

LIBRARY NEWS



T H O R N D E N S C H O O L



WELCOME

Welcome to the January Newsletter. Life in the Library has returned to normal after the Trial exams with break and lunchtimes being very busy!



THIS MONTH



Collection Focus - Non-Fiction



Featured Author



New to the Library

EBOOKS – SORA

All students (and members of staff) have access to the Thornden Sora to borrow ebooks, emagazines and eaudiobooks. There's a huge selection with new titles being added regularly



Apple



Android



OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday
8:20am to 4:00pm

Friday
8:20am to 3:30pm

JUNIOR LIBRARY OFFICERS



The introduction of library helpers at Break and Lunch times has been very successful. They are such an asset and are very much appreciated as the library is very busy so they enable me to interact with students in all areas of the library and assist in the computer suite with printing etc. Students in Year 8 regularly assist with issuing and returning the books onto the library system, shelving books, tidying the collection and talking to students, guiding them to areas of interest and giving recommendations of books they have read.

COMPUTER GAMES



As the demand for computers in the library over the Break and Lunch times has grown for students to complete homework tasks, research and print out work for lessons, it has become necessary to relocate students who enjoy playing computer games to the C1 computer room. Thank you to Mr. Baldwin for his fabulous co-operation. The students very much appreciate it.

DISPLAYS

A huge thankyou to FOTS (Friends of Thornden) for providing the library with funds to purchase new displays and equipment. Pictured below are examples of some of this term's displays in the library in support of events such as:

- Halloween
- Remembrance Day
- Author Visit
- World Cup Football
- Christmas
- January 'Winter Blues'
- Shakespeare at Thornden.

The new white display unit, large figure cut outs and themed cushions have welcomed students into the library and enhanced the friendly atmosphere. Students had enormous fun posing as players in the England Football Squad.

The swivel long arm will be attached to the TV soon enabling students to watch events such as the Olympics and Wimbledon. Thank you again FOTS for your continued support of the library.





COLLECTION FOCUS NON-FICTION



Non-fiction books are available in the library related to a range of topics in subject areas relevant to the curriculum.

Topics include:

- Religions,
- Life Skills,
- Environmental issues,
- Law,
- Health & Medicine,
- Fashion,
- Textiles,
- Military History,
- Folklore,
- Languages,
- Astronomy,
- Geology,
- Weather,
- Natural History,
- Farming and Pets,
- Cooking recipe books,
- Art,
- Architecture,
- Graphic and Product design,
- Music and Dance,
- Outdoor Games and Sports,
- Plays and Poetry,
- European,
- Asian,
- Pacific countries and cultures,
- Famous people and biographies,
- Ancient History,
- Medieval Europe,
- WWI, WWII, other wars/conflicts,
- British and Local History,
- atlases,
- maps
- and dictionaries.

Some non-fiction books are also scattered throughout the Fiction shelves for example 'Forensic Science' and 'Crime, Punishment and Justice' texts in the 'Murder/Mystery/Thriller' genre section, '100 Things to Know About Space' in the 'Science Fiction/Dystopia' genre section and 'D-Day Landings' in the Historical/War genre section.

A reminder to students that Science Fiction is only what scientists and engineers haven't invented yet!



FEATURED AUTHOR CHRIS BRADFORD

"I write the type of books I'd want to read - books filled with relentless action, believable characters and a plot that twists and turns through the pages!"

As an author, Chris Bradford employs a technique he terms 'method-writing'.

For his award-winning Young Samurai series, he trained in iaido (samurai swordmanship), karate, ninjutsu and earned his black belt in Zen Kyu Shin Taijutsu. Previously he has trained in judo, muay thai and kickboxing.

For his BODYGUARD series, Chris embarked on an intensive close protection course to become a qualified professional bodyguard. During his training, he acquired skills in unarmed combat, defensive driving, tactical firearms, threat assessments, surveillance, and even anti-ambush exercises.

And for the Soul trilogy, Chris travelled extensively to experience first-hand the cultures featured in the story – from living with the Shona people in Zimbabwe, to trekking the Inca trail, to meditating in a Buddhist temple amid the mountains of Japan.

His best-selling books are published in over 25 languages and have garnered more than 30 children's book award nominations, winning among others the Northern Ireland Book Award 2011, Hampshire Book Award 2014, the Brilliant Book Award 2014 and the Quick Read 2017. Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior was deemed one of Puffin's 70 Best Ever Books, alongside Treasure Island and Robin Hood.

Before becoming a full-time author, he was a professional musician (who once performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II), a songwriter and music teacher. He has written five non-fiction books on music, including the critically acclaimed Heart & Soul (Sanctuary, 2005).

Chris visited our school on the 9th November with his Soul Hunters series presentation. The Year 8 students were mesmerized throughout and many students bought his books which is wonderful to see so many students engage with reading. Thanks to Chris for his inspirational visit.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY

'THE FINAL GAMBIT' BY JENNIFER LYNN BARNES

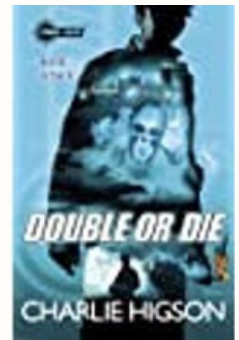
To inherit billions, all Avery Kylie Grambs must do is survive a few more weeks living in Hawthorne House. The paparazzi are dogging her every step. Financial pressures are building. Danger is a fact of life. And the only thing getting Avery through it all is the Hawthorne brothers. Her life is intertwined with theirs. She knows their secrets, and they know her. But as the clock ticks down to the moment when Avery will become the richest teenager on the planet, trouble arrives in the form of a visitor who needs her help—and whose presence in Hawthorne House could change everything. It soon becomes clear that there is one last puzzle to solve, and Avery and the Hawthorne brothers are drawn into a dangerous game against an unknown and powerful player. Secrets upon secrets. Riddles upon riddles. In this game, there are hearts and lives at stake—and there is nothing more Hawthorne than winning.



'DOUBLE OR DIE' BY CHARLIE HIGSON

Kidnap. Violence. Explosions. Murder. No ordinary weekend. But then, James Bond is no ordinary boy . . .

In a North London cemetery, a professor is kidnapped at gunpoint. A suspicious letter crammed with cryptic clues arrives at Eton. To decipher the deadly mystery, James Bond must take a series of dangerous gambles. Once the code is cracked, he has just forty-eight hours to save the professor from the dark forces that threaten to destroy them both. And, if the professor can't escape, it's not only James's future under threat. It's the rest of the world's . . .



'WHEN OUR WORLDS COLLIDED' BY DANIELLE JAWANDO

A powerful coming-of-age story about chance encounters, injustice and how the choices that we make can completely change our future.

When fourteen-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society.

