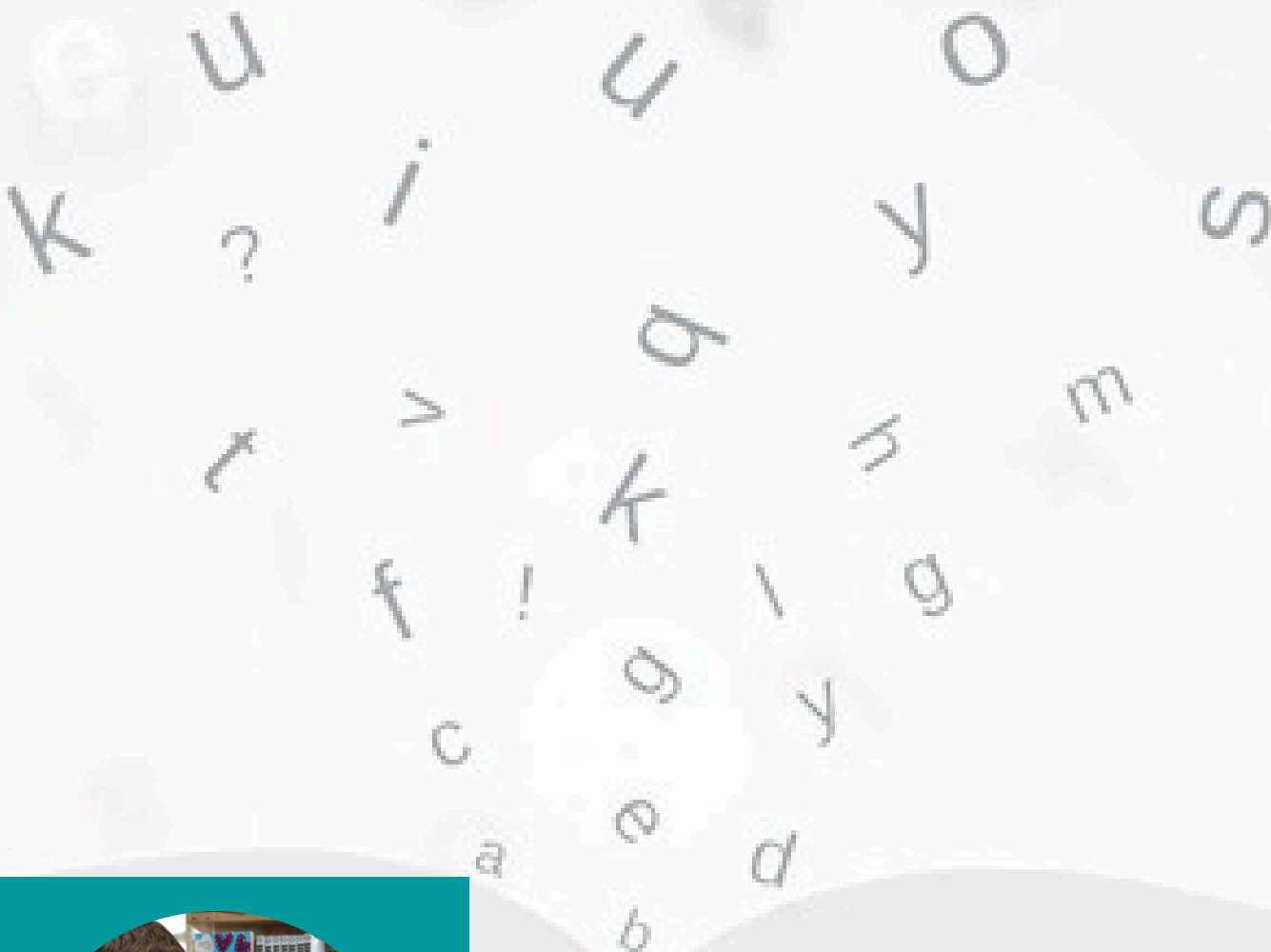


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YEAR 7

Last term, we read dystopia novel, *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. If this captured your imagination, why not explore the popular *Gone* series? Could you survive if everyone over 15 suddenly disappeared? What if some of the children started to develop powers? Described as *Lord of the Flies* meets *Stranger Things*, we believe it's the perfect pick-me-up for anyone still recovering from watching the last ever episode over the Christmas break.



YEAR 8

We spent the Autumn term reading Gothic mystery novel, *The Prince of Mist* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. If you enjoy a spooky yarn, then why not try *Mary's Monster* by Lita Judge? Described as part biography and part graphic novel, this beautifully-illustrated book tells the remarkable story of how an 18-year-old wrote one of the most famous and enduring Gothic horror stories of all time, *Frankenstein*. If you prefer a modern mystery, then try *The Everest Files* by Matt Dickinson, a gripping tale of murder and adventure set on the slopes of the highest mountain in the world.



YEAR 9

Last term, we read the play version of Marjorie Blackman's novel, Noughts and Crosses. Inspired by Romeo and Juliet, the play follows star-crossed lovers, Callum and Sephy. For another romance about young people overcoming barriers to be together, try Guard your Heart by Sue Divin. Set in Northern Ireland, the novel charts the burgeoning relationship between Aidan – Catholic, Irish and Republican – and Iona – Protestant and British – against the legacy of the Troubles. A must-read for any fans of the Derry Girls.



YEAR 10

Year 10 have just started reading their GCSE poetry anthologies. For a diverse collection of poetry, why not pick up a copy of The Rattle Bag, which contains some of the favourite poems of Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney? Or, if you have headed off to the cinema recently to see Oscar-worthy Hamnet, why not try another story by the same author, Maggie O' Farrell? The Marriage Portrait is inspired by the real story of Lucrezia, Duchess of Ferrara, who lived in sixteenth-century Italy. Lucrezia is the inspiration for Robert Browning's poem, 'My Last Duchess'. You'll have to read the novel to find out if O' Farrell's version has a happier ending for the duchess than the poem does!



YEAR 12

Our new A Level students began the year by reading Margeret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale. Atwood is a deeply astute writer whose work reflects the social and political context of our times. Her essay collection Burning Questions is a provocative and witty take on modern life and US politics.



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Reading Rewards Trip

At Driffield School, we love to read and at the end of each term we like to celebrate this by taking a selection of our keenest readers to our wonderful local bookshop, The Little Book Emporium. The students selected last term were those with the most books borrowed from our school library so far this year. The numbers were truly impressive with one Year 7 student having already read 26 library books since September! He's asked me to mention that this is in addition to the other books he's read at home.



We had a brilliant time exploring the bookshop, which is an absolute treasure trove; thank you so much to Darren for welcoming us into his shop. The students had a great time choosing books from a diverse range of genres; we went back to school with books on Gothic fiction, the Harry Potter universe, thrillers, volumes of poetry and books explaining the mysteries of the actual universe – plenty to keep our readers busy.

The rewards trip will be run again at the end of Spring term, so get reading!

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:

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