

Library News

March-July 2020



Tormead Library

Although we sadly had to close the school in March, the online library has been very much up and running, and we hope to be back on the premises soon. In this issue, we take a look at some of the online resources that have been available and used during lockdown, as well as a look back at some of the activities we managed to fit in before closure.



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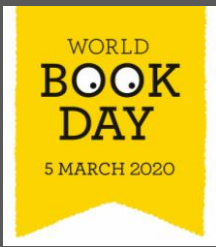
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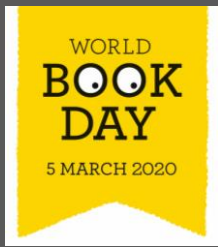


World Book Day



For World Book Day, Sixth Form and staff enjoyed dressing up as book characters, whilst we had various activities in the library to celebrate books and reading.

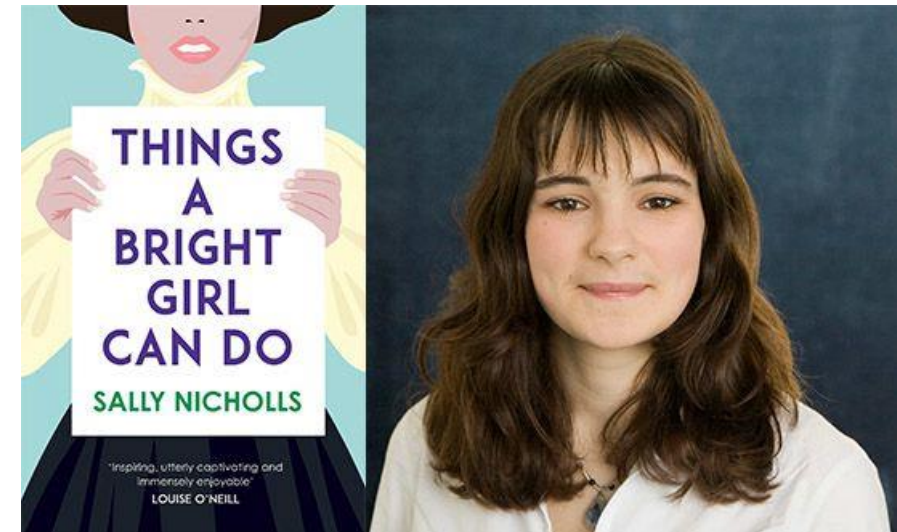




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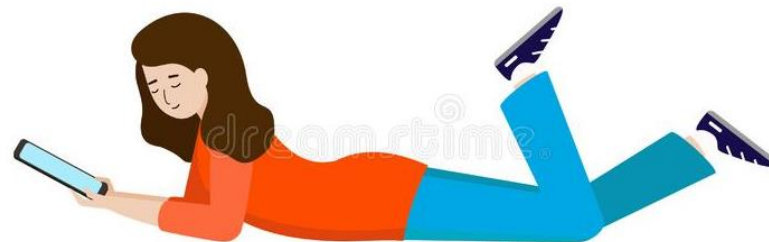
Year 9 pupils also enjoyed a visit from author Sally Nicholls who spoke about her book *Things a Bright Girl Can Do*.



ebooks

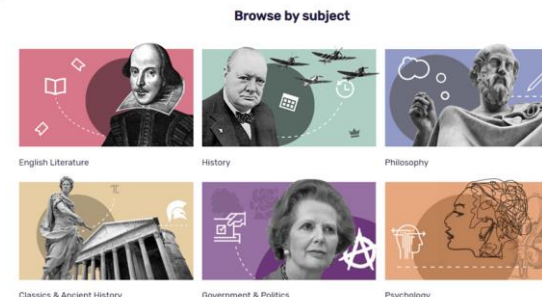
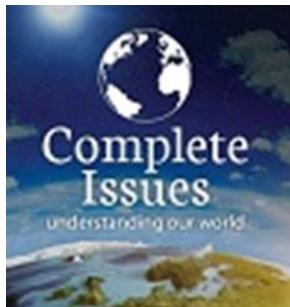
We are very fortunate to have access to two e-book platforms, providing pupils with a wealth of choice for reading. Since lockdown began, our users have borrowed 275 digital books. These platforms continue to be available throughout the holidays - Go to the library page for full details of how to access.

