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HENDON SCHOOL

# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## Summer Reading Challenge: it's a wrap!

**Welcome back Hendon!** 🌟

During the summer, **over 70 students** from **Years 7 & 8** read, reviewed and completed artistic crafts on hundreds of books. It was a challenge of our own to fit all their reviews and drawings on multiple display boards! 🙌

We are overjoyed that so many students took part in the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, and discovered new titles in the process – check out a few of their

reviews on the next page!

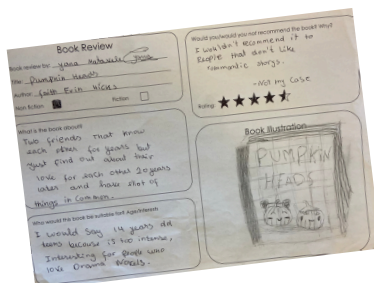
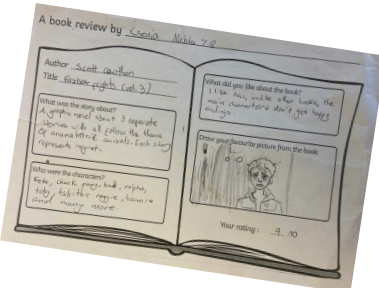
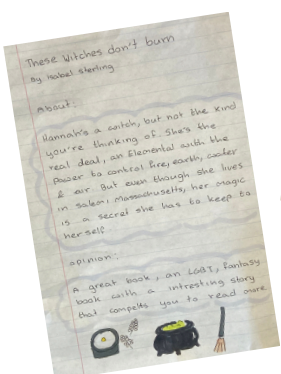
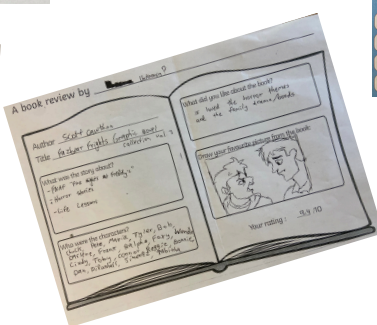
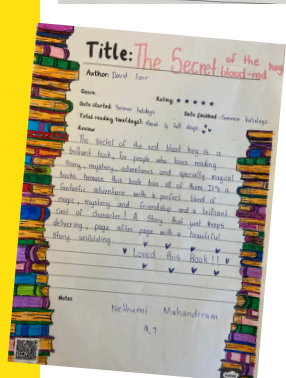
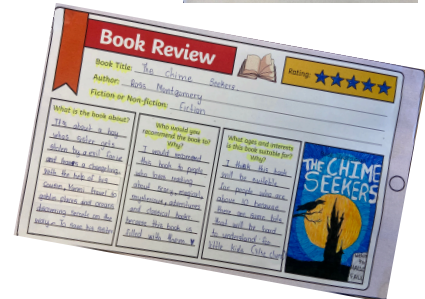
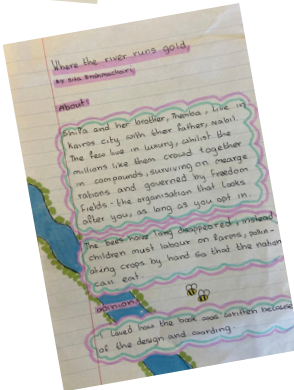
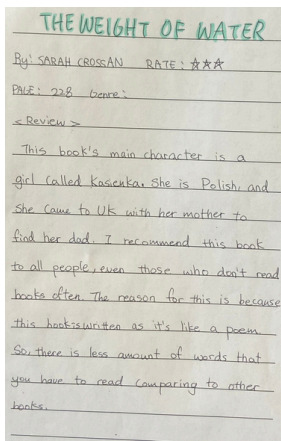
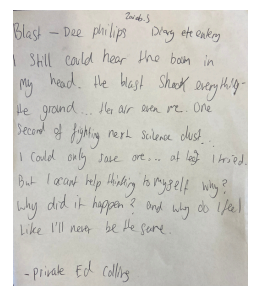
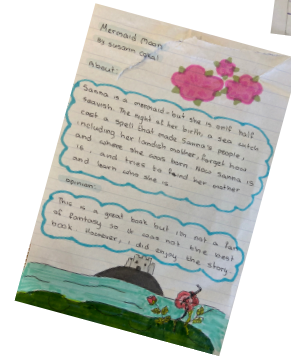
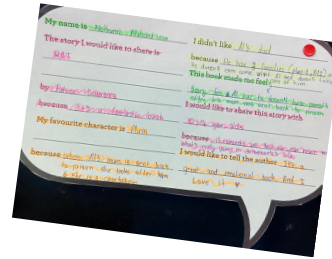
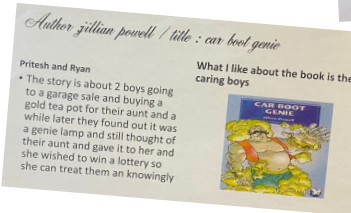
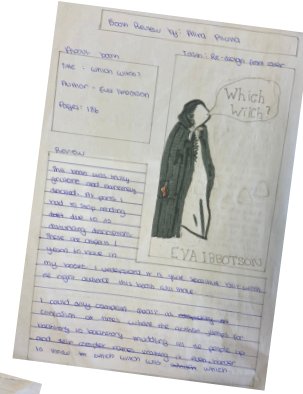
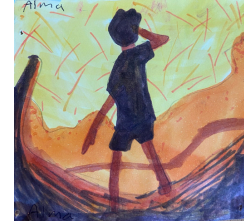
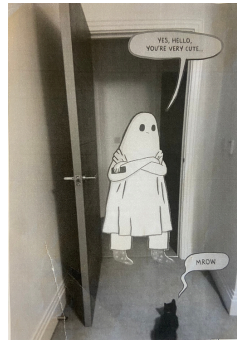
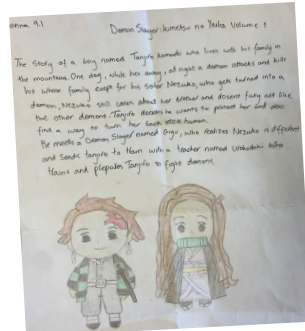
The challenge came to an end on **September 26th**, leaving enough time for participants to wrap-up their last readings and creative projects.

