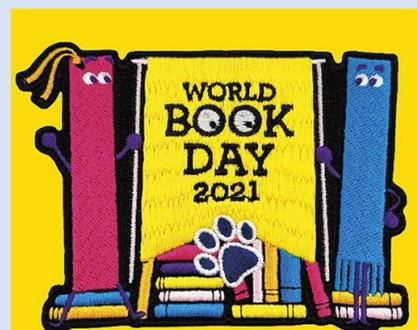
Year 11

The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta

All these books are available in the LRC. If you'd like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Towers.

Y11 Book Recommendations for KS3 pupils

- *Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson recommended by Henry Chesworth.
- *All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven recommended by Summer Mitchell.
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding recommended by Jasmine Dover.
- *A Place Called Perfect* by Helena Duggan recommended by Rachael Leech.



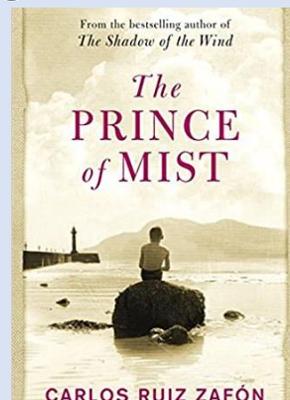
COMING SOON...

OLCHS RECOMMENDED READS

'The Prince of Mist' by Spanish author, **Carlos Ruiz Zafon.**

Zafón was born in Bar Leona and has written several novels translated into more than 35 languages worldwide. *The Prince of the Mist* is set in 1943 and follows the story of Max Carver who finds himself in a house haunted by secrets. His stories are quite magical, mystical and really gripping!

READ IF YOU ENJOY: Thrillers
Recommended by Mrs Crossley

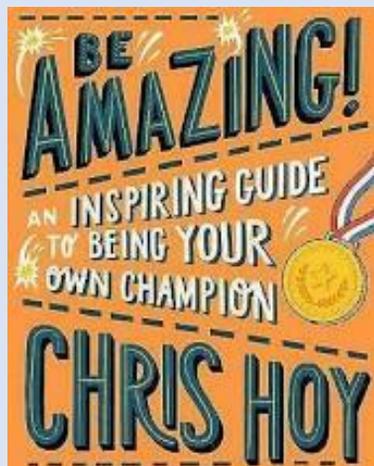


'Be Amazing' by British Olympic Gold Medallist, **Sir Chris Hoy.**

Are you ready to unlock your confidence, fulfil your potential and be your own champion?

In this inspiring and confidence-boosting guide, the cyclist Sir Chris Hoy, six-time Olympic Champion, shows kids that with the right mindset, they have the power to do something extraordinary!

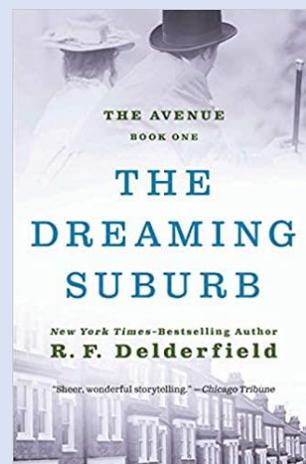
READ IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF SOME MOTIVATION!
Recommended by Mr Newsham
Copies available in the LRC and PE Department



'The Dreaming Suburb' by popular, English novelist, **R F Delderfield**

A richly detailed, nostalgic slice of suburban life. The lives of ordinary people, their relationships, their hopes and dreams. Set between the two world wars, this novel covers a period of significant change and makes for an interesting social commentary.

READ IF YOU LIKE: Historical Fiction
Only suitable for Y10 and Y11 pupils
Recommended by Mrs Bilsborrow



'Armistice Runner' by 'The Football Academy' author, **Tom Palmer**

Armistice Runner is about a modern day runner who finds out from her grandmother, who is suffering from dementia, that her great-great-grandad was a trench runner during the last few days of the First World War.

Recommended by Mrs Arden who loved reading this book with her daughter! She said it's perfect for Y7 and 8 pupils looking to discover a new favourite author.

