

## Library



The Library has an elevated position at the top of the school and is a hub of activity with well stocked, current resources and IT facilities.

Resources include a stock in excess of 10,000 books with subscriptions to daily newspapers such as The Times. Informed opinion can be sought by pupils from The Economist, Private Eye, New Scientist and a further 32 periodicals.

### Online Access

The Library catalogue of books/resources is available online and can be accessed [here](#).

The Library has a separate computer suite with Internet link and projector for film and whiteboard work.

### Reader Development

To promote wider reading and develop the reading culture of the school the Library actively organises events:

*Library Lessons* – Reading is encouraged as part of the curriculum. In partnership with the English department, Year 7 have a weekly timetabled Library lesson.

Year 8 and 9 have Reading Registrations and Library lessons as part of the Enrichment Programme.

*Author Visits* - recent visits include Joffre White, reading motivator; Huw Powell, illustrator and author of the *Spacejacker* series; Annabel Claridge, who spoke to Year 7 about her book *Rhino Farm*, which launched their research project about Endangered Species; Non Pratt, who came on World Book Day and gave a Power of Writing Stories Workshop to Years 8 and 9; Marcus Sedgwick who spoke about the research he undertakes for his novels; and Sungju Lee, a young North Korean defector who challenged the Sixth Form's concept of liberty.

- Government Initiatives - 'Book Buzz' means that every Year 7 receives a free book.

**Pupil Librarians**

Pupil Librarians from each Year group assist the Librarian. The role of Head Librarian is awarded each year to a pupil in the Upper Sixth who has been an active pupil Librarian during his QEH career.

**What to Read?**

Recommended Reading Lists are available in a downloadable format for younger and older readers. Following discussions at Parents' Evening, a new Reading List for Year 8 has also been added. The History Department is also keen to encourage pupils to read historical fiction, to give a wider view of the periods they study, and a selection of books for Years 7, 8 and 9 is also available.