

# Our Lady's Catholic High School Reading Newsletter - SUMMER 2021



Welcome to the final 'OLCHS Reading Newsletter' of 2020-21. This term's newsletter is full of tips, recommendations and challenges to keep you reading during the summer holidays!

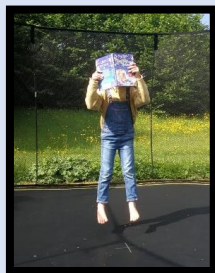
## Competitions

'The Week Junior' have launched a Summer of Reading challenge recently and there are so many wonderful prizes up for grabs, including a book bundle worth £200 and a £50 National Book Token! The attached 'Make reading your superpower' book list has some great recommendations to get you started on the challenge. Follow the link below to find out more...

<https://theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading>

Summer is all about spending time in the sunshine, but that doesn't mean you can't read too! The **OLCHS Summer Reading Challenge 2021** is a chance for you to show off what you've been reading and where you've been reading during the summer break. We want you to send in a photo of the most unusual outdoor place you manage to read your book while you're off school! All entries will be awarded two Being One of Ours points and vouchers will be up for grabs for the winners. Please send your entries to Miss Westray by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September - [swy@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:swy@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)

Here's a bit of inspiration for you...



## TOP TIP FOR PARENTS

Summer reading doesn't just have to stop at books! Try to be more intentional about getting your child reading alternative types of text: the menu when out for tea, the instruction manual to the new lawnmower, the lyrics to the new Little Mix song, the strategy guide to a video game.

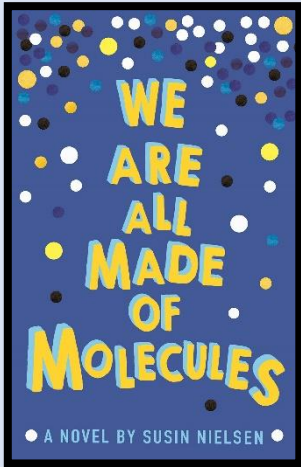
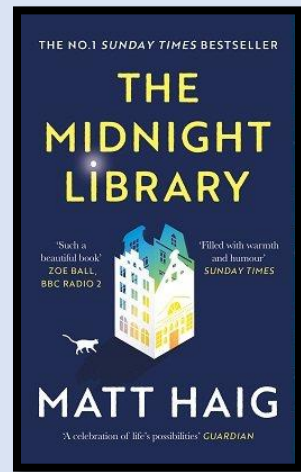
# OLCHS RECOMMENDED READS

**The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig**

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting new novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realising her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

A THOUGHT PROVOKING READ FOR Y11 PUPILS, PARENTS AND STAFF.

Recommended by Mrs Ainsworth and Miss Westray



**'We Are All Made of Molecules' by Susan Neilson**

Thirteen-year-old Stewart is academically brilliant but socially clueless. Fourteen-year-old Ashley is the undisputed "It" girl in her class, but her grades stink.

Their worlds are about to collide when Stewart and his dad move in with Ashley and her mom. Stewart is trying to be 89.9 percent happy about it, but Ashley is 110 percent horrified. She already has to hide the real reason her dad moved out; "Spewart" could further threaten her position at the top of the social ladder.

They are complete opposites. And yet, they have one thing in common: they—like everyone else—are made of molecules.

SUITABLE FOR KS3 and KS4 PUPILS

Recommended by Mrs Crossley

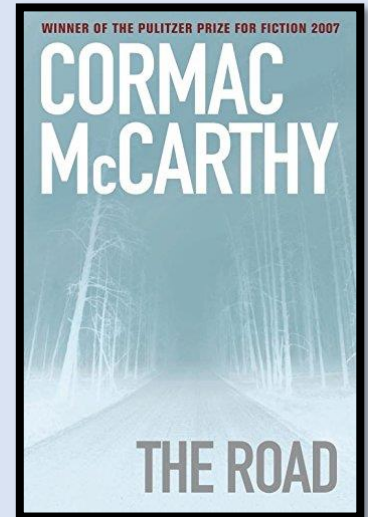
**'The Road' by Cormac McCarthy**

*The Road* is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation..

READ IF YOU LIKE: SCIENCE FICTION/DYSTOPIAN FICTION

SUITABLE FOR Y9+

Recommended by Mr Power

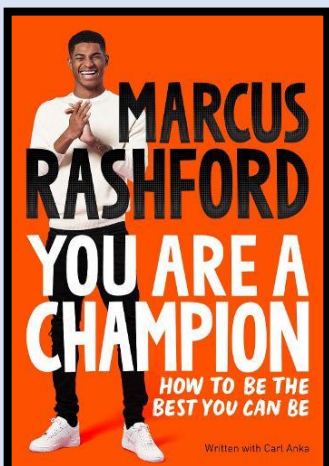


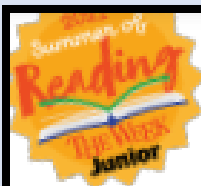
**'You Are a Champion: How to be the Best You Can Be' by Marcus Rashford**

In *You Are a Champion*, Marcus Rashford MBE draws on stories from his own life to show you that success is all about the mind-set. You'll find out how positive thinking can change your life, build mental resilience, learn how to navigate adversity and discover the unstoppable power of your own voice. You already have the tools you need to achieve your dreams; you just might not know it yet.