Click here for some recommended e-reads:



Online Resources

Pupils and staff were able to make use of plenty of online resources during lockdown, including digital versions of books, journals and newspapers, special access to subscription-only databases as well as free online material.



In the News



Online digital versions of The Week Junior can be accessed via the school library web page.



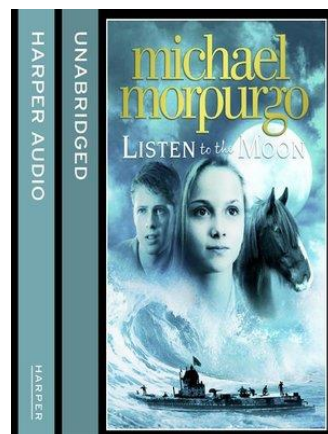
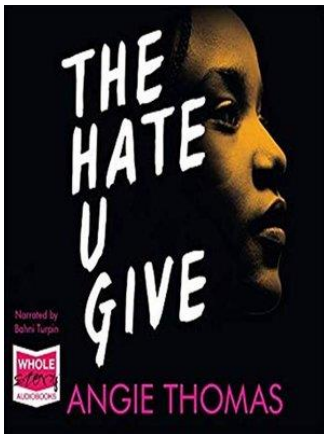
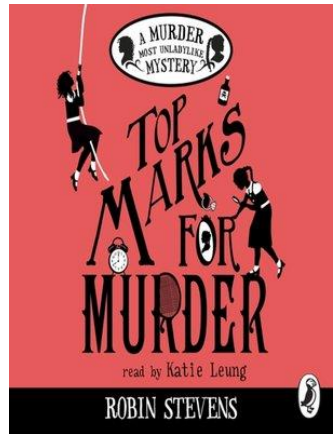
For older pupils, The Week and the Financial Times are also available free online.

The Day gives daily updates on current stories, with excellent analysis and explanation for secondary school age.

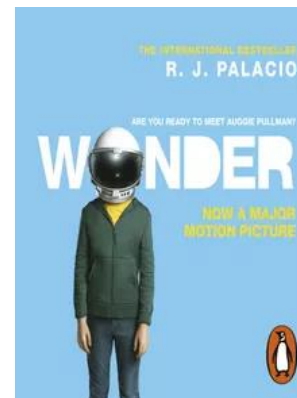
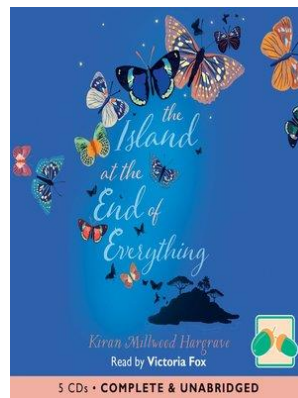
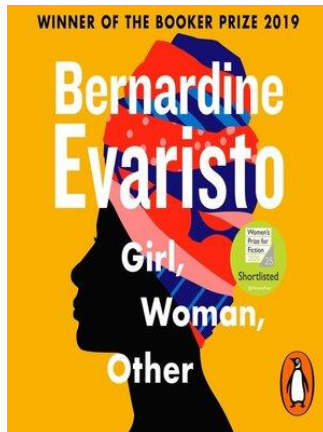
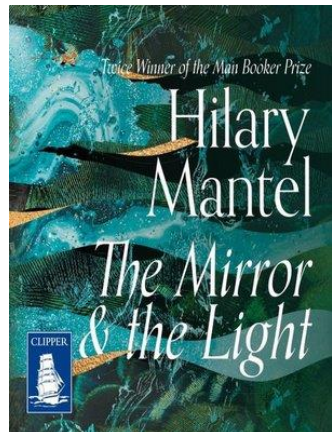


Listening Books

Currently available from the
Listening Books Library:



Listen to audio books for free on
your mp3 device (e.g. phone or
iPad).



As a school, we can borrow up
to 10 books at a time from the
Listening Books Library. Follow
the link from the school library
page, choose a book and click
on part 1 to start listening!

