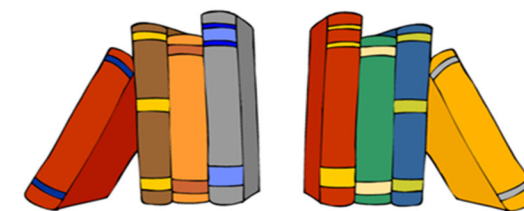


BVS Reading Newsletter

Spring 2024



Welcome to our reading recommendations newsletter!

Each term, we will share with you reviews and information about books our pupils are currently enjoying. We encourage our pupils and their families to look through these to see if any may be of interest to them. In addition, we have reading lists by [year group](#) and [genre](#) on our website.

Happy reading!
The BVS Book Group

Family Activity Recommendation

During the May-June half-term break each year, the tiny town of Hay-on-Wye in Powys holds a literature festival. This is now world-renowned, with authors and celebrities visiting from all over the globe to speak about their work.

The town is worth visiting at any time of the year, as it has more than twenty bookshops as well as other popular shops and activities. During the festival, however, it really comes alive!

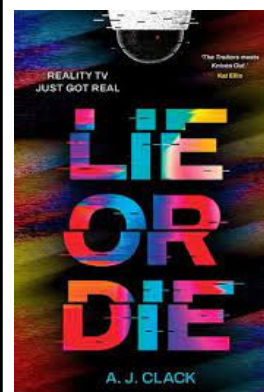
Bishop Vaughan runs an annual visit to the festival and pupils typically participate in workshops and listen to talks. Speakers have included those whose work we read in school, such as Michael Morpugo, Malala Yousefzai, Carol Ann Duffy and Margaret Atwood.

Hay-on-Wye is about one hour and fifteen minutes from Swansea (from the school's postcode) and is well worth a visit. You can read more about the town and about this year's festival programme here:

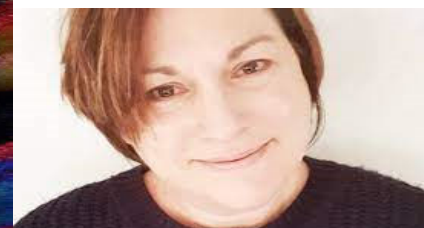
<https://www.hayfestival.com/wales/home>



Author Visits!



It was fantastic to welcome author AJ Clack to BVS this term! Her book can be found [here!](#)



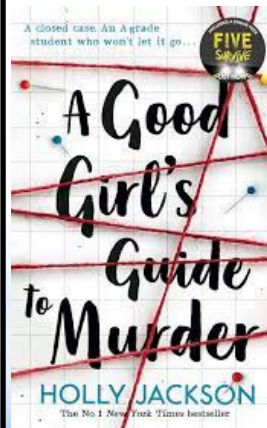
Book Group Recommendations

'Children of Blood and Bone' by Tomi Adeyemi

Embark on an epic journey through the mythical land of Orisha in this spellbinding fantasy novel inspired by West African mythology.

Follow the adventures of Zélie Adebola, a young maji determined to restore magic to her people and overthrow a tyrannical regime.

Full of action, adventure, and rich world-building, 'Children of Blood and Bone' is sure to captivate readers of all ages.

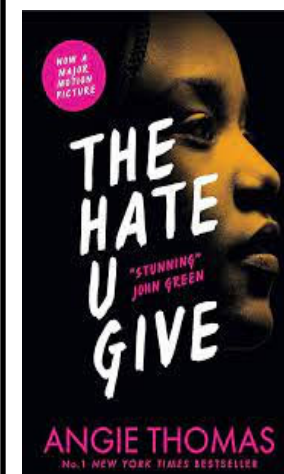


'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' by Holly Jackson

Join amateur sleuth Pip Fitz-Amobi as she investigates a cold case in her small English town in this gripping mystery novel. Combining elements of thriller, suspense and whodunit, 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' is a page-turner that will keep you guessing until the very end.

Book Group Recommendations

'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas



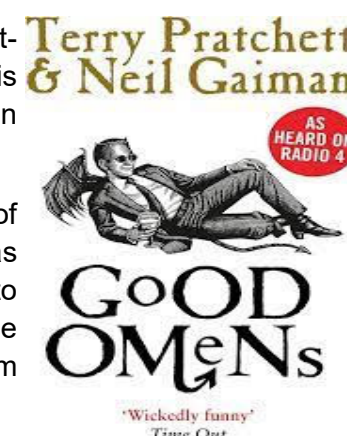
Dive into this powerful and timely novel that follows the life of Starr Carter, a sixteen-year-old girl who witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend by a police officer.

With its poignant exploration of race, identity, and activism, 'The Hate U Give' is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the complexities of our world.

'Good Omens' by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett

Prepare for a laugh-out-loud adventure with this collaboration between two literary giants.

Follow the unlikely duo of an angel and a demon as they join forces to prevent the apocalypse and save the world from destruction.



With its witty humour and memorable characters, 'Good Omens' is a true masterpiece of modern fantasy.

A Poem for Spring

With its themes of renewal and hope, 'God's Grandeur' by Gerard Manley Hopkins is the perfect poem for Spring, and particularly for the Easter season.

Staff Favourites:

Dr. Page (Science):
'The View from the Mirror' (series); Ian Irvine

Mrs. Jones (Business Manager):
'Dracula'; Bram Stoker

Mrs. Cole (History):
'The Great Gatsby'; F. Scott Fitzgerald

This Pupil Recommends ...

Amidat in Year 8, an avid reader, recommends the following:

'Malory Towers' (series) by Enid Blyton

'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid' (series) by Jeff Kinney

'Dork Diaries' (series) by Rachel Renée Russell.

Harrison in Year 11 is enjoying the horror genre and recommends:

'Natural Beauty' by Ling Ling Huang

'Needful Things' by Stephen King

He has also enjoyed:

'Anxious People' by Fredrik Backman

Wise Words:

"I can feel infinitely alive curled up on the sofa reading a book."

Benedict Cumberbatch

