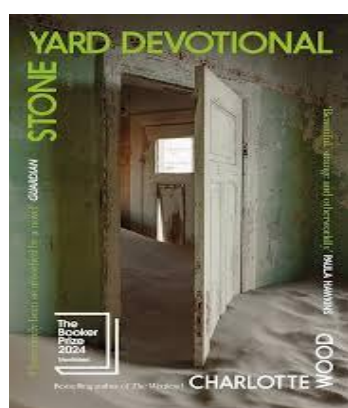
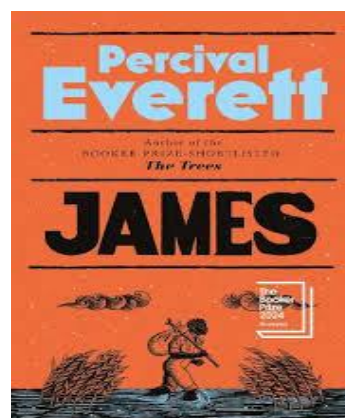


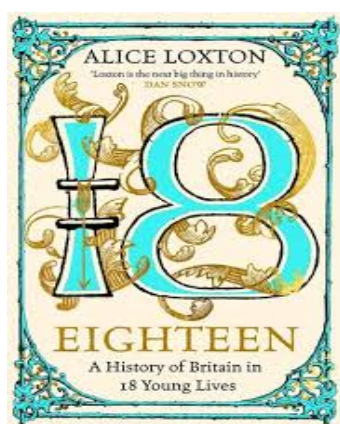
Books we are reading



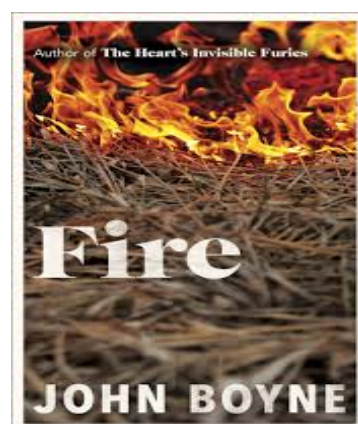
Deb White
Nominated for the Booker prize - I loved this story of a woman seeking change



Deb White
Another Booker prize nominee - this is a retelling of Huckleberry Finn from the perspective of Jim. Again - I absolutely loved this book and want to read more of Everett's novels.



Jo Colby
The author looks at 18 inspiring figures at the age of 18 - this would make a great gift for an 18th birthday



Jo Colby
One of Jo's favourite writers - this is the third book in Boyne's Elements series

Coming up in the library

Come and join us for our [Book Group on Wednesdays during afternoon tutor time](#).

We want to have a time in our weeks where we can share book recommendations and chat about our love of reading.

Fiction or non-fiction, we don't care!
Bring a drink and come and have a chat.

13:30 - 13:50 every Week B Wednesday.

Join us for a new [Creative Writing Group](#) on [Week B Tuesdays](#) from [1pm-1.50pm in the Green Seminar Room](#). We will be sharing inspirations and prompts, discussing tips and tricks for how to beat the blank page, signposting and supporting you to enter Creative Writing competitions, and most importantly carving out a little bit of time and space in your schedule to just get writing. Please email Fran (ffry@bohunt.hants.sch.uk) if you would like to join us!

Don't forget we have a [Sixth Form Library page](#) on google classroom. To join, [use code r7fklzn](#). It has details of competitions, study skills and recommended reading (amongst other things).

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Remember that we have access to some [online subscriptions](#). Access details are below.

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[The Biggest Cosmic Map](#)

Professor Chris Lintott

Wed, 26 Feb 2025



[Is the First Amendment the Greatest Right of All?](#)

Professor Clive Stafford Smith JD OBE

Thu, 27 Feb 2025



[Carbon Offsetting: Does It Really Work?](#)

Professor Myles Allen

Tue, 04 Mar 2025



[Divine Law, Human Prophet: Moses in Hebrew and Greek](#)

