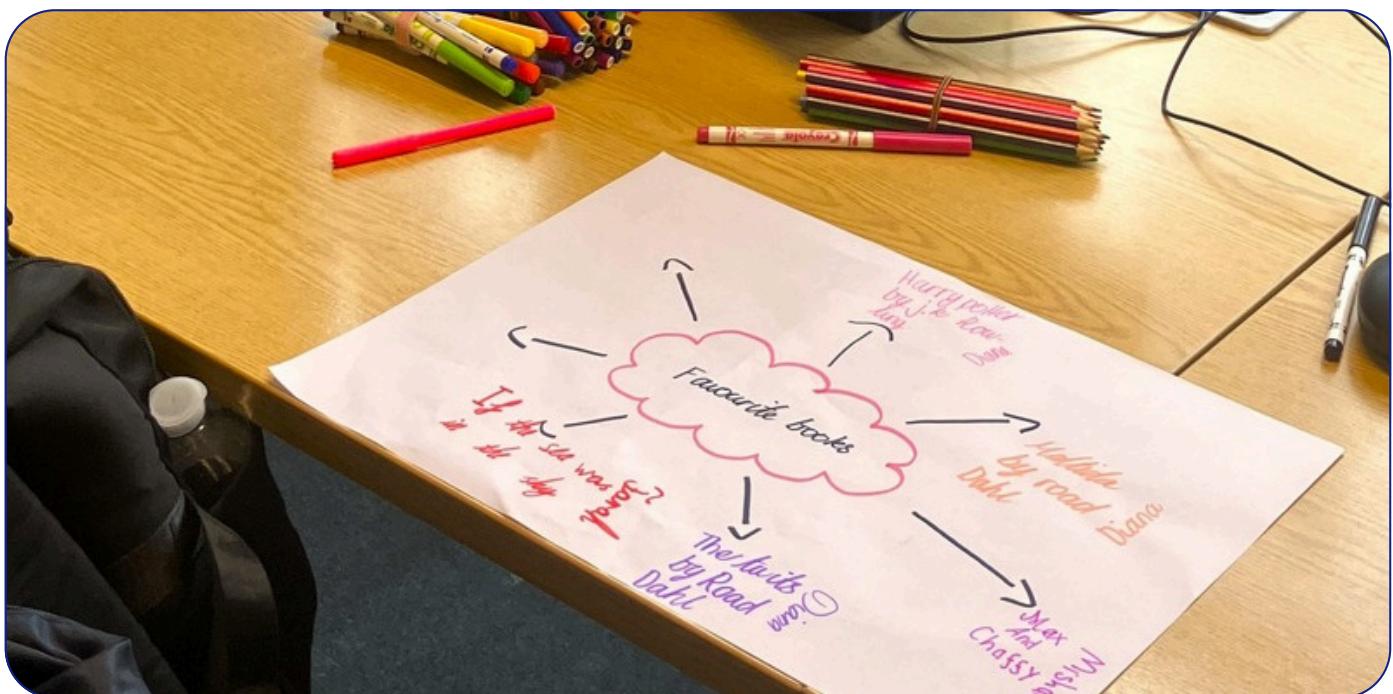


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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Year 7s – Library Inductions

Welcome, Year 7s!

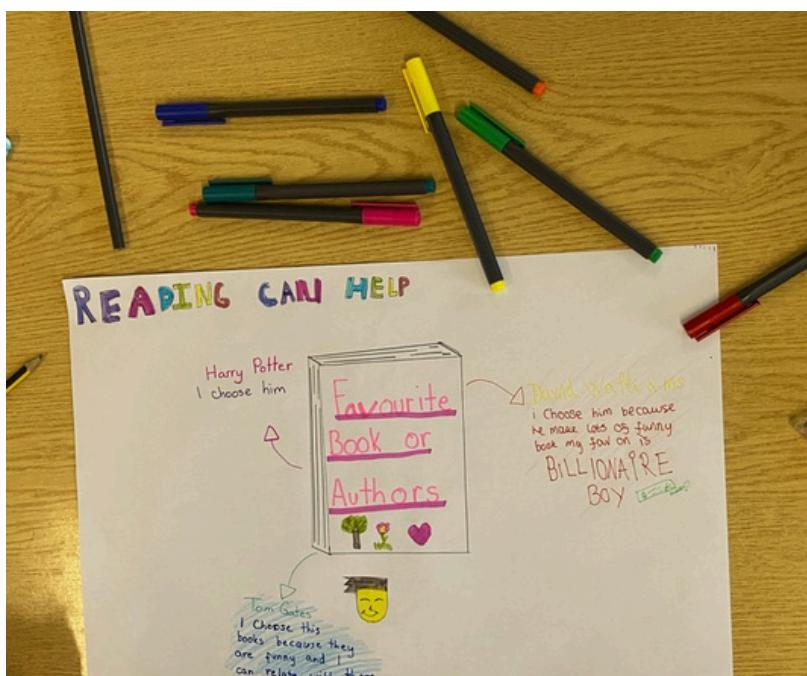
We were delighted to officially receive our new Year 7 students in the library with a series of **fun and interactive induction sessions.** 📚