Full of practical advice and engaging illustrations and infographics, this is the empowering and life changing first children's book from Marcus Rashford MBE.

SUITABLE FOR ALL PUPILS, PARENTS AND STAFF





# Make reading your superpower

## BOOKS TO INSPIRE

### SPEAK UP! SPEECHES BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO EMPOWER AND INSPIRE

by Adora Switak

(Wide-Eyed Editions)

A book of 45 speeches by young people on the issues that are closest to their hearts.

### I AM NOT A LABEL

by Carrie Burrell

(Wide Eyed Editions)

A collection of 34 biographies of artists, thinkers, athletes and activists who have not let their disabilities hold them back.

### TIGER, TIGER, BURNING BRIGHT!

by Fiona Waters

(Nosy Crow)

A beautifully illustrated set of animal poems – one for each day of the year.

### RISE UP: ORDINARY KIDS WITH EXTRAORDINARY STORIES

by Amanda Li

(Michael O'Mara Books)

Just because you're young, it doesn't mean you can't be an inventor, activist or explorer, as this book proves.

### DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST

by Dara McNulty

(Little Toller)

The life of a boy who connects with nature and wildlife.

## BOOKS TO MAKE YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD

### ASTERIX IN BRITAIN

by René Goscinny and Albert Uderzo

(Orion Children's Books)

Two unusual warriors are invited to help a small British village hold out against the Roman invasion.

### MAYHEM MISSION

by Barhana Islam

(Knights Of)

A boy tries to ruin his older sister's wedding so he doesn't have to be the responsible one if she leaves home.

### THE ACCIDENTAL DIARY

#### OF B.U.G.

by Jen Carney

(Puffin)

Suspicious are aroused by the arrival of a new girl at a school.

### THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH

by Helen Rutter

(Scholastic)

A schoolboy won't let his stammer hold him back from his dream of being a comedian.

### KAY'S ANATOMY

by Adam Kay

(Puffin)

A hilarious guide to the weird and wonderful things that happen inside your body.

## BOOKS YOU'LL WANT TO TALK ABOUT

### THIS BOOK IS ANTI-RACIST

by Tiffany Jewell

(Frances Lincoln)

A practical guide to shaping a fairer world for everyone.

### CLIMATE REBELS

by Ben Lerwill

(Puffin)

True stories about famous and not-so-famous people who are fighting to save the planet.

### THE LOST SPELLS

by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris

(Hamish Hamilton)

A series of "spell-poems" about animals, birds, trees and flowers.

### DARE TO BE YOU

by Matthew Syed

(Hachette)

A useful guide to help you stop worrying about trying to fit in and instead just be you.

### LIVING THE CONFIDENCE CODE

Katty Kay, Claire Shipman

& Jillellyn Riley

(HarperCollins)

This book features 30 girls around the world and how they can inspire everyone.

## BOOKS WITH CHARACTERS YOU'D LOVE TO MEET

### FACE THE MUSIC

by Marianne Levy

(Macmillan)

A singer prepares for her first concert but her fame goes way beyond the charts when she starts a war with a boy band.

### A KIND OF SPARK

by Elle McNicoll

(Knights Of)

An 11-year-old aims to change the way people see her.

### WINK

by Rob Harrell

(Hot Key)

A boy, his friends, and his family need to work out how to deal with his recent cancer diagnosis – maybe Batpig can come to the rescue?

### MACBETH UNITED

by Michael Rosen

(Scholastic)

Shakespeare meets football in this tale of a player who will do whatever it takes to become captain of his team.

### STORIES FOR SOUTH ASIAN

#### SUPERGIRLS

by Raj Kaur Khaira

(Kashi House)

A heartwarming book of inspirational stories highlighting the lives of 50 women.

## BOOKS WITH AMAZING ADVENTURES

### HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

by Cressida Cowell

(Hachette)

A young Viking struggles to be a hero until one day he's called upon to save his tribe.

### DRAGON MOUNTAIN

by Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang

(Simon & Schuster)

A group of children go on an epic quest to free four powerful warrior dragons who can save the world from destruction.

### AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS

by B.B. Alston

(Farrshore)

A girl goes on a supernatural adventure involving mermaids, aliens, a sinister organisation and an evil magician to rescue her brother.

### THE ICE GARDEN

by Guy Jones

(Children House)

One night a girl who is allergic to the sun sneaks out to the playground and discovers a magical garden.

