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# Landau Reader



## Do you enjoy reading with others? Would like to join a book club?



If this sounds like you, why not try our book club? Held every week after school on Wednesdays, 3.30-4.00pm, the book club is a great opportunity to meet with like-minded students who enjoy reading and bookchat about some pre-published books.

Following the Young Editors Barrington Stoke programme, students can read new manuscripts and provide valuable feedback to the publishers, helping to shape future publications.

The book club supports students with their reading motivation and enjoyment, encouraging healthy reading habits and nurturing a love of reading!

## Can You Tell a Story in just six words?

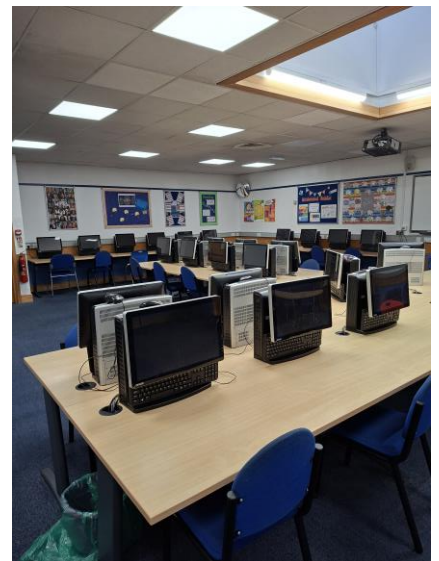
### Calling all budding writers!

Why not enter First Story's National Six Word Story Competition?

Prizes include book bundles, postcards and notebooks!

If you would like more information pop along to the Information Centre.

**Closing date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**



# 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!

## Staff Recommendations

Mr Davies recommends **Millions** by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Mr Davies says, "Finding a large bag full of money sounds like most people's dream come true but for brothers Damian and Anthony, it brings them nothing but trouble. The boys have to decide what to do with the money. Do they donate it to a worthy cause or just spend it on themselves? And that's just for starters..."

If you'd like to read more pop along to the Information Centre to pick up a copy.

## GCSE and A Level Support

We have a large selection of GCSE and A level Revision Guides in the Information Centre.

Please pop in and take a look!

## Literacy Support for all!



Literacy is top priority here at Landau Forte College, Derby.

Our tailored support includes phonics, reading for pleasure, handwriting and fluency.

Students also read weekly during tutor time, learning some key reading strategies to support with their learning across the curriculum.

## Read more, read wider

What does reading widely mean? Reading widely means reading beyond textbooks and schoolwork 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.

## Accelerated Reader

Remember!

Students in year 7, 8 and 9 can quiz from home on their recently read books!

You will find the link on the College website under literacy.



## Staff Book Club

Our new Staff Book Club is thriving!

Meeting on the first Thursday each month, we read books that have been nominated by our members.

We have been enjoying a diverse selection of books ranging from *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini to *All The Colours of the Dark* by Chris Whittaker. Now we are looking forward to our festive read!