Professor Melissa Lane

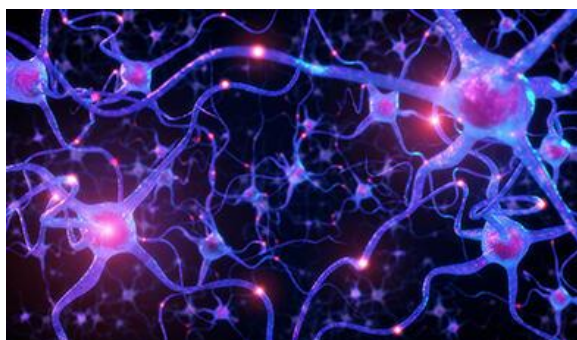
Thu, 06 Mar 2025



[Banned Books and Freedom of Expression](#)

Professor Rachel Potter

Wed, 12 Mar 2025



[The Turbulent Brain: Rhythms and Waves](#)

Professor Alain Goriely FRS

Tue, 18 Mar 2025

[Academic essay competitions](#) please find a selection of competitions currently open for entry below. More details can be found online [here](#).

Fancy a trip?

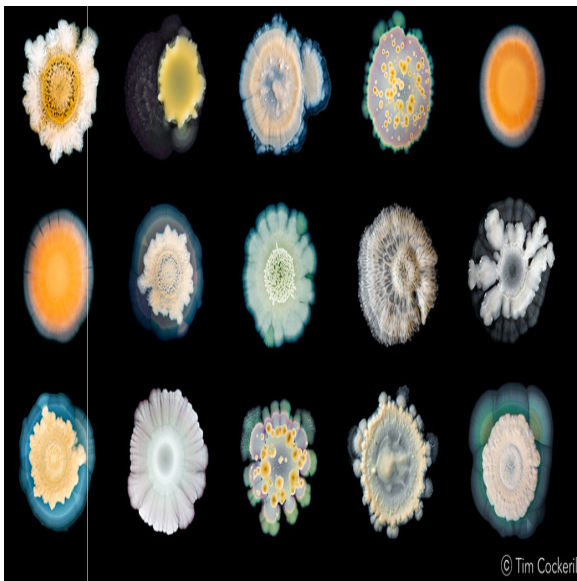
[Medieval Women At The British Library](#)

Our latest exhibition introduces the women of medieval Europe through their own words, visions and experiences. Discover the themes of the exhibition and some of the star items in our digital webspace. Exhibition open until 2 March 2025.

[Medieval Women: In Their Own Words](#) is supported by Joanna and Graham Barker and Unwin Charitable Trust.



[Soil - The World at Our Feet - Somerset House](#)



This groundbreaking exhibition unites visionary artists and thinkers from around the world to explore the remarkable power and potential of soil. Through a range of artworks, artefacts and innovative approaches, visitors are invited to reconsider the crucial role soil plays in our planet's health. The exhibition delivers a message of hope and urgency, encouraging a more sustainable, harmonious relationship with the Earth—if we choose to act now. Soil is more than dirt. Soil is a secret world at our feet, an ecosystem as diverse in life as our night sky is full of stars. The billions of bacteria contained in its rhizospheres do for plants what the microbes in our stomachs do for us: sustain life. Our relationship with soil is our connection to Earth itself. Without soil, there is no us.

[The World of Tim Burton - Design Museum](#)

Tim Burton is the creative force behind some of the most celebrated films of the last four decades, internationally recognised as a master of the comically grotesque and the endearingly misfit. This major exhibition invites visitors into his world through an exploration of the design of his unique aesthetic. While most well-known for his cinematic work, this show displays the full extent of his production as an illustrator, painter, photographer and author, as well as exploring key collaborations with designers. As a multi-disciplinary artist, his creations extend beyond the limits of mediums and formats. Drawn from Tim Burton's personal archive and representing the artist's creative output from childhood to the present day, this collection of drawings, paintings, photographs, sketchbooks, moving-image works, sculptural installations, set and costume design focuses on the recurrent visual themes and motifs found in the distinctive characters and worlds found in Burton's art and films. This is the final stop in a decade-long world tour for this exhibition and will be its only ever showing in the UK.



[Farnham Literary festival 6th-16th March 2025](#)

The Farnham Literary Festival is back again this year and has a great range of author talks, panel discussions and workshops. There are some big names attending this year - there is an evening with Luis de Bernières, An Evening with Tim Pope, and an author talk with Nicci French.

Or Stay in and Watch?



Sky Arts is set to bring four National Theatre Live productions to television for the first time.

