

# READ LIKE US

CHRISTMAS 2024



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM



**SPOTLIGHT ON:**

**REWARDING  
READING**

**READING SURVEY**

With the festive season truly in full force and Christmas Day close by, we've devoted this edition of Read Like Us to celebrating many of the great books that would make wonderful stocking fillers. There are recommendations from both staff and students, meaning everyone should be able to find a great read.

At the end of this edition, there's a Reading Survey for parents to complete with a prize draw as a thank you.

Merry Christmas to all, and happy reading!

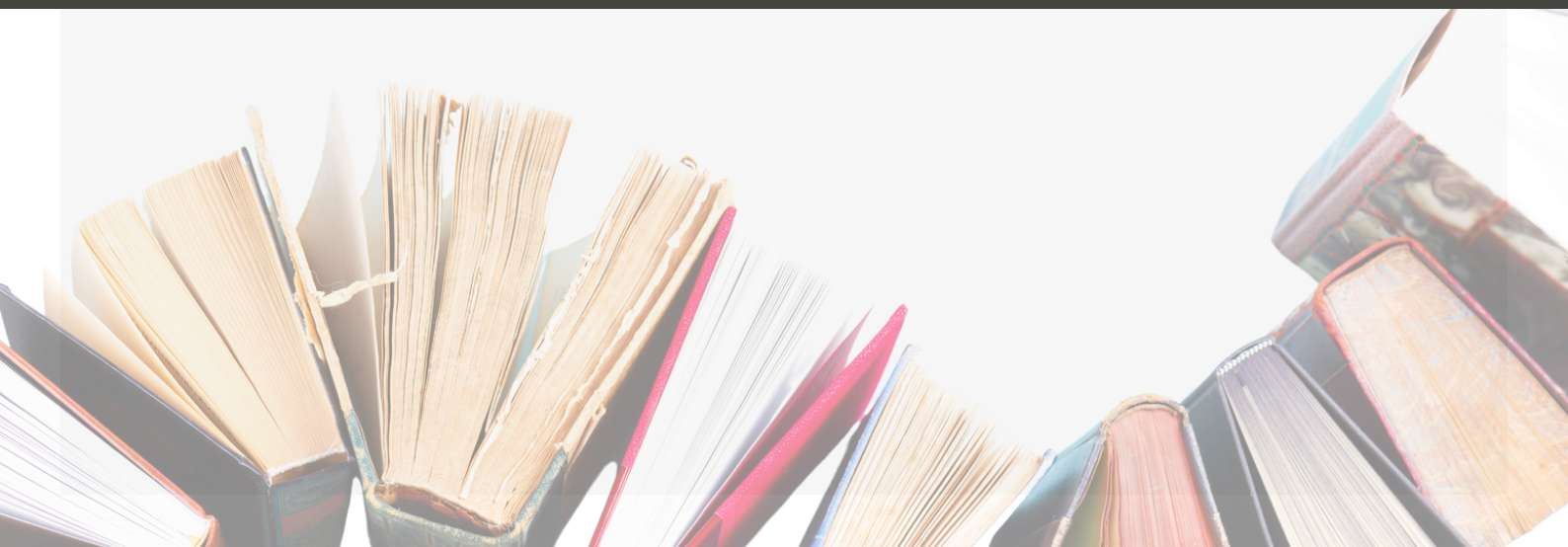
# Rewarding Reading



At Driffield School & Sixth Form, students are regularly rewarded with stamps for contributing to our reading culture, whether this be asking staff about their favourite book or discussing their current reading book in school.


Each term, we also ask teachers to nominate those students who contribute most to our reading culture. These students are then taken on a visit to Driffield's Little Book Emporium to choose a book as a reward for their contributions.

The winners for this term's book shop visit are below; many congratulations and we hope you enjoy reading your new book over the festive period.



# READING SURVEY

OCTOBER EDITION



We're looking for feedback from parents/carers to help us to further strengthen our reading culture. You can submit your feedback via the survey link below. There's also the opportunity to enter a draw for a £10 Amazon voucher.

The form must be filled in by the end of December for your entry in the prize draw to count. The winner will be contacted in the first week back.

[Click here to  
access the form.](#)

WIN A

**£10 AMAZON  
VOUCHER**



# Staff Recommendations

**MISS V RUDD - TEACHER OF ENGLISH**

**HOLLY JACKSON - A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER**

Suitable for KS4 students.