These lively lessons gave students a chance to **explore** the library space, take part in book-themed **quizzes**, learn about our code of conduct and **behaviour expectations**, and discuss the **importance of reading** for well-being, confidence and academic success. 🌱

They also got **creative**: working in groups to write about and illustrate their **favourite books and authors**. They also individually discovered and reviewed **a brand-new book**, identifying different information in the blurb, cover page, and first few chapters. 🖌

Our team was very pleased to see each Y7 year group interact with each exercise and quiz with **enthusiasm and positivity**. 😊 It's been wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity shine through - see pictures below!

Year 7s – Library Inductions



Awards Evening Reward – Library Ambassadors

It's official – we have the best team in school!

On Tuesday 21st October, Hendon School hosted its annual **Awards Evening**. This ceremony aims to celebrate outstanding achievements from students and staff. We are delighted to announce that the winners for **"Best Student Team"** are none other than our **Library Ambassadors!** 

We are incredibly proud of our team for this achievement, symbolising their strong volunteering commitment, community bonding and positive attitude. A **huge congratulations** to our team! 

They help us keep the library tidy, lively and decorated all year around, for which we are always grateful for.

We look forward to welcoming **new members** in November!

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AWARDS EVENING

Believe

We support each student to have confidence in their own abilities and be ready for everyday life. We help each student to be the person that they want to be.

Achieve

We support each student to reach for the highest level in all areas of life – academic, creative, physical and social. We help our students to always do their best.

Lead

We work together to lead improvement. We recognise the skills and talents of all students. Everyone has a part to play in the future of our Hendon School community.



Belong

We connect with others to build effective and positive relationships within school and our wider community. At every stage we aim to develop shared values.

Year 12s – Research Skills & Citations and References lessons

Developing our Sixth Formers' academic skills

In collaboration with Hendon School's Science department, our library team gave two different academic enrichment lessons.

➡ Firstly, we gave lessons on **research skills and information literacy** to Year 12 Chemistry students. 🔎

They were presented with **research strategies**, free **academic resources**, and methods to **critically evaluate** their sources. They applied all this new knowledge into a **practical exercise** where they evaluated four different resources.



➡ Secondly, we delivered lessons on **writing citations and references** to Year 12 Health & Social Care students. 📝 They were presented with information on **plagiarism**, finding **academically rigorous sources**, guidance on **information literacy**, practical tips on **keeping record** of their references and an **exercise** to start practicing writing citations.

🌟 Both of these lessons are designed to best prepare our Sixth Form students for their **A-Levels**, as well as any **further studies** they might embark on. We are also delighted to announce that these lessons will be **adapted across all Key Stages** this year – starting with Year 10 students this November!

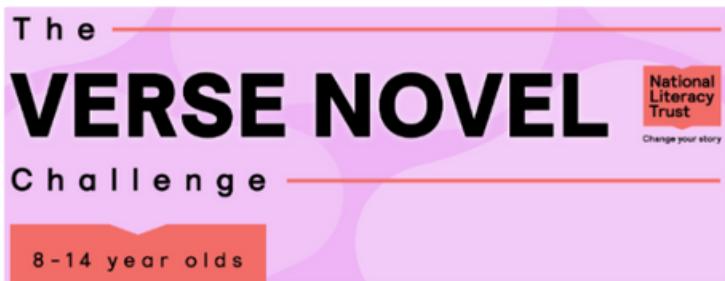
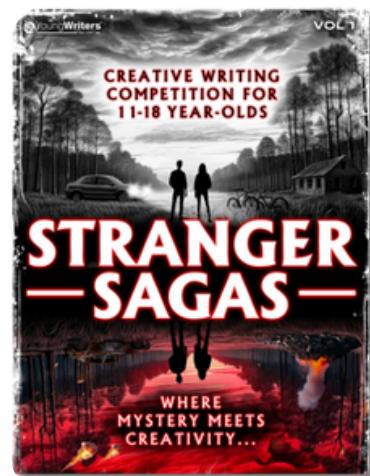
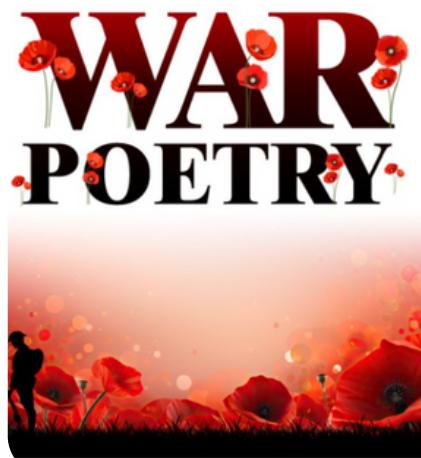
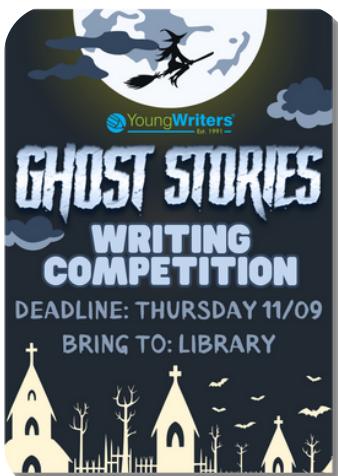