The lineup includes *Othello*, *The Crucible*, and two performances of *Frankenstein*. These productions will air in February and March. They will be available on Sky Arts, Freeview, and the streaming service NOW.

In addition to a TV broadcast you can also stream *Othello* on [NT Live](#) for free.



Study tip: Stay Consistent

PsychCentral, a recognised blog on psychology, mentions that human beings are creatures of habit. Our habits may seem harmless at first, however, the compounding effects of our habits can shape and direct our future.

The same applies to your studies as well. Studying a little every day can take you a long way over a period of time. Turn your study routine into a daily habit and you'll notice how consistent you become.

Words in the news



We would never wish a state of spuddle on any one of you! May you be the exact opposite - calm, in control, efficient and productive!

Poetry corner

Villanelle - John Davidson

On her hand she leans her head
By the banks of the busy Clyde;
Our two little boys are in bed.

The pitiful tears are shed;
She has nobody by her side;
On her hand she leans her head.

I should be working; instead
I dream of my sorrowful bride,
And our two little boys in bed.

Were it well if we four were dead?
The grave at least is wide.
On her hand she leans her head.

She stares at the embers red;
She dashes the tears aside,
And kisses our boys in bed.

"God give us our daily bread;
Nothing we ask beside."
On her hand she leans her head;
Our two little boys are in bed.

John Davidson's Villanelle was Carol Rumen's Poem of the Week for The Guardian at the end of 2024.

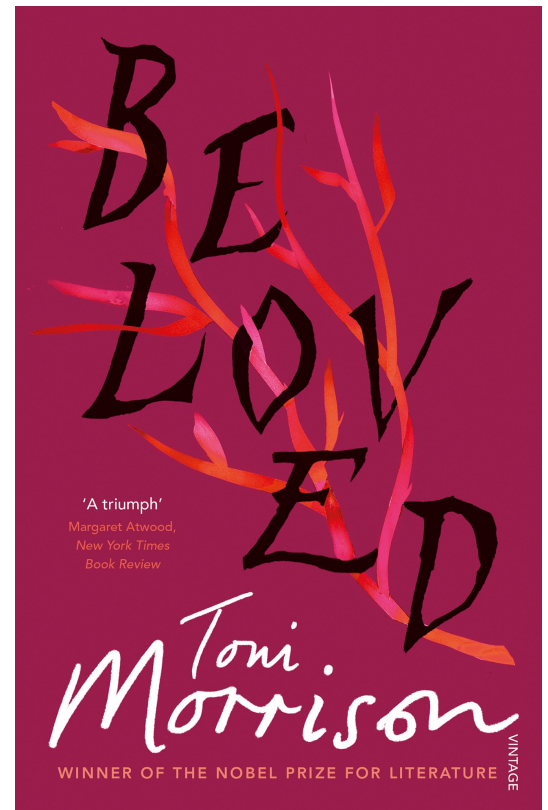
A villanelle is a poetic structure that uses refrains repeated throughout the poem and though the same words are repeated, they imply varying meanings.

The same line - "on her hand she leans her head" - shows comfort, loneliness, despair, and solace as it is repeated within different contexts.

Read Carol Rumen's full analysis [here](#).

Beloved by Toni Morrison - A book review by Emily H Y12

Beloved explores the traumas and struggles of Sethe, a survivor of slavery, in the mid-1800s. Her nameless baby daughter, whose tombstone displays the single word, "Beloved", returns in the form of a girl, both to punish her mother and evoke her love. Toni Morrison guides you through this heartbreaking story with remarkable clarity, through a writing style as rich as poetry, and melds together the realms of historical fiction and horror, while eliciting an intensely emotional response. I felt tethered to both the plot and the characters all throughout reading this, and Morrison's ability to create such a novel is astounding – one that manages to encompass both the characteristics of an emotional, character-driven tale of memory and acceptance, as well as those of an ultra-gripping horror story. To thread it all together is the book's acknowledgement – sixty million and more – which appropriately recognises the personal struggles of the tens of millions of slavery survivors at this point in history. Morrison was incredibly deserving of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Literature.



Thank you Emily for this excellent review! If you too have read a book that you have loved and want to tell your fellow students all about it please let us know by sending an email to the library:
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