

LRC NEWSLETTER

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Year 8 Debate Club

Wednesdays 14:45-15:45

The Y8 Debate Club is going increasingly popular and all the members have enhanced their critical thinking and public speaking skills since the club began. Many thanks to Mrs Carré for all her support with the club!



Recent debates have included: *Should gaming be considered a sport? Does migration help or harm countries? Should sports still be divided by sex or gender? And, should capital punishment be abolished?* If you are interested by these contemporary (and often contentious) topics, then join Debate Club in the new year.

Inspiring Youth Award

Tuesdays & Thursdays 14:45-15:45

In total, fifty pupils are taking part in the Inspiring Youth Award this academic year. All the participating pupils are making good progress, with the majority having completed over half of the project.

Weekly meet-ups after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to check progress will continue in January. Well done to all the hard work the pupils have put in this term!

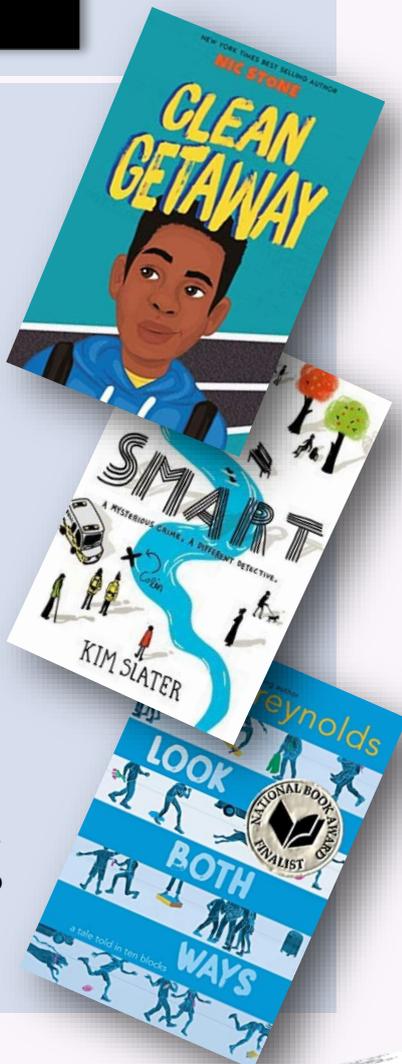


Paired Reading Programme

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday Tutor Times

Thanks to Mrs Hall, paired reading for Year 8 and Year 10 pupils is now underway. The pupils have worked well together this term and are currently reading:

- **Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone, which explores the history of segregation in the American South through the lens of eleven-year-old Scoob, who is suspended from school and ends up on a road-trip with his Grandma.
- **Smart** by Kim Slater, a mystery novel set in Nottingham with a unique twelve-year-old protagonist who sets out to solve a murder.
- **Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks**, by Jason Reynolds who tells ten tales (one for each block) about the detours a group of teenagers take on the way home after school.



LRC BREAK-TIME TIMETABLE

A reminder to pupils to only visit the LRC during your school year's time slot at breaktimes, as shown in the table below:

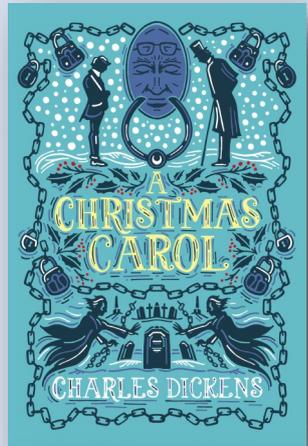
Time	Year Group
11:40-12:00	Year 7
12:00-12:20	Year 10
12:20-12:40	Year 11
12:40-13:00	Year 8
13:10-13:30	Year 9

CHRISTMAS BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The LRC has lots of Christmas-themed novels to get you in the festive spirit. Some top picks include:

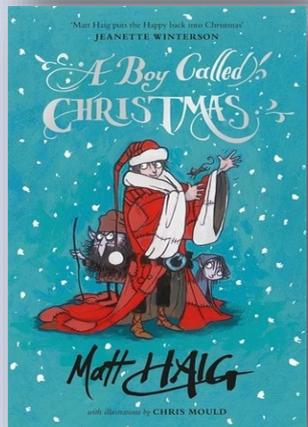
***A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens:**

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is truly a Christmas classic, and even if you've watched the countless film adaptations, it really is worth a read. The novel perfectly interweaves allegory and festive cheer to highlight the importance of kindness and generosity towards others.



***A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig:**

A Boy Called Christmas has recently had its own film adaptation, and the original novel is just as magical and uplifting. This Father Christmas origin-story, about a twelve-year-old named Nikolas, is full of adventure, elves, snow, and even kidnapping!



COMPETITION: DESIGN A CITY OF THE FUTURE

To celebrate the release of the fantastic new book *A History of the World in 25 Cities*, The Reading Agency and publisher Nosy Crow are putting on a competition for readers to design a 'city of the future'. From cities powered by renewable energy to travelling by solar-powered jet packs, they're looking for all the creative ideas pupils have to build a greener, cleaner future in the city.

If you're passionate about sustainability and the environment, or enjoy art and design, then this is the competition for you! Pick up a form from the LRC to complete over the Christmas holidays.