Fighting racism



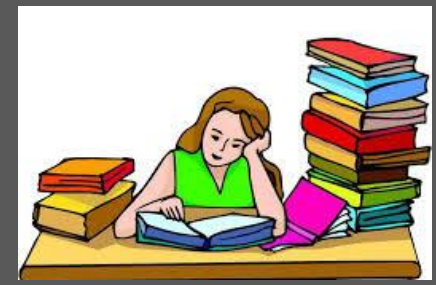
A reading list for learning about and fighting racism:

Celebrating diversity – some reading suggestions

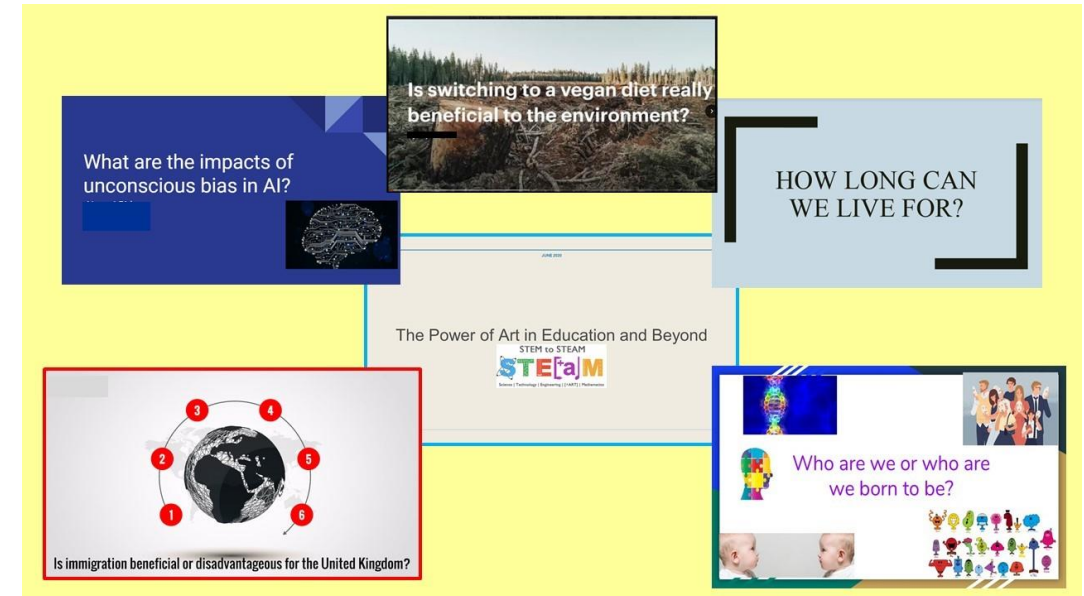
One of the best ways to teach ourselves about prejudice and to confront our own unconscious biases, is to read books: information books that help us understand racism and its history, but also fiction books that help us to empathise with people in situations we could never experience – or maybe read about people with similar experiences to our own to show that we are not alone. Here are a few reading recommendations to start us off:



Tormead Symposium



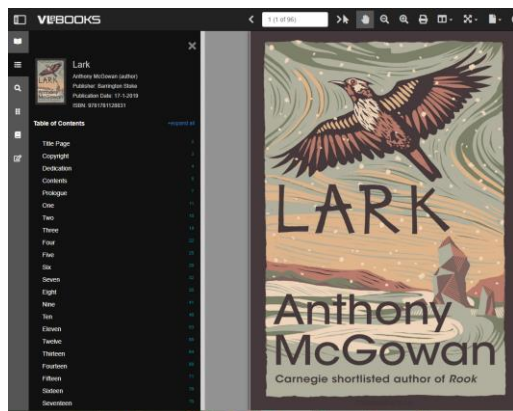
Our Lower Sixth students reached the end of their independent research projects, culminating in final essays and presentations to share their conclusions.



