

# PARENT & STUDENT SPECIAL EDITION

This week's issue gives a round up of where to find free access to reading for pleasure and information to help with schoolwork.

You can email the librarians on [library@ripongrammar.com](mailto:library@ripongrammar.com)



In **Teams** you will find the **Library for Students Team** and in the **Files** section is a document called **READING FOR PLEASURE LINKS**, which will direct you to the following free reading resources:



- North Yorkshire Libraries
- World Book Day
- Penguin Books
- Booktrust Bookfinder
- LoveReading4Kids
- Authorfy
- The School Reading List
- Audible

(Although Audible Audiobooks are paid for, they do offer a free 30-day trial which is worth investigating, AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER TO CANCEL if you don't want to continue.)



**PROJECT GUTENBERG** was the first provider of free electronic books and is now a library of over 60,000 free ebooks.

The collection contains both fiction and non-fiction and there is a Children's Bookshelf which you can browse. There are some fabulous classics in there.

Click here: <https://www.gutenberg.org/>

Although we can't lend out any physical books at the moment, you can still use the Library catalogue, **ACCESSIT**, to browse or to leave a review. The dashboard will also give you recommendations and links to reading lists and book extracts.

**Accessit** ➔

Link to Accessit from a **tab** on the **Library for Students Team**

## Reading for Pleasure

We are offering some new **Teams BOOK CLUBS** for any student who would like to join in and chat about reading. The clubs will be an informal opportunity to share ideas and recommendations with like-minded people. Any student who is interested should email us on [library@ripongrammar.com](mailto:library@ripongrammar.com) to find out more.



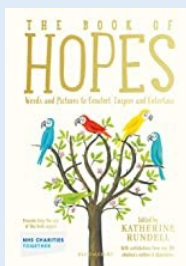
**Y7-9 : Bookworms Y9-11:**  
Mondays at 1.00-1.30



**Page Turners**  
Tuesdays at 1.00-1.30



**Sixth Form: The Final Chapter**  
Wednesdays at 2.00-2.30



### [Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children](#)

You may remember this from the last lockdown. It is back online again and can be shared via the National Literacy website.

This extraordinary collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson

There are also downloadable resources: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Use **YOUTUBE** to search for audiobooks. Some also have the accompanying text.



Here's a Sherlock Holmes story read by Benedict Cumberbatch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgaXHQY6fuU>

Here's a reading of Matilda, by Roald Dahl, with the text on screen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSLCZSkU6gk>

Have a go at the Reading Bingo challenge on the next page!

# Reading Bingo

See how many of these you can tick off in the family. We'd love to see any photos, reviews or write-ups!

Listen to an audiobook	<u>Make a miniature book from one piece of paper!</u>	<u>Read some poetry</u>	Watch the film adaptation of a book	<u>Review one of the books you've read from RGS Library</u>
Make a trailer for a book: animation, PP with voiceover, film, or storyboard. Please share it with us! library@ripongrammar.com	Read a comic/ graphic novel	<u>Watch a play:</u> <b>Username:</b> 4Ba!9Tz. <b>Password:</b> 8Qt.9Wx, <i>(make sure you include all the full stops, commas, etc, exactly as above)</i>	<u>Make a monster bookmark!</u>	<u>Read one of these children's classics</u>
<u>Read a funny book</u>	Read out loud to a family member (or pet!) in your house or by video call.	Read a book that was made into a film	<u>Try creating your own Bookspine Poem</u>	Re-read an old favourite!

If you enjoy creative writing, here is a comprehensive list of **UK WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR UNDER-18S:**

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/>

Keep your eyes open for news of BBC Radio 2's **500 Words** competition later this Spring.

Visit [THE LITERACY SHED](#) for some brilliant ideas for **story starters** and let your creative juices flow!

Here are a few examples:

- ◇ He opened the safe and it had gone. No one had the code; who could have opened it?
- ◇ The clock stopped... 74 minutes past 18... it was time to get up.
- ◇ Cold and wet, tired and exhausted she made her way along the path through the forest.
- ◇ "I can see you!" said the text, she looked around nervously.
- ◇ She scratched his face from the photograph. She would get her revenge.

Go on—have a go!



## Creative Writing

Use a **PICTURE** or **PHOTOGRAPH** to inspire your writing. What about this one?



### 10 MINUTE CHALLENGES

For a daily dose of creativity and fun, check out our '10 Minute Challenges', which are set by bestselling authors and illustrators.

The **Authorfy** website has a series of videos where bestselling authors and illustrators set 10-minute creative writing challenges

Try writing a daily diary or journal. You could make it a factual description of your days, or you could base it on the truth but embellish it or make it funny!



# HOW TO EVALUATE WEBSITES

**Open the site**  
Tip: Open the site in a new tab to save your search results.

**Skim read**   
Can I read/understand the text?  
Might this site be useful?

YES

NO

**Does it answer my question?**  
Tip: Control/Command F will bring up a search box. Stop skimming and reread more closely.

YES

NO

**Is this a credible author/site?**

YES

NO/ UNSURE

**Does the purpose of the site meet my needs?**  
Is it designed to educate, persuade, or sell?

YES

NO

**Is the information current enough?**

YES

NO

Crosscheck info on other sites.

Go back to your search results and try a different website. 

Alter your search terms based on your results. Make them more specific or descriptive.

www.kathleenamorris.com

Always check that information you find is **ACCURATE** and **TRUSTWORTHY**. Use the poster above to help you.



As well giving you access to e-books and audiobooks for reading,

**NORTH YORKSHIRE LIBRARIES** also provides free access to many **ONLINE INFORMATION RESOURCES**, including Encyclopaedia Britannica. Membership is free and you can **JOIN ONLINE**



# Online Information Resources

RGS Library subscribes to many online resources to support teaching and learning and they are all **accessible from home**.



**NewScientist**

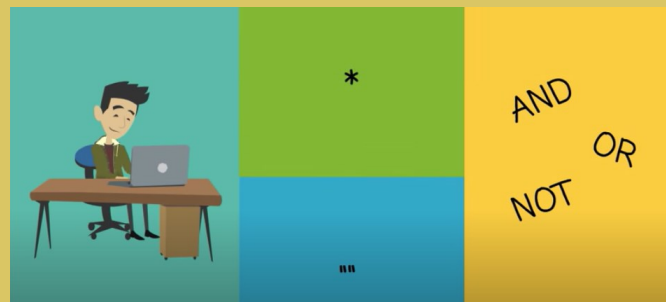


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resources for schools, colleges & libraries



Details of how to access all our online resources can be found in the **Files** section of the **LIBRARY FOR STUDENTS TEAM**. You will find all the **usernames** and **passwords**, as well as links to the sites.

Watch this **YOUTUBE VIDEO** to help you improve your online search techniques. Give it a try!



# Virtual Experiences

With **GOOGLE ARTS AND CULTURE**, you can tour the Eiffel Tower or create your own opera, try out some **EXPERIMENTS**, or explore **PAINTINGS, SCULPTURE and ARCHITECTURE** in virtual reality!

With nowhere to go at the moment, why not enjoy some of these virtual experiences from the comfort of your armchair?

Enjoy some of Winterwatch's **MINDFUL MOMENTS** and bask in the beauty of our nature.

Take a trip down Diagon Alley with a virtual tour of the **HARRY POTTER FILM SET**