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Landau Reader



Outstanding success with our new Reading Fluency Project!

In November we embarked on a new research project from HFL Education which focused on improving reading fluency, reading accuracy and reading comprehension. The students who took part made fantastic progress in just eight weeks. A spokesperson from HFL Education said, "Your students have made an average of **1 year and 5 months** progress in just 8 weeks with their **reading comprehension!** These are such fabulous results! **One student made an astonishing 3 years and 8 months progress** during the project. Three of your students scored higher than the maximum score of the test!"

All students who participated were presented with a certificate and a large chocolate bar by the Principal.
Congratulations to all students who participated.



We are excited to be continuing this programme in 2025 with a new cohort of students.

Calling all budding writers!

Do you enjoy writing? Are you in year 7, 8 or 9? Why not take part in the 'WICKED' inspired competition from The National Literacy Trust?

Students **aged 11 to 14** have the opportunity to **write persuasively** about a positive change they would like to see in their **local community**. This could be anything from the environment to mental health to social justice – it just needs to be **LOCAL!** Making a positive change is a key theme in **Wicked** and is the subject of the song **For Good**.

Run by The National Literacy Trust, the competition is open to all UK schools.

Entries **MUST** be typed, with a maximum of 500 words. The closing date is **Thursday 13th February 2025**. Entries can be emailed to jhare@landau-forte.org.uk OR submitted via Show My Homework.

Printed entries can be handed into the IC desk. Please use the IC post box if we are closed. You will find this on the wall opposite the IC.

Good luck!



Reading Olympiad

Are YOU ready for the challenge?

Research tells us that students who are confident readers by the age of 15 are most likely to go on to achieve well at school and beyond.

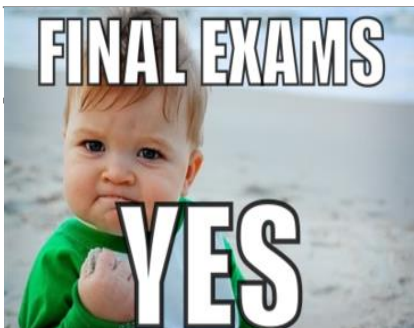
To encourage reading for pleasure, students in years 7, 8 and 9 take part in our Reading Olympiad programme. Students have the opportunity to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards whilst completing fun and educational reading challenges!



New Year New Books!

We have some amazing new books in the IC which have been selected by our students. Please pop in and take a look at some of our new books.

- ✓ The Scarlet & Ivy Series by Sophie Cleverly
- ✓ Nightshade Revenge by Anthony Horowitz
- ✓ Percy Jackson & The Greek Gods by Rick Riordan
- ✓ 50 Ways into Football by Declan Rice



We now have a large collection of GCSE and A level past papers available for revision purposes in the IC. Please see Ms Hare to request these. ★

Read more, read wider

What does reading widely mean? Reading widely means reading beyond text books and school work, and including other reading materials such as journals in your daily reading diet.

There are now links on **Show my Homework** to wider reading, including journal articles specifically linked to the course content at GCSE and A level.

Benefits for reading widely include: greater subject knowledge, enhanced vocabulary and deepening of critical thinking skills to name a few.

Derbyshire Schools' Book Award!

The IC Reading Group are participating in the **Derbyshire Schools' Book Award** again this year.

We are currently reading books from the shortlist and then we will be voting for our favourite!

Students will also have the opportunity to make book presentations and meet a teen author at the Book Awards celebratory event at Derby University in March 2025.



Accelerated Reader

Remember students can quiz from home on their recently read books!

The link is on Satchel One for all key stage 3 students.



Literacy programme success



So far this academic year sixteen students have graduated from the Fresh Start Literacy Intervention Programme.

All our graduates receive a Principal's Award as recognition for their hard work.

Thank you for your commitment, perseverance and dedication.