National Writing Competitions

You chance to become a published author!

We currently have 4 open writing competitions to enter:

-  **“Ghost Stories”**: Whether spooky, silly or serious, your short story (max 250 words) can be about ghosts, monsters, or anything mysterious! **Deadline: 7 November.**
-  **“Stranger Sagas”**: Write a mini story in just 100 words! A strange noise... a normal day turned upside down... a mystery waiting to be solved. What will your imagination create? **Deadline: 19 December.**
-  **“War Poems”**: Write a poem on the theme of war and peace. It can be about history, personal experiences, or Remembrance Day. There's no word limit – just let your creativity flow. **Deadline: 28 November.**
-  **“The Verse Challenge”**: Record yourself (or your group) reading your own verse story aloud and send it in. It's a great chance to perform your work and be heard. **Deadline: 12 December.**



All competitions are free to enter, and selected pieces may be professionally published or win prizes — so get writing and show us what you've got!

Black History Month

“Standing firm in Power and Pride.”

That is the theme for this year's Black History Month, celebrated each **October**. In our library, this is a time to honour the achievements, strength, and resilience of Black communities in Britain and around the world. 

From civil rights movements to cultural celebrations, Black history is full of powerful stories of **leadership, creativity, and change.**

We've put together a special **book display** to highlight Black authors, trailblazers, and historical figures who have shaped society. 



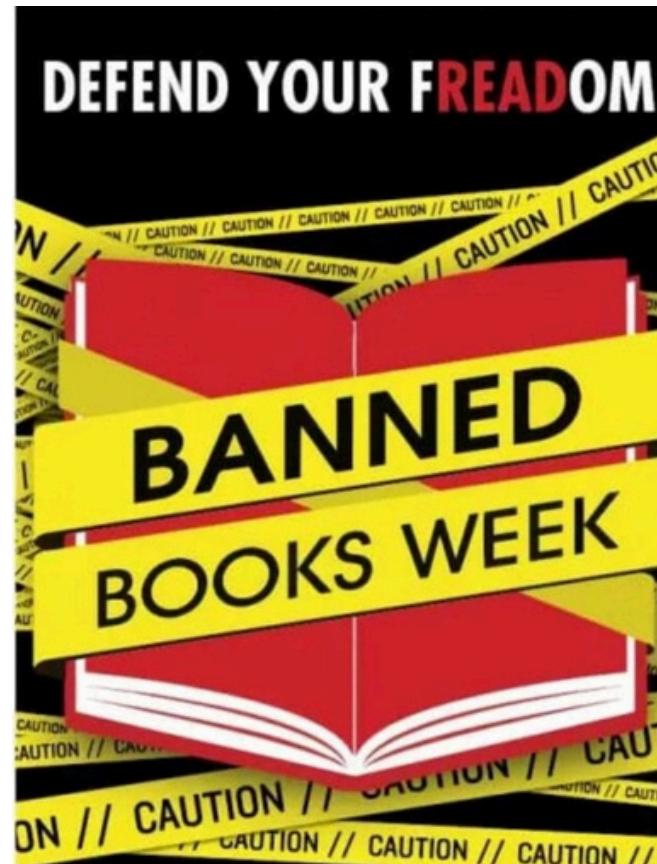
These stories reflect courage and pride – and remind us that power comes from standing together, speaking up, and believing in ourselves.

At our school, we believe every student should feel proud of who they are and where they come from. Our motto – **Lead, Believe, Achieve, Belong** – is for everyone. 

Black History Month is a chance to reflect on how far we've come, and how we can keep building a future where everyone feels **seen, heard, and valued** in our school community. 

Banned Books Week (5–11 October)

This Banned Books Week, we're celebrating the **freedom to read** by showcasing books that have been banned or challenged around the world. We want to encourage our students to understand the importance of free speech and defend the right to think for themselves. These stories explore important themes like **identity, justice, and diversity** — and remind us why access to different voices matters, and why they're worth reading about. 

