

Reading Rules!

As an English faculty, and school, we are eager to encourage students to read as this is a key skill which will influence students' success in every walk of life. Students in Years 7 to 10 have all received a reading passport, which asks students to track their reading. They are aiming to complete a minimum of 30 minutes reading a week (although we would urge for more!), and get their passport signed by you when they have completed this. Hopefully you have already seen these at home. As students travel around the world, there will be prizes recognising their effort in reading.

As part of our drive for reading success, we will be including some book recommendations in every Forum, which we hope you and students will find helpful. Here are this issue's suggestions!

Miss Jermy recommends.....The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

This is a beautifully descriptive account of the wonders of a travelling circus. Surrounded in magic and fantasy, the circus also conceals a frightening duel between two young rivals which endangers themselves and the circus itself. I loved reading this book, as every chapter transports you into a world of illusion and beauty that is enchanting, or, at times, intimidating. The opening chapter invited us to enter the circus, and indeed you will remain trapped there until the story sadly ends.

Tom Haydon, Year 10, recommends....Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is a great book. After living with the Dursleys since the day he was born, Harry Potter thinks that he is a normal boy. When he finds out he is a wizard and moves to Hogwarts, he thinks that there are some strange goings on. When he deciphers what they are, he pursues and persists in trying to prevent the taking of what could end the world in the wrong hands. The first major battle is just around the corner!

Once you pick the book up, you won't be able to put it down. It is gripping, exiting and, above all, a great adventure for any reader to enjoy as if they were the main character. You will not want to put it down until you have finished every last word on every last page. A recommended read for any reader!

Miss Crossley recommends... 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany

'It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children.'

I was anxious when I heard Harry Potter was making a comeback; I loved the original stories so much that I feared nothing could match them. I thought I might as well

just pop to the bookshop, have a look at the front cover....see if it takes my fancy....I don't have to buy it after all! Of course I had to buy it, this is Harry Potter! I couldn't bear not to know where his life had ended up, was he still with Ginny, were Ron and Hermione still together, how were his children? The answer to this last question is tricky, especially if your name is Albus Severus Potter and you are the youngest son of the famous Harry Potter. This is mostly his story, how Albus struggles with the legacy of his father and how he'll do anything to break free. It's what he decides to do however that could change everyone's lives forever. This book has everything Harry Potter fans loved about the originals: tension, drama, humour, sadness and of course...magic!

Miss Jermy