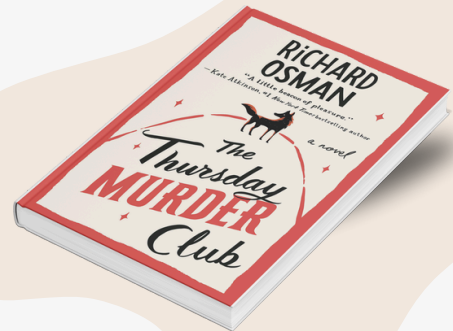
'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' is an engaging story following a typical 'whodunit' plot. The story considers aspects of law and journalism to delve into a world of curiosity and unanswered questions.



**MR A MILLARD - TEACHER OF HISTORY**

**RICHARD OSMAN – THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB**

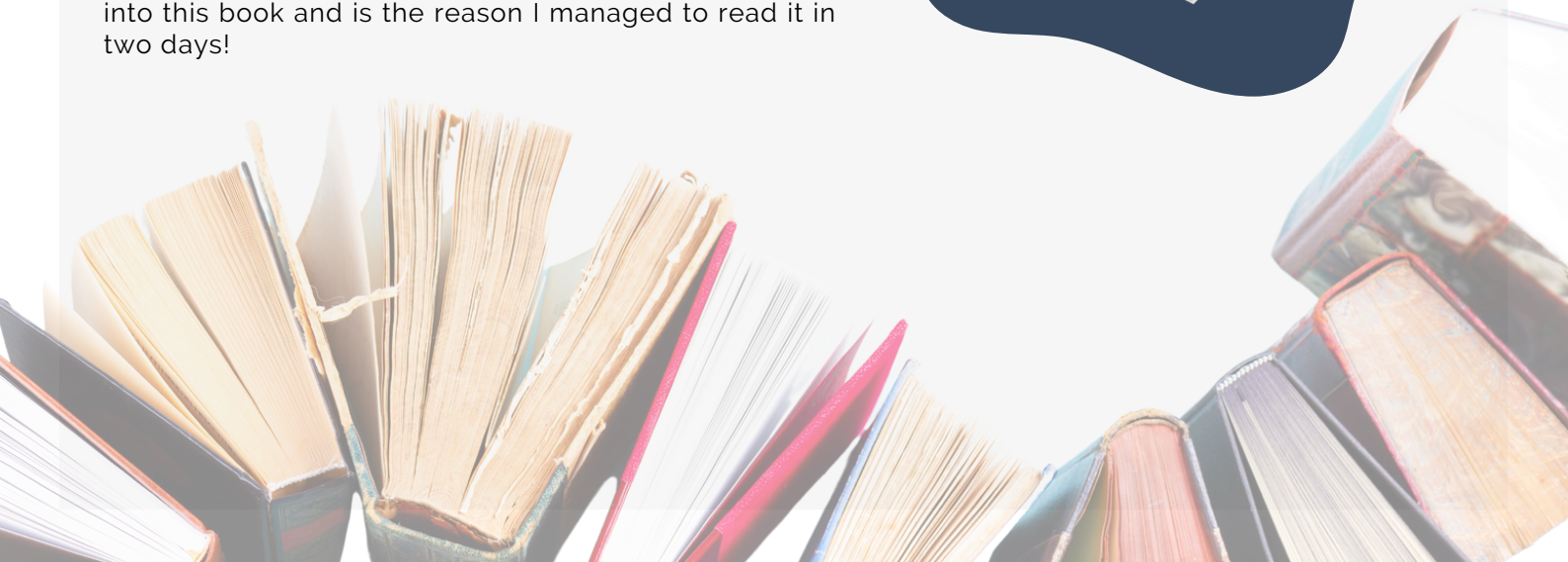
No matter your preferences, this book has a little bit for everyone. From grim and cold murders to warm and comforting little, old ladies (and everything in between - including but not limited to Catholic church scandals, farmers fighting off developers, and day trips to M&S). With four main characters that everyone can come to know as their own grandparents, it's hard not to want to see what they get up to at the turn of every page.



**MISS E WHITTLE - TEACHER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**JANICE HALLETT – THE EXAMINER**

If like me, you're an avid crime/mystery reader, or even if you're not and you just enjoy reading for fun, then I would highly recommend checking out any of Janice Hallett's novels. I have read all of Hallett's novels to date, and her most recent novel ('The Examiner') did not disappoint with an ending which left me truly gobsmacked. Hallett's style of writing is what really captures my attention, as her novels are written as though you are the detective in the story. This unique style of storytelling is what really draws you into this book and is the reason I managed to read it in two days!



