

Library



The Library has an elevated position at the top of the school and is a hub of activity with well stocked, current resources and IT facilities.

Resources include a stock in excess of 10,000 books with subscriptions to daily newspapers such as The Times. Informed opinion can be sought by pupils from The Economist, Private Eye, New Scientist and a further 32 periodicals.

Online Access

The Library catalogue of books/resources is available online and can be accessed [here](#).

The Library has a separate computer suite with Internet link and projector for film and whiteboard work.

Reader Development

To promote wider reading and develop the reading culture of the school the Library actively organises events:

Library Lessons – Reading is encouraged as part of the curriculum. In partnership with the English department, Year 7 have a weekly timetabled Library lesson.

Year 8 and 9 have Reading Registrations and Library lessons as part of the Enrichment Programme.

Author Visits - recent visits include Joffre White, reading motivator; Huw Powell, illustrator and author of the *Spacejacker* series; Annabel Claridge, who spoke to Year 7 about her book *Rhino Farm*, which launched their research project about Endangered Species; Non Pratt, who came on World Book Day and gave a Power of Writing Stories Workshop to Years 8 and 9; Marcus Sedgwick who spoke about the research he undertakes for his novels; and Sungju Lee, a young North Korean defector who challenged the Sixth Form's concept of liberty.

- Government Initiatives - 'Book Buzz' means that every Year 7 receives a free book.

Pupil Librarians

Pupil Librarians from each Year group assist the Librarian. The role of Head Librarian is awarded each year to a pupil in the Upper Sixth who has been an active pupil Librarian during his QEH career.

What to Read?

Recommended Reading Lists are available in a downloadable format for younger and older readers. Following discussions at Parents' Evening, a new Reading List for Year 8 has also been added. The History Department is also keen to encourage pupils to read historical fiction, to give a wider view of the periods they study, and a selection of books for Years 7, 8 and 9 is also available.