

# LIBRARY NEWS



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



## WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

We're all looking forward to half-term break and hope you all have a relaxing happy time.

**GCSE exams have begun** and the library is again being utilised by students and invigilators.

**We wish all Year 11 students the very best in their exams!**



## THIS TERM



**Collection Focus  
Fantasy**



**Featured Author**



**Featured Books**

## EBOOKS – SORA

**Don't forget to check out this resource!**

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 Friday  
8:30am to 3:30pm**

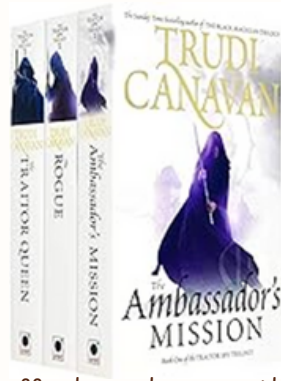
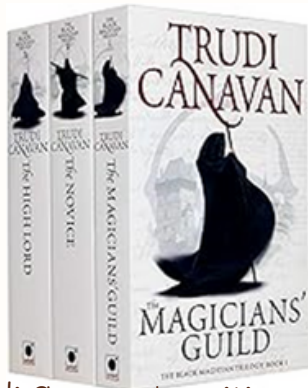
### GCSE EXAMS

The Library will be closed from 8am for exam set-up, break, lunch times and after school as exams will still be in progress.

**If we are available at any time I'll open the Library doors wide.**

The Library Return box is in Reprographics for students to return books.

## FEATURED FANTASY BOOKS



Trudi Canavan's writing career took off when she won the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy Short Story with Whispers of the Mist Children. She further established herself with The Magicians' Guild, centring on Sonea, a slum child who is hunted for her rogue magic. The novel, which was the first of three books of The Black Magician Trilogy, brought her widespread acclaim, and the second book of the trilogy, The Novice was nominated for the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy Novel. The third book, The High Lord, was nominated for the Best Novel Ditmar category. All three books entered Australian top ten SF best-seller lists. The trilogy has been translated into German, Dutch, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Czech, Danish, Spanish and French.

Canavan's second trilogy, Age of the Five, was also well received by her readers. The first in the series, Priestess of the White reached No.3 in the Sunday Times hardback fiction best-seller list, staying in the top ten for 6 weeks. The Magician's Apprentice came next and Canavan's third trilogy, The Traitor Spy trilogy, is a sequel to the Black Magician Trilogy. All of these books are available in our library.

## C2 COMPUTER ROOM



In normal school times **C2** is available for students before school, at lunch time (not break) and after school for students to use for homework or SORA but not to play games. The Library is also a **Never Seen Never Heard** no phone zone so students are reminded to email their homework in before coming to school.

This area will remain mostly unavailable for students during the GCSE Exams but...

**I'll open the Library doors wide if they can be used after school.**

# NEW FURNITURE AND DISPLAYS

The very tired, well-worn furniture in the library has been upgraded.

Bright coloured Posture+ wipe clean chairs and 6 red faux leather tub chairs have brightened up the area and students have been very positive to the change. The Library C2 computer suite has also been upgraded with new chairs too.

The displays have focussed on Year 7 books to encourage reluctant readers and I have purchased exciting new titles for them. I have also rearranged the spinners into genres to match the shelves and 'Reader Friendly' books for dyslexic readers. Several new Graphic novels have also been purchased. Novels featured in different countries, celebrations for Easter, Six Nations Rugby, Science Fiction, Theatre & Drama and of course World Book Day have all been displayed as well as our continuing displays on school subject areas, neurodiversity, mental health and well-being.





CELEBRATING  
**CHRIS BRADFORD**

AND

**HE'S COMING TO THORNDEN!**

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. 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.

**Students in Year 8 will be thoroughly entertained  
by Chris on Thursday 5th July 2024.**

More information on the event and how to pre-order his books will be forthcoming in a separate newsletter to Year 8 parents.

## SOME OF THE EXCITING NEW BOOKS FOR YEAR 7 READERS

### DREADWOOD SERIES - JENNIFER KILLICK

When classmates Angelo, Hallie, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on a Saturday, they already think it's the worst day ever. But they're wrong.

Things are about to get seriously scary!

What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Incy Wincy Spider?



### ENOLA HOLMES BY NANCY SPRINGER

Follow London's newest detective, Enola Holmes, in her electrifying escapades - from the series that inspired the films, starring Millie Bobby Brown.

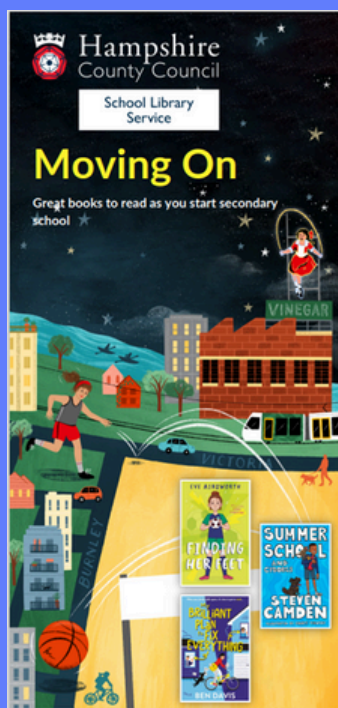


### LOKI

Wry, witty and very funny diary-style story packed with doodles and comic strips about the frustration trickster god Loki feels at having to live trapped in the body of a weedy eleven-year-old boy.



THE NEW 'MOVING ON' BROCHURE FOR STUDENTS TRANSITIONING FROM YEAR 6 TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IS NOW AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED SEVERAL BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY. THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR THE NEW INTAKE YEAR 7 PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO PERUSE AT THE COMING TRANSITION AND MEET THE TUTORS EVENINGS IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER. BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY AND ON THE EVENT EVENINGS.



2023-24 RECOMMENDED READS BOOKLETS FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY. THE BOOKS CAN BE BORROWED ON SORA WHERE SOME ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON AUDIO AND MANY OF THE TITLES ARE AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK FROM THE LIBRARY.