

CCHS Library News



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Author Visit: Lisa Williamson

For World Book Day 2025 we were delighted to welcome Lisa Williamson to the school. She gave a talk to Year 7 about her journey to becoming an author, which started with a passion for acting and then took a turn to a different creative outlet.

She talked about her series 'Bigg School', which focuses on a group of children and their experiences of moving into Year 7 and starting secondary school. She has been able to take inspiration from her own childhood, and many of the situations and characters are based on herself or people she knew, and events that really did take place!

Everyone had the opportunity at the end of the talk to ask questions, and as an added bonus two of the students will now have a character named after them in Lisa's newest book. We look forward to finding out what Ava and Obianuju get up to at Bigg School!

'I really enjoyed the visit; I'm a huge fan of Lisa Williamson and it was an honour to meet her and get an autograph!' - Florence

'The visit was quite an amazing experience! After all, we met a real-life author! The raffle tickets were my favourite part, and I just loved the way she openly told us about her life. That was overall an exciting hour and I loved learning about all her books and what they're about!' - Quirat

'The visit was really fun, and I enjoyed the raffle ticket game at the end. I was able to hear all the inspirational events from an actual author and was able to use those in my daily life too.' - Nia

CLASSIC JUNIOR FICTION

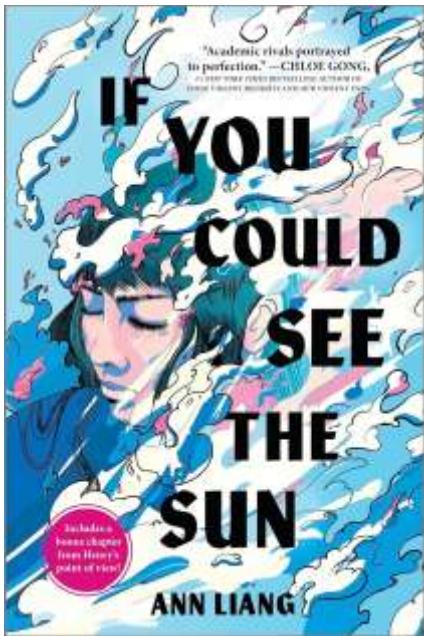
Anne of Green Gables
Charlotte's Web
The Railway Children
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
The Secret Garden
Ballet Shoes



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COME TO THE LIBRARY TO:

- Borrow 4 books over the holidays
- Borrow 2 DVDs
- Read books
- Win prizes!



BOOK OF THE TERM

If You Could See the Sun by Ann Liang

Alice Sun has always felt invisible at her elite Beijing international boarding school, where she's the only scholarship student among China's most rich and influential teens. But then she starts uncontrollably turning invisible—actually invisible.

When her parents drop the news that they can no longer afford her tuition, even with the scholarship, Alice hatches a plan to monetize

her strange new power—she'll discover the scandalous secrets her classmates want to know, for a price.

But as the tasks escalate from petty scandals to actual crimes, Alice must decide if it's worth losing her conscience—or even her life.

“Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.” - Vera Nazarian

Best Borrowers

Most loans by class: 7A

Other best borrowers will be announced in end of term assemblies...



ALTERNATIVE CARNEGIES

This year we are choosing to create our own shortlist of excellent children's literature and this award will be shadowed by the year 7 and 8 book group.

Our 6 shortlisted books are:

***My Dog* – Olivia Wakeford**

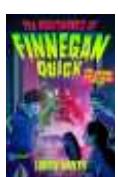
***The Nightmares of Finnegan Quick* – Larry Hayes**

***The Romantic Tragedies of a Drama King* – Harry Trevaldwyn**

***The Girl Who Couldn't Lie* - Radhika Sanghani**

***Black Hole Cinema Club* – Christopher Edge**

***The Double Life of Ted Amos* – Simon James Green**



The book group meets on a Monday lunchtime and all students in years 7 and 8 are welcome.

WRITING OPPORTUNITIES!

The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award 2025 is now open for entries and this year will be judged by the fantastic Colette Bryce and Will Harris.

The competition is open to anyone aged 11-17. The deadline to enter your poem(s) is midnight BST 31 July 2025 if submitting for yourself.

If you would like Mrs Howell and Mrs Davis to submit for you please send us your entry by Monday 14th July 2025.

Entries must be written in English, but you can include phrases in your mother tongue or another language. If you would like to submit an entry in BSL or braille please contact fyp@poetrysociety.org.uk.

It is FREE to enter and you can submit as many poems as you wish. Poems must be 40 lines or shorter.

All details can be found here: <https://foyleyoungpoets.org/>

“A book has got smell. A new book smells great. An old book smells even better. An old book smells like ancient Egypt.” - Ray Bradbury

SPOTLIGHT ON MODERN POETRY

American Poetry: Dewey 810-811

Poetry: Dewey 821

- *Everything all at once* - Steven Camden
- *The Fire People* - Lemn Sissay
- *Hiding to Nothing* - Anita Pati
- *I would leave me if I could* - Halsey
- *ISDAL* - Susannah Dickey
- *Like a tree walking* - Vahni Capildeo
- *More fiya* - Kayombo Chingonyi
- *Night sky with exit wounds* - Ocean Vuong



COMPETITION NEWS

Well done to all of those who tried the tricky dream bookshelf competition!

The answers were:

1. Mrs Gross	6. Miss Hunt	11. Mr Bradford	16. Mrs Santos	21. Mrs Savage
2. Mr Harvey	7. Mrs Sheldon	12. Mrs Chumbley	17. Mrs Muhammad	22. Miss Guy
3. Mrs Ralph	8. Mrs Greenland	13. Miss Windeatt	18. Mrs Goksel	23. Miss Stone
4. Mrs Howell	9. Mrs Davis	14. Mrs Guilloux	19. Miss Percival	24. Mr Warner
5. Dr Hiner	10. Mrs Howard	15. Ms Porter	20. Mrs Connolly	25. Miss Busby
				26. Mr Lodge

Thank you to all the staff members who shared their favourite books!

The winner, with 19/26 correct, was Marigold in 7G

2nd place Minnie in 8G

Joint 3rd Lily-Myra 7F and Florence 7A

WOODEN SPOON CHARACTERS



It was so hard to choose between all of the wonderful characters but the joint winners were Lily-Myra in 7F and Iris in 7C. Joint 2nd went to Amber in 7G and Emma in 8H, and 3rd to Aziza in 7A.

Thank you to everyone who took part!

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