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Welcome

Over the past few months, you may have noticed some interesting goings-on in the old hair salon. Things like Mr Dewhurst covered in paint, up ladders, and on his hands and knees scrubbing the floor. But Mr Dewhurst has not taken a job as a painter and decorator or a cleaner, he is in fact the new Librarian for Bluecoat Meres Academy!

We are delighted to announce that the library is now open for business, and you will be able to access a large collection of books and resources to use and enjoy at the academy or at home. We aim to make the Library a vibrant, comfy and cool place to be, as well as one in which you can expand your knowledge of the topics you are studying in lessons. There will be a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books to choose from - we hope that we can stock something for everyone, no matter what your interests are.

It is a very exciting time; the library will become a real hub of learning and activity at the academy, and a place you love to be a part of.



Take a leaf out of our books...

Mrs Bainbridge has painted a rather impressive looking tree on the library wall and it has already begun to sprout leaves! During our first introductory sessions, students were invited to write about their favourite book and add it to the tree as a recommendation for other visitors.

Feel free to come down and add your own leaf to the tree - as it fills up, we will stock the library shelves with the books we know you want to see here!

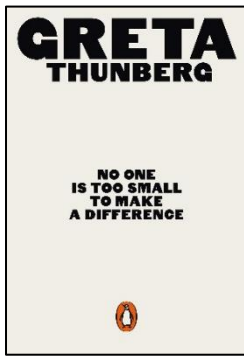


Library Introduction Sessions and Scavenger Hunt

Key Stage 3 English lessons will be scheduled to take place in the Library once every week. The first lesson will be taken by Mr Dewhurst and will help you get to know the Library and how it works. You will also be given your own Library Card, which you can use to borrow books - please look after these, as they will only be issued once.

Your second Library Lesson will be a Scavenger Hunt. There will be 10 questions to answer in pairs and you will use the Library resources to complete as many as you can. We hope this will help you to familiarise yourself with the lay-out of the Library and where to find things.

Book of the Month



You may have seen Greta Thunberg's name a lot in the news over the past year. She is a 17 year-old environmental activist from Sweden who has been campaigning across the world to raise awareness of climate change.

Greta has performed speeches in front of thousands of people, including many very important world leaders. She is already an incredibly influential person even at such a young age and she has won numerous awards for her work. She was even nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Her first book "No One is Too Small to Make a Difference" was published in 2019 and we are lucky to have several copies available to borrow in the library.

GRAPHIC NOVELS!

We know our students love reading Graphic Novels and that many find them easier to engage with than regular books. We currently have a small selection of them available to borrow and we are working on adding more - recommendations are always welcome!

For now you will find popular titles such as "My Hero Academia," the "One Punch Man" series, Pamela Ribon's super-vibrant "Slam!" and Graphic Novel versions of classic stories such as "Macbeth" and "Gulliver's Travels."



Accelerated Reader and Star Reader Tests

Now the Library is open and students are able to access the resources, we will be reintroducing the Accelerated Reader scheme.

Many students will already be familiar with Accelerated Reader and may even have used it to take quizzes on books they have read. The majority of books in the Library have quizzes attached, which can be accessed by visiting <https://ukhosted15.renlearn.co.uk/2242841/> or by clicking the appropriate link on the chosen book's [Reading Cloud](#) page. Completed quizzes earn students points, which we can use to track their reading progress and suggest ways to further enhance their enjoyment of reading. Students will also be rewarded for amassing points.

To start the process, all students must take a short Star Reader test. This gives us a baseline idea of current levels and provides a launchpad into the wonderful world of reading for pleasure. Star Reader tests have been scheduled as follows, to take place in the students' regular Library lessons:



Accelerated Reader™
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Week beginning 13 January		
Monday P5	8xEn2	1.2 and 1.4
Wednesday P1	7xEn1	1.4
Wednesday P4	9xEn1	1.2 and 1.4
Wednesday P5	7xEn3	1.1
Thursday P3	9xEn2	1.2 and 1.4
Friday P1	7xEn2	1.2
Friday P4	8xEn3	1.1
Friday P5	8xEn1	1.1 and 1.2
Week beginning 20 January		
Tuesday P5	9xEn1	1.1 and 1.2