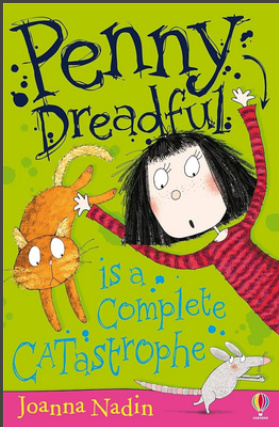
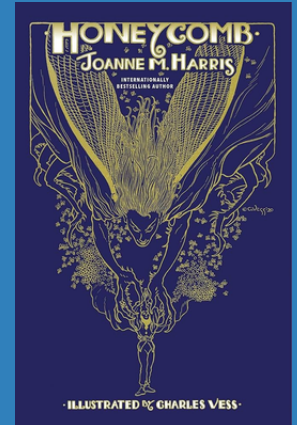


# KS3 RECOMMENDED READING:

## JOANNE M. HARRIS – HONEYCOMB

The book opens with a character widely known as the Lacewing King, who is a trickster and ruler of the Silken Folk, embarking on journeys through many worlds and meeting some friends (and enemies) along the way. These include: the vengeful spider queen and deadly harlequin; a watchmaker's boy; a huntress with a mechanical tiger; and a cat who was king. It is a stunning novel and I highly recommend this book and her other novels such as 'The Chocolate Series', 'Blackberry and Wine', and 'Blueeyedboy'. Joanne M. Harris also makes terrific cookbooks, with phenomenal artistry, making her a writer with something for everyone!

AVA L.



## JOANNA NADIN – PENNY DREADFUL IS A COMPLETE CATASTROPHE

I really like this book because I think it really inspires young people to be unique and show their true selves. 'Penny Dreadful' is a fun book and has some quirky phrases to describe the wonderful and mischievous life of Penny Dreadful.

I would definitely recommend this book if you want to read an exciting adventure, especially as you get to meet all the unique characters hidden inside this amazing book.

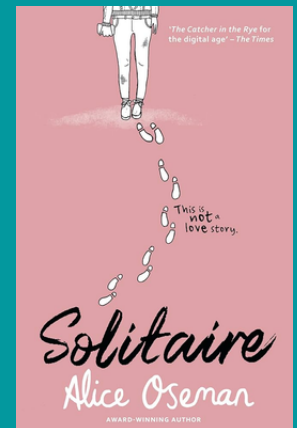
LILY C.

## ALICE OSMAN – SOLITAIRE

Alice Osman's works are wonderful as they highlight the problems faced by members of the LGBTQ+ community, whilst commenting on other mental health issues, such as eating disorders. 'Solitaire' is a great book for teenagers, especially if you enjoy love stories.

I'd also recommend Nick and Charlie or any other of Alice Osman's Heartstopper novels, as they all follow the same characters. The only thing I'd suggest is to read them in order so you can really follow the journeys of each character.

IANTON.



## ANTHONY HOROWITZ – ALEX RIDER SERIES

Alex Rider is a child who joins MI6 and goes on lots of secret missions. Each book has a different mission and the story progresses throughout.

Packed with excitement, the first book is 'Stormbreaker', which is where I'd recommend you begin.

OSCAR S.

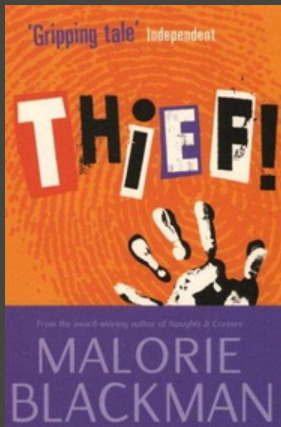
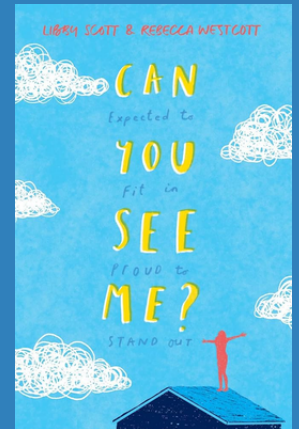
# KS3 RECOMMENDED READING:

## LIBBY SCOTT – CAN YOU SEE ME?

'Can You See Me?' is a book about an autistic girl called Tilly who is struggling moving from year-to-year at school. The book forms part of a wider series, with the first book focused on Tilly moving from primary school to secondary. I found this helped me when I went through the same thing.

I recommend the second book for any Year 7 moving to Year 8 at the end of the year.

ELLA B.



## MALORIE BLACKMAN – THIEF!

'Thief!' is focused on a young girl called Lydia who might or might not have stolen the school cup. Sadly, Lydia is bullied at school and she holds her head in shame as her best friend leaves her for her worst enemy. The book is full of action and is quite the emotional rollercoaster.