Our library team will be organising **prizes** in time for the **movie party** on the **9th of October**. 🎉

We are very excited to catch up with our participants, and look forward to celebrating one last moment of summer with them in October!



# A few Summer Reading Challenge reviews and artworks





# Writing Competitions

**20 Hendon School students have become published authors!** 🖋️

**Young Writers** run national writing competitions where teenagers get a chance to see their creative works published, and potentially rewarded with prizes. It's an amazing (and free!) opportunity for them to **express themselves** and boost their **confidence**. 🌱

At Hendon School Library, we always keep up with their latest competitions.

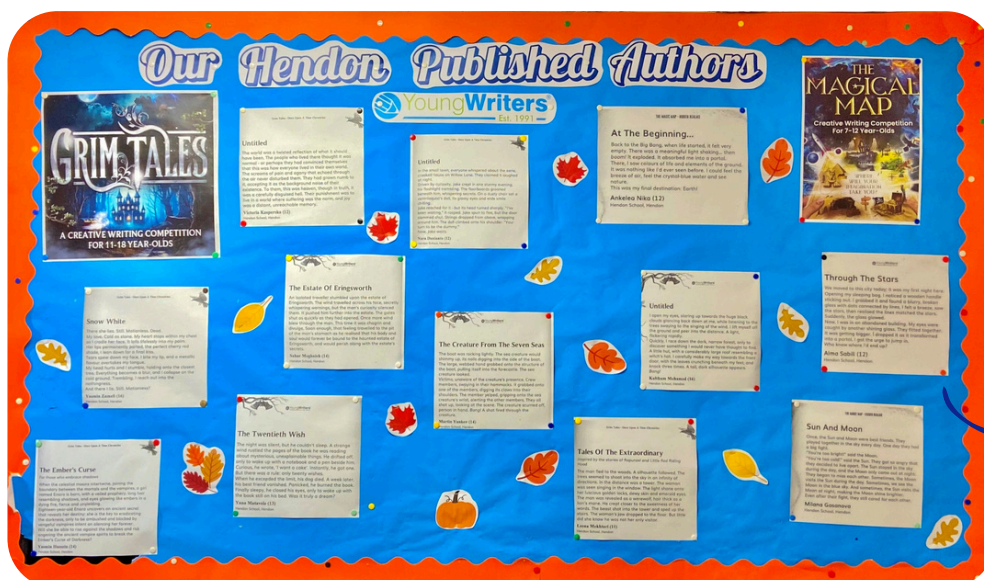
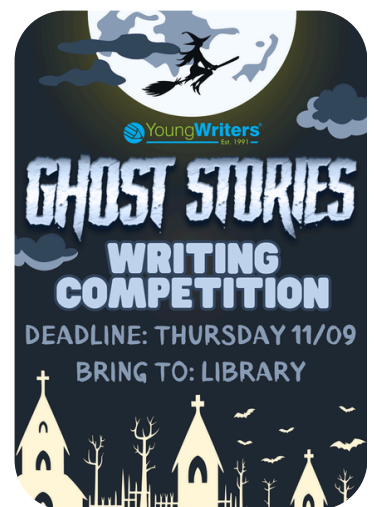
Our young people have recently gotten published in the following anthologies:

**Grim Tales**, **Empowered** and **The Magic Map** (see below).

HUGE congratulations! 🎉

📌 We are currently accepting submissions for **two new competitions**:




- **I Have A Dream**: a poetry competition that encourages students to write about their hopes, wishes, aspirations. Deadline: 22 October.
- **Ghost Stories**: easy spooky short stories, inspired by whichever monster they prefer! Deadline: 5 November.



# New Magazines & Periodicals

## *We're revamping our Magazines and Periodicals collection!*

This term, we will be receiving a few new exciting titles in addition to our current ones. We want to match our collection to our students' interest – this will now feature:

-  **Edge:** In-depth insight into the art, design, and future of **video games**. Every issue explores the creative process behind the world's most exciting titles, featuring interviews with industry pioneers and expert analysis on influential games.
-  **Harper's Bazaar:** The luxury **fashion** publication includes interviews, editorial and literary features, and high-quality photography from leading artists and writers.
-  **Spider-Man:** A classic, well-loved **comic**. A great fit for struggling readers, and students interested in comics, art and illustration.

Our current collection includes titles **for all Key Stages** on various subjects: **science, food, space, geography, history, literature, wildlife, nature, and more!** 🙌

Students are more than welcome to come check all of these out in the library, but please note they are not allowed to take them home!



## Library lunchtime clubs for KS3

### MONDAY



**Book Club:** cosy book discussions. We'll be reviewing and voting for the *Information Book Awards* shortlist until November.

### 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-reading stories and creative activities related to the illustrations.

### THURSDAY



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

### FRIDAY



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

# Upcoming in October



**Library inductions for Year 7 and 12 students**



**Summer Reading Challenge: prizes & party**



**Black History Month**



**Poetry Day: October 2nd**



**Banned Books Week: October 6th – 11th**



***"I Have A Dream"* writing competition  
deadline: October 22nd**



**Research skills lessons for Year 12 students**



# 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.

**Oxford Owl**: register as a parent and get access to 100 free eBooks, as well as educational videos and games.

**Explore**: 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!

**Project Gutenberg**: offers over 42.000 free eBooks.

**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.