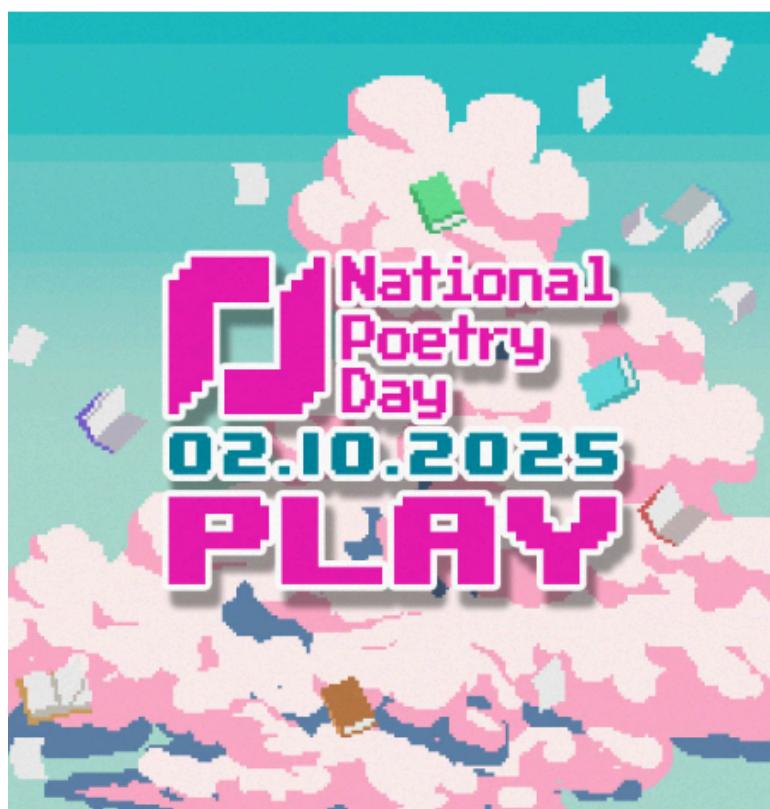


Poetry Day

What does “play” mean to you?

This year's National Poetry Day theme was **“Play”** — and we invited students to explore poetry in fun, creative ways! Whether it's playing with rhythm, rhyme, or ideas, poetry is a brilliant way to express yourself. 

Our poetry **book display** is still up for November, so come and get inspired.



Library lunchtime clubs for KS3

MONDAY



Book Club: cosy book discussions. We are currently reading and reviewing different verse novels.

TUESDAY



Anime & Manga Club: all Mangakas are welcome to participate in discussions and creative projects on *Studio Ghibli* movies.

WEDNESDAY



Super Readable Book Club: easy-to-read stories, with arts and crafts activities related to the illustrations in the books.

THURSDAY



Creative Workshop: accessible arts and crafts projects, designed to encourage mindfulness and well-being.

FRIDAY



Library Quizzes: fun, friendly and educational competitions with exciting prizes to win each week.

Upcoming in November



Year 9 Young City Poets – author visit, workshops & school trip

Key Stage 4 Students – Research and development

Key Stage 3 students – The National Literacy Trust Verse Challenge

Young Writers competitions – “Stranger Sagas” and “Ghost Stories”.

Year 12 History Students – Citation and Referencing lesson

FREE & ONLINE RESOURCES

BBC Bitesize: free revision and learning games and resources.

Book Trust: here, use Bookfinder to browse through book recommendations, Writing Tips for advice from well-known authors, and Bookmark for information on disability representation in children's books.

JSTOR: register for a free account and access up to 100 free academic articles per month and a wide range of open access resources – indispensable to prepare for any kind of higher studies!

Khan Academy: free online courses, instructional videos and practice exercises, as well as a personalised learning dashboard.

Learn Out Loud: free podcast-format cultural and educational resources.

LoveReading4Schools: a great portfolio full of recommendations if you struggle to start reading, as well as mental health resources.

National Literacy Trust's "Zone in": this page contains practical tips on boosting reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for young people.

Oxplore: made by the university of Oxford, this website presents debate questions that encourage critical thinking and links to further resources.

Physics and Maths Tutor: free revision courses and past papers – great to prepare for GCSE and A-Levels!

Reading Well For Teens: health and well-being experts put together book recommendations, digital resources and exercises to help young people manage mental health difficulties (eg: confidence, anxiety, neurodiversity, grief, body image, depression, navigating LGBTQ+ identities, etc.).

Reading Zone: free reading resources for families and young people.

Seneca Learning: free homework and revision platform.

Young Writers: information national writing competition for teens to participate in and free reading resources for parents.