Carnegie Medal



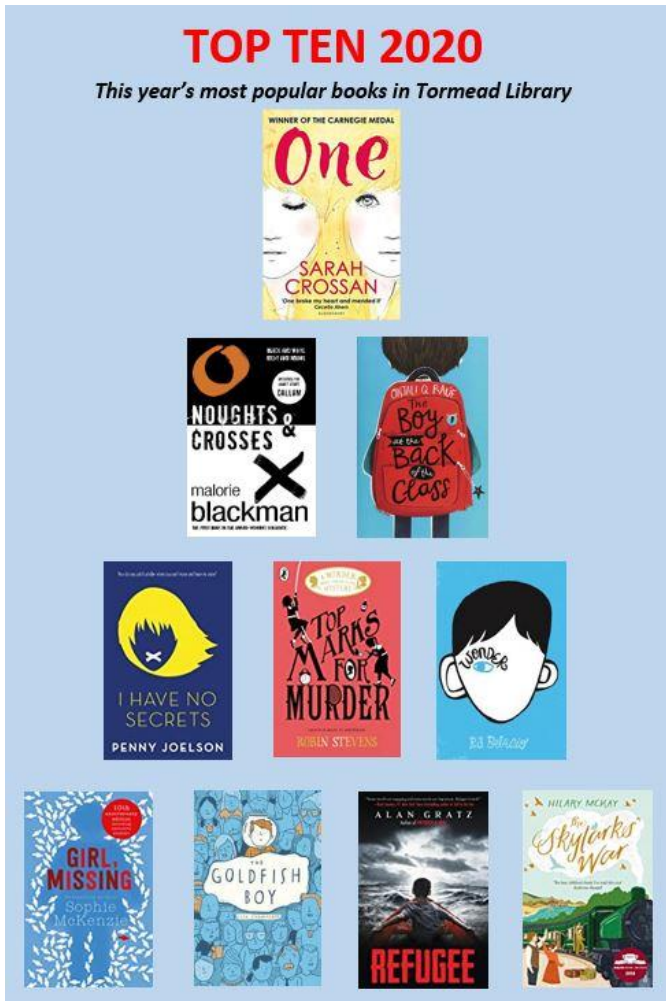
This year's winner of the prestigious Carnegie Medal for a children's book is Anthony McGowan for *Lark*, the fourth in the 'Truth of Things' series featuring brothers Nicky and Kenny. A short read, but packs a punch!



Available as an e-read from the library web page



Library Top Ten



Top Tormead reads this year

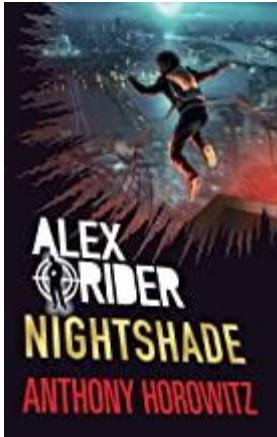


Top 10 ebooks

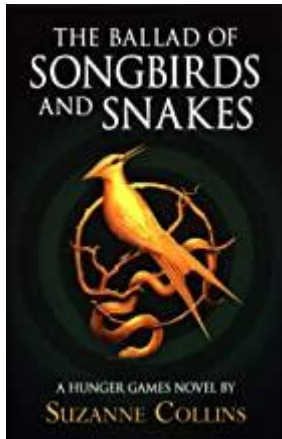
1. I have no secrets
2. Apple and Rain
3. City of Bones
4. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
5. One of us is Lying
6. Noughts and Crosses
7. Geek Girl
8. The Fault in our Stars
9. The School for Good and Evil
10. Girl Online

Holiday Reads

These books have been published recently. See if you can get hold of them from your public library, or put in a reserve from the school library, so they'll be waiting for you when you return!



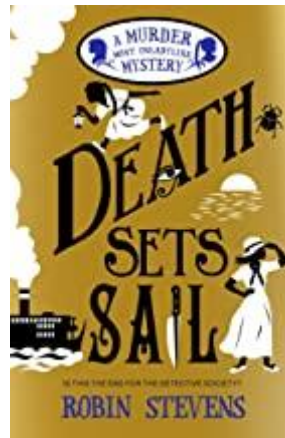
12th Alex Rider book



Prequel to
Hunger Games



A story from
Hiroshima



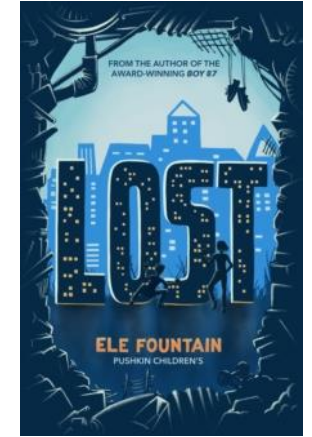
The final story



Book 3 in the series



Sequel to A Good
Girl's Guide to
Murder



From the author of
Boy 87