### WHEN SECRETS SET SAIL

by Sita Brahmachari

(Orion Children's Books)

The ghost of Usha's grandmother appears and sets Usha and Imitiaz, her adoptive sister, an important and difficult task.

## BOOKS TO MAKE YOU THINK LIKE A DETECTIVE

### THE GUGGENHEIM MYSTERY

by Robin Stevens

(Puffin)

When a woman is blamed for stealing a painting from a famous Museum her nephew has to find the real thief.

**THE COOKING CLUB DETECTIVES****by Ewa Jozefkovicz***(Head of Zeus)*

A group of friends want to figure out who is trying to close their community centre

**THE MYSTERY OF THE CLOCKWORK SPARROW****by Katherine Woodfine***(Egmont)*

A shop girl needs help to clear her name when she is the last one seen near a jewel-encrusted bird that has been stolen.

**TWITCH****by M.G. Leonard***(Walker)*

A birdwatching detective goes on the trail of a dangerous robber after realising the escaped convict is on the loose in a local wood.

**THE INKBERG ENIGMA****by Jonathan King***(Gecko)*

Two friends uncover a secret that has corrupted their town in this graphic novel.

**BOOKS PACKED WITH SUPERPOWERS****GUARDIANS OF MAGIC****by Chris Riddell***(Pan Macmillan)*

In the Kingdom of Thyrne, three children must come together to defeat enemies threatening the magical cloud horses.

**THE TIME-THIEF****by Patience Agbabi***(Canongate)*

After her friend is arrested for a crime she didn't commit, a girl must go back in time to find the missing Infinity Glass.

**THE LIGHTNING CATCHER****by Clare Weze***(Bloomsbury)*

Things spiral out of control after a boy accidentally releases a creature made out of electricity.

**DONUT THE DESTROYER****by Sarah Graley and****Stef Purenins***(Scholastic)*

The daughter of legendary villains tries to become a hero.

**THE PERSON CONTROLLER****by David Baddiel***(Harper Collins)*

A pair of twins come into possession of a video-game handset that allows them to control other human beings.

**BOOKS THAT TRANSPORT YOU INTO THE PAST****MYTHOLOGICA****by Steve Kershaw and****Victoria Topping***(Wide Eyed Editions)*

An encyclopedia full of facts about gods, monsters and mortals from ancient Greek mythology.

**THE VALLEY OF LOST SECRETS****by Lesley Parr***(Bloomsbury)*

A boy who has been evacuated from London during the Second World War makes a spooky discovery in a Welsh village.

**WINDRUSH CHILD****by Benjamin Zephaniah***(Scholastic)*

A young boy adjusts to his new life in England after arriving from the Caribbean.

**QUEEN OF FREEDOM, DEFENDING JAMAICA****by Catherine Johnson***(Pushkin Press)*

The true story of Queen Nanny, an 18th century Jamaican freedom fighter.

**WHO LET THE GODS OUT?****By Maz Evans***(Chicken House)*

A shooting star brings the gods of Greek mythology to modern-day Earth.

**BOOKS THAT TAKE YOU AROUND THE WORLD****ROOFTOPPERS****by Katherine Rundell***(Bloomsbury)*

A community of children live on the rooftops above Paris.

**WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MANGOES****by Kereen Getten***(Pushkin)*

Living in a small village in Jamaica, Clara tries to remember what happened to her during a storm the previous summer.

**TAMARIND & THE STAR OF ISHTA****by Jasbinder Bilan***(Chicken House)*

A girl travels to her ancestral home in the Himalayas to find out more about her family history.

**THE UNADOPTABLES****by Hana Tooke***(Puffin)*

Five orphans go on an adventure in 19th century Amsterdam.

**WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED****by Victoria Jamieson and****Omar Mohamed***(Faber)*

Based on a true story, this graphic novel is about two young boys and their time in a Kenyan refugee camp.

**BOOKS ABOUT FANTASTIC FRIENDS AND FAMILIES****A PLACE CALLED PERFECT****by Helena Duggan***(Usborne)*

When Violet Brown's family moves to the town of Perfect, they soon start to realise that things aren't exactly what they seem.

**THE PERFECT PARENT PROJECT****by Stewart Foster***(Simon & Schuster)*

A boy in foster care enlists a friend to help him find his ideal family.

**ME, MY DAD AND THE END OF THE RAINBOW****by Benjamin Dean***(Simon & Schuster)*

Archie Albright tries to find out why his parents are no longer speaking to each other and what secret they're keeping from him.

**FRONT DESK****by Kelly Yang***(Knights of Media)*

A Chinese immigrant in the US uses her job at a motel to help others trying to start a new life in the country.

**THE BOY WITH THE BUTTERFLY MIND****by Victoria Williamson***(Floris)*

When their families become intertwined, two 11-year-olds form an unexpected friendship.