



# The Reading Corner

Library Newsletter

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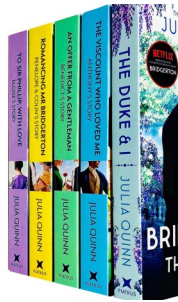
Well, where do we start? Last half term we had our first two Get Caught Reading draws, the winners of the Get Caught Reading Photo Competition were announced and just this week we hosted our Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone 25th anniversary celebration. Before our thoughts turn to the summer holidays there's still time to finish the 22 in 22 Reading Challenge, take part in the Who's Who's competition and win one of eight more Get Caught Reading prizes. Oh, and we're recruiting current Y9's to be next years Reading Leaders! So grab a book and Get Caught Reading!

Mrs Ackroyd and the Student Librarians

## Book versus TV... Which would you choose?

People often say the book is better, but is that always the case?

### The Bridgerton Series by Julia Quinn review by Nieve Crow



Dearest Reader,

As the Shondaland production casts another season across Netflix's screen and its viewers flock to see the regency romance it provides a second time around, one thing may be overlooked: the original books by Julia Quinn. Each of the nine books set in London follows one of the Bridgerton children - though not chronologically - with the finale concluding the lives of the noble family and focusing on the powerful matriarchal figure that is their mother, Violet. Bursting with tropes from enemies to lovers, forbidden love and fairy-tale romances, the historical fiction is centred around the trials and tribulations of a high-society family in pursuit of marriage, but also speaks about social issues of inequality and finding love in a time when marrying for love was not common. Along with this is an element of mystery in the words of the gossip article issued by the unnamed Lady Whistledown who seems to know and share everyone's secrets.

Overall, I found the books quite different from the series, both positively and negatively. One thing that is great is that whilst it's a series, each book is its own and can be read easily out of order. Also, the writing has an interesting narrative of looking at how each character feels. However, the books contain much more controversial topics and situations than the edited TV series, and these were quite shocking. Some events are particularly sensitive, problematic, and questionable so there definitely should be a trigger warning before reading.

## eLibrary recommendations.

Links in the pictures



## You should read this book!

### Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock



**The Blurb:** Sitting on the top deck of a bus days before Christmas, Maya sees a couple arguing violently in the middle of a crowded Regent Street. They see her watching, she looks away, and the woman disappears. Maya goes to the police, who shrug and send her away. Then a body turns up...

Now convinced she is a vital witness to a crime, the police send Maya into hiding in rural Wales. She resolves to get to the bottom of the mystery. Then the snow comes and no one can get out. But what if someone can still get in?

### What was it about?

A girl called Maya takes a picture that she's not supposed to see. To stay safe she goes to her Aunts house to stay with her and cousin Ollie, but there's a twist.

### Why would you recommend this book?

If you like lots of twists and murder mystery then this is the book for you. With a girl called Maya, a change for her family (having to move away), danger, animals dying, gunshots and of course a happy ending - this book has it all.

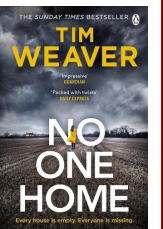
### Alice Sobo-Allen 7H

This book was borrowed from the *Blind Date with a Book* display - where all the books were wrapped in brown paper with only keywords and hints to their content.

## Mr Nixon is reading...

What makes a favourite genre different from any other? According to Mr Nixon, the answer to this question lies in the intelligent plots of his favourite genre - Crime Thrillers. Seeming that the culprit is obvious, red herrings are embedded in the writing to cleverly mislead the unsuspecting reader and that, reading between the lines is something he really enjoys. As well as reading crime thrillers, Mr Nixon is an avid watcher of Crime Dramas, trying to spot the perpetrators on TV too.

Mr Nixon's current favourite book is *No One Home* by Tim Weaver, and is the tenth book in the David Raker series. Set in Yorkshire, this enthralling read is about nine people who disappeared from a small village on Halloween after a party. Devastated, the families of the victims enlist the help of David Raker a missing persons investigator to discover what happened, but the truth of the events is something he can't ever be prepared for.



The supernatural, and peculiar themes are familiar areas of interest when picking out a book. As a child, Mr Nixon remembers reading *The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett - a story of adventure and fantasy following a young witch who tries to defend her home and family after her brother is captured by an evil Faerie Queen.

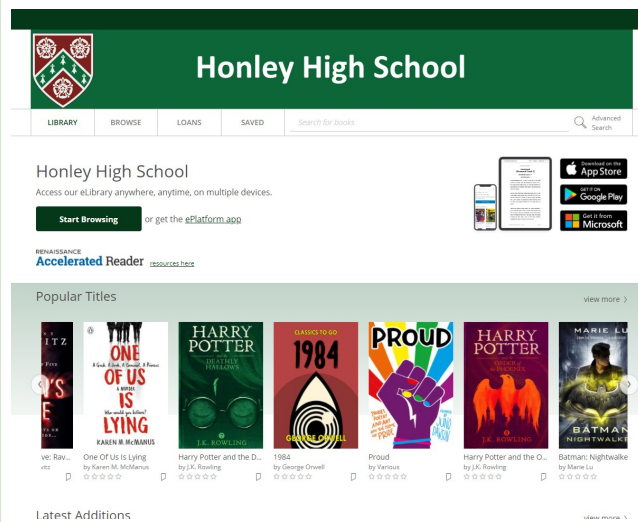
*War Horse*, an emotional read, by Michael Morpurgo, was another especially memorable book from his childhood.

Following Morpurgo's historical and emotional themes, Mr Nixon recently finished reading *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris. He has many more to books to read including another of Morris's books, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*.

