

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Library Newsletter. Hopefully life in the Library will return to normal this term with no 'bubble' restrictions! Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. O'Doherty look forward to welcoming students back to the library.

Topics in this newsletter are:

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### OPENING HOURS

Monday	8.20 am – 4.00 pm
Tuesday	8.20 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday	8.20 am – 4.00 pm
Thursday	8.20 am – 4.00 pm
Friday	8.20 am – 3.30 pm

The library will be open at break and lunch times

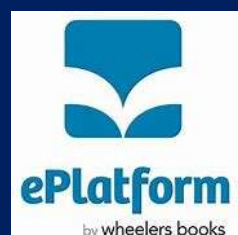
### EBOOKS

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

Link – <https://thornden-hantssls.wheelers.co>

Use your Thornden log in and password to sign in.

Download the Wheelers app for free from your App Store.



## LATEST NEWS

### HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD

Last term a small group of students took part in the 2021 Hampshire Book Award. This is an annual award for the best paperback fiction title published in the previous year aimed at 11-14 year olds. The judges of the award are Year 8 students from schools across the county.

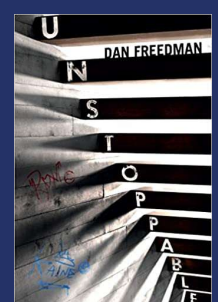
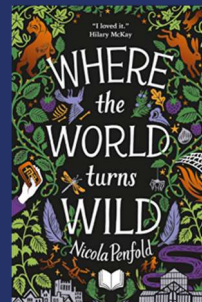
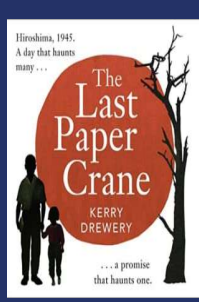
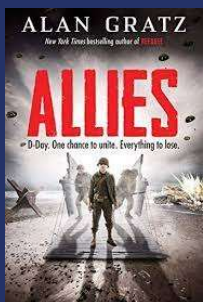
The students had to read all six shortlisted books between March and the voting day at the end of June. They had to be critics, not just readers, and were asked to consider what the books offered in terms of enrichment, enjoyment and engagement. The group met regularly in the library to discuss the books.

The books on the 2021 shortlist were:

- 'Allies' by Alan Gratz
- 'The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones' by Daven McQueen
- 'The Last Paper Crane' by Kerry Drewery
- 'No Fixed Address' by Susin Nielsen
- 'Unstoppable' by Dan Freedman
- 'Where the World Turns Wild' by Nicola Penfold

A virtual Voting Day was organized by the School Library Service, who run the award, and when the votes were counted the winner was 'The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones'.

The shortlisted books are all available to borrow from the library.



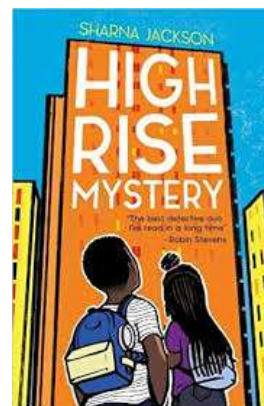
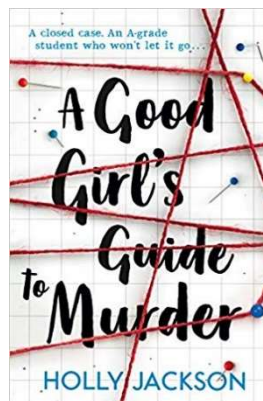
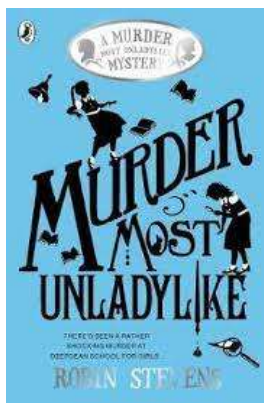
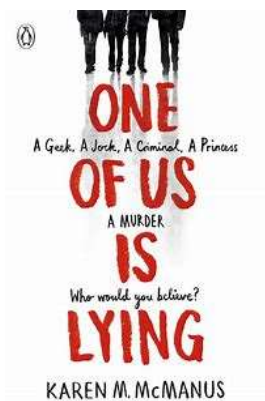
## GENRE FOCUS – MURDER/MYSTERY

