

# THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM



## HOOKED ON BOOKS



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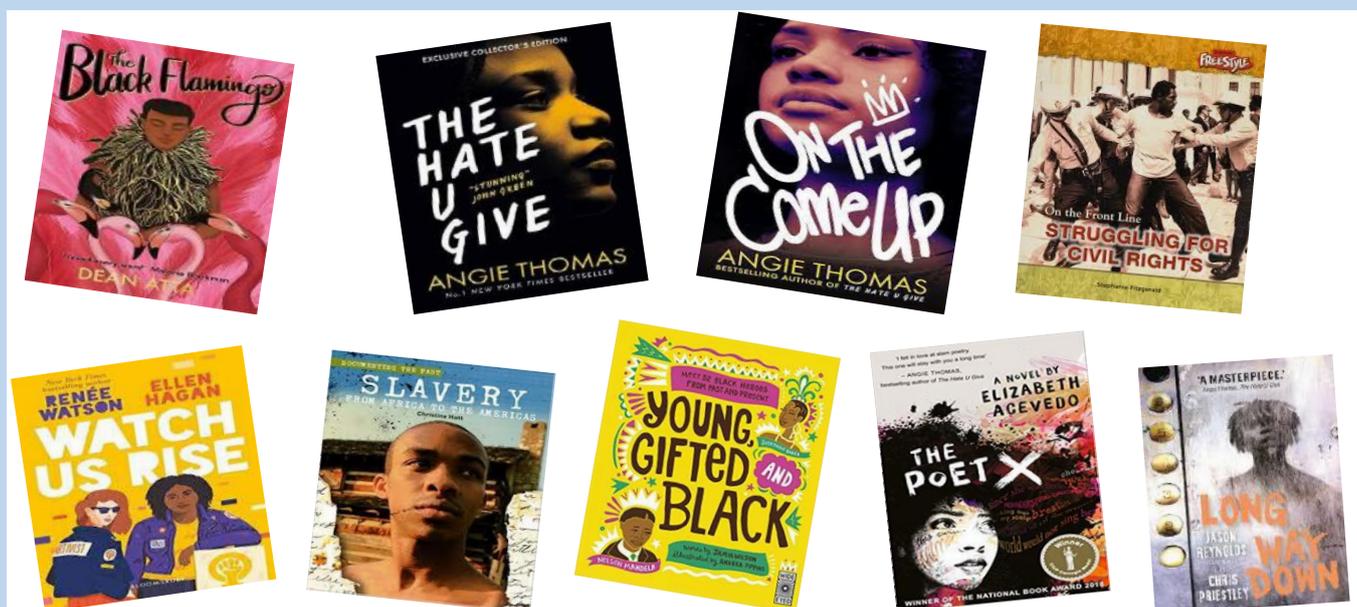
*Welcome to our first edition of the school library newsletter, this will be sent out at the end of each month to notify you of book related events, dates and competitions. We will also have book reviews and recommendations.*

It has been fantastic to see how many students have been using the online library system! To remind those of you who haven't used it yet, there is a tile on RUnify called Oliver, this will log students directly into the library catalogue where you can browse books and reserve any you would like to borrow. The librarian will receive a notification of this and deliver the book to you in your school. Book loans are for one month and books can be returned to the book return boxes which are in each school. If you wish to renew your books for longer, then please email [tsaslr@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:tsaslr@yare-edu.org.uk) to let the librarian know, students are allowed to borrow up to 8 items at a time, don't forget the library also has audio CD's and DVD's. Some books have an age guidance on them because of language and content, you are able to read any of the books in the library as long as I have received an email giving permission for the age limit allowed, please send to the same email as above.

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**OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH - <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/> for more information**

You can borrow these books and many more from the online library. Some of our students have reviewed these books for the Carnegie Shadowing Awards and some recommendations are:



## REVIEWS, REVIEWS, REVIEWS!

### ON THE COME UP BY ANGIE THOMAS

'I really enjoyed this book because it was a strong reminder about the reality of racism happening all over the world today. This book is about a teenage girl called Brianna who dreams of becoming a rapper, but has many obstacles, including racial inequality, standing in her way. This book has a very strong, gripping story line and the characters have very well developed relationships. I loved how Angie Thomas included all of the rap lyrics as I thought it really brought the book to life. Overall, I really liked this book and I think it is a must read for anyone over the age of 13.'

### BLACK FLAMINGO BY DEAN ATTA

'Wow. This book was almost certainly my favourite so far. The Black Flamingo is a beautiful book about a mixed race boy as he comes to terms with his identity. I normally am not a fan of poetry but I really think that it really added to this book. It helped the story flow. I also think that the author has dealt with the topics of racism and homophobia really well. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone aged 12 or older.'



### Calling all Reading Champions!

Would you like to be a Reading Champion and submit book reviews and recommendations to your fellow students? I am looking for 2-3 students from each year group to commit to writing a review for each newsletter. If you are interested, please email me at [ahamilton3nrp@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:ahamilton3nrp@yare-edu.org.uk), telling me what you love about reading and why you would like to be a Reading Champion.



# 10<sup>th</sup> October was World Mental Health Day

This year's theme is 'Mental Health for All'

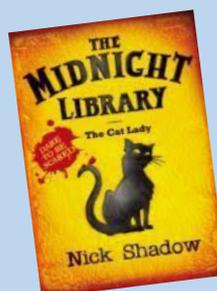
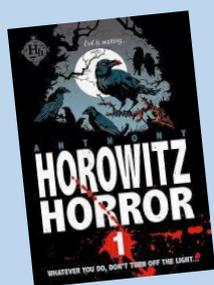
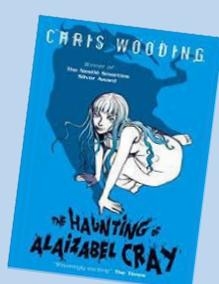
The library always has a display of fiction and non-fiction books covering most aspects of mental health, these can still be borrowed via the online library, here is a small selection:



## SPOOKY READS FOR HALLOWEEN!

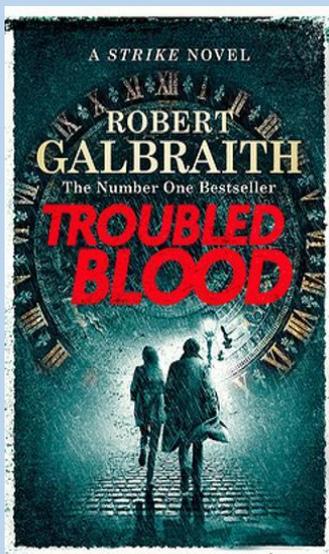


Whooooo, it's that creepy time of year and the library has lots of spine tingling reads available! Type Horror in the search box, or check out one of these recommendations:



## Books for the Grown Ups!

Every month, the newsletter will also feature a recommended read for parents, guardians and staff, please feel free to let me know anything you would like to recommend.



The fifth book in this crime series by Robert Galbraith aka J K Rowling. This series has been highly recommended to me by members of staff and I look forward to adding these to my 'to be read' pile which grows larger by the week.

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*Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old. But despite the slim chance of success, he is intrigued and takes it on; adding to the long list of cases that he and his partner in the agency, Robin Ellacott, are currently working on. And Robin herself is also juggling a messy divorce and unwanted male attention, as well as battling her own feelings about Strike.*

*As Strike and Robin investigate Margot's disappearance, they come up against a fiendishly complex case with leads that include tarot cards, a psychopathic serial killer and witnesses who cannot all be trusted. And they learn that even cases decades old can prove to be deadly ...*