When asked Mr Nixon believes that reading is important not only for personal enjoyment and relaxation but also because it widens the imagination - the picture in your mind as you read - and expands vocabulary.

Nieve Crow 9D and Leo Hirst 9H

## Have you tried our eLibrary?



Did you know all students at Honley High School have access to our eLibrary platform?

Visit <https://honleyhigh.eplatform.co/> or download the app from your App Store and start borrowing books today!

To login you need your school ID (e.g. 16abcdef) and the password included in the library newsletter email.

Library Open Monday to Friday 8.20am - 4.10pm

All years can return or renew books, buy stationery and collect revision guides any day.

Break and lunch rota: Monday - Year 7, Tuesday - Year 8, Wednesday - Year 9, Thursday - Year 10, Friday - All years for silent study and reading only



# Get Caught



# Reading...

Last half term we held two draws for Get Caught Reading with ten lucky students each winning a book and book themed chocolatey treat. And due to the high standard of photos entered into our GCR Photo Competition another four students won a prize - you can see some of their amazing pictures below.

This half term another five lucky winners will receive a book and sweet treat. Plus three students will each win a £10 book voucher and a visit to [Read.](#) in Holmfirth to spend their voucher and talk all things bookish with The Read. Family!

So grab a book and Get Caught Reading!.



## Congratulations!

You were caught reading!



A huge congratulations to all our Golden Ticket draw winners last half term. Ten lucky students each received a copy of **When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle** and a book themed chocolate treat - either a Wonka Bar from Mr Willy Wonka himself or Chocolate Frogs from Honeydukes!

### Draw 1

Jessica Gledhill 7c

Rylie Mathieson 7e

Grace Maduekwe 8d

Zoe Liu 9b

Alex Reid 9B



### Draw 2

Kayden Costa 7f

Samantha Green 8i

Daniella Muliike 8h

Evie Newton 9f

Jack Bintcliffe 10c



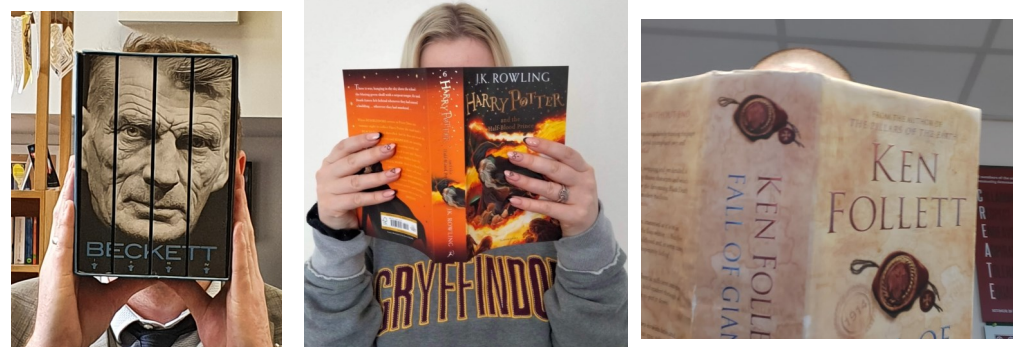
Well done all of you.

...Competition time...Competition time...Competition time...

## Who's Who Picture Quiz.

Not wanting to be left out, some members of staff have been Caught Reading at school, at home or out and about.

But can you work out Who's Who?



Quiz sheets available from the library.

Lots of prizes to be won.

Competition ends Friday 15th July

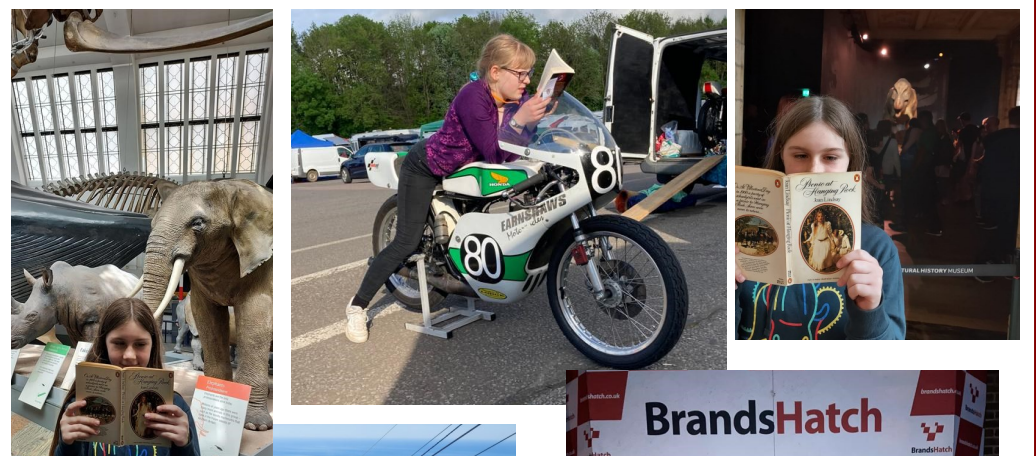
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## Get Caught Reading

### Photo Competition Winners

The standard of entries was so high for our Photo Competition that we couldn't pick one winner so we had four instead!! Congratulations to:

**Neve Snow, Isah Uddin, India Johnson, and Elizabeth Lucas**



Don't forget to collect your prize from Mrs Ackroyd in the library!

## Reading Leaders

Do you love reading?  
Do you want to help students improve their reading skills and confidence?  
Are you in Year 9?

*Leaders are Readers*



Then why not apply to be a Reading Leader in school. It's a great work experience opportunity, looks good on college applications, and you get full training to help you support others with their reading journey.

Applications available from the library or Student Services.  
Please return all applications to Mrs Ackroyd in the Library by Wednesday 6th July.