Mystery stories present a puzzle or secret that lead readers to gather clues and solve the mystery by the end of the story. Over the last couple of years, the addition of a murder has proved popular. The books leading the rise in popularity of this genre are:

'A Murder Most Unladylike' by Robin Stevens  
'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson  
'One of Us is Lying' by Karen M. McManus

Some other great books to read are:

'Truly Devious' by Maureen Johnson  
'Running Girl' by Simon Mason  
'The High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson  
'The Boyband Murder Mystery' by Ava Eldred

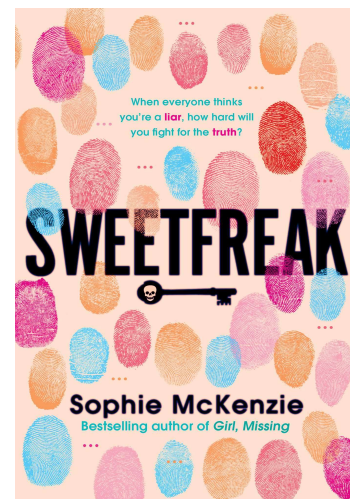
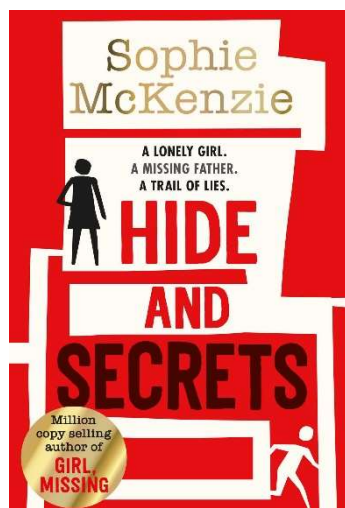


## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

### SOPHIE MCKENZIE

Fast-action plots are the hallmark of Sophie McKenzie's thrillers. Her 2005 debut 'Girl Missing' was inspired by a true story of a missing child and began a gripping trilogy with terrifying twists and shocking secrets. She followed this with a series of tense thrillers, 'Every Second Counts', 'Split Second', 'The Fix' and 'The Medusa Project'. Sophie has also written 'The Flynn' series which is a teen romance, 'Sweetfreak' based on internet bullying, and a 21<sup>st</sup> century re-imaging of 'Little Women, Becoming Jo'.

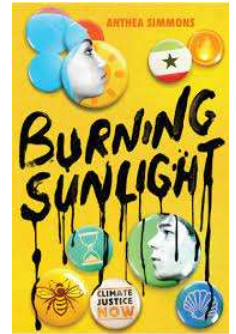
Sophie's latest novel 'Hide and Secrets' is another thriller in which a teen girl battles to solve the mystery of her missing dad.



## NEW TO THE LIBRARY

### 'Burning Sunlight' by Anthea Simmons

Zaynab has been uprooted from her home in Somaliland to live a world away in rural Devon. Grieving for her activist mother, Zaynab decides to take a stand of her own against the climate crisis. Lucas has always kept his head down, but now he wants to join her cause. Together they fight for the right to campaign in their school and make their voices heard.



### 'Girl (in real life)' by Tamsin Winter

Most parents try to limit their kids' online exposure. But not Eva's. Her parents run a hugely successful YouTube channel and Eva is the star of the Show. However, Eva is getting sick of being made to pose in stupid mum-and-daughter matching outfits for sponsored posts. The freebies aren't worth the teasing at school so she's going to find a way to stop the channel, even if she has to sabotage it herself.



### 'Endgame' by Malorie Blackman

The final book in the Noughts and Crosses series. It's time that actions speak louder than words. Time that the truth is uncovered. Time for the endgame.