I would highly recommend the book for anyone!

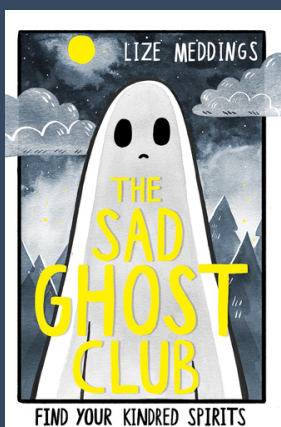
SKYE G.

## DEREK LANDY – SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

'Skulduggery Pleasant' is about a living skeleton who is a detective - it has aspects of magic and will have you on the edge of your seat. It has lots of scary moments mixed with good humour. It's a very long series but the action is ramped up to 110% and so is the mystery.

It is fantasy book with mages, the undead and things you'd only ever see in your dreams. The story feels like a great mix of superhero and detective, which makes it really gripping to read.

FELIX H.



## LIZE MEDDINGS – THE SAD GHOST CLUB

This book is about a ghost who worries about everything but meets another sad ghost. The two ghosts become part of a wider community who learn to open up their hearts to one another, making the book a great read for anyone navigating the often emotional world of growing up.

POPPY G.

# KS4 & 5 RECOMMENDED READING:

## RACHEL CAINE – STILL HOUSE LAKE

This book is about a single mother, who tries to put her life back together whilst her serial killer ex-husband tries to rip it apart. I like this book because of the character building of the family.

The author is Rachel Caine and she has also written many other wonderful psychological thrillers.

KALLUM C. (YEAR 10)



## SCARLETT THOMAS - THE END OF MR. Y

A brilliant fusion of philosophy, science and suspense, 'The End of Mr. Y' is a thrilling and mind-bending novel that challenges readers to question reality.

With a flawed and lovable protagonist, and plenty of speculative fiction, this novel is easily the most unique book I've read in a long time.

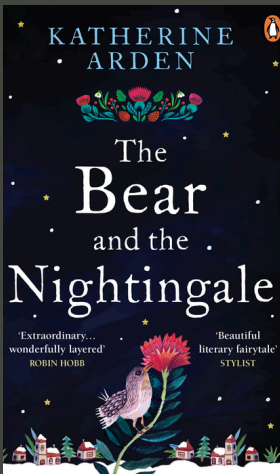
BETHAN S. (YEAR 13)

## GEORGE ORWELL – 1984

'1984' is a wonderful dystopian novel, which really opened my eyes to the problems in society today. The book is set in a dystopian society which the main character, Winston, tries to escape, making it a book full of suspense and excitement.

Still relevant today, I would highly recommend this book and hope you enjoy reading it.

ANONYMOUS



## KATHERINE ARDEN – THE BEAR AND THE NIGHTINGALE

'The Bear and the Nightingale' is part of a magical winter trilogy which is laced with fascinating Slavic folklore. The story is set in medieval eastern Europe and follows the struggle of a remote community who are neglecting their old beliefs, in favour of Christianity. The main character- Vasya- is able to communicate with the folkloric creatures who haunt her village; it appears she is the only one who can save her family. This book was a thrilling read, and I especially enjoyed learning about the spirits in Slavic mythology such as the 'Upyr' (an eastern European rendition of the vampire), and Morozko, the (winter spirit). I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys historical fiction or fantasy books.

EVA G. (YEAR 13)



# Accessing Free Books

Accessing books and ebooks via our school and local libraries is a great way of reading for free - perfect if you like to start reading a book before you choose to read the whole thing! Help on accessing these resources is below:

## East Riding Libraries:

Students that are 16 and over can register online here [Home \(eastridinglibraries.co.uk\)](http://Home(eastridinglibraries.co.uk)) Once registered they'll need to visit a local library within 31 days where the library team will move their temporary library card number over to a physical card. Anyone under 16 will need to sign up at their local library and will need a parent or guardian to sign a guarantor form too. Full information regarding signing up can be found at the above link.

Once signed up they'll have access to any services offered by the library branches as well as online services such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers and eMagazines. East Riding Libraries also host a number of events for all ages.

## Accessing our Driffield School & Sixth Form eBooks:

Access the site at [www.vlebooks.com](http://www.vlebooks.com)

Organisation name: Driffield

The username is the school username (for example: 18\_52145)

Password: Driffield1

If a student would like to borrow books over the break, they can see a member of the library team to arrange this.



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