Library Intent 2026-27

Purpose Statement
The purpose of our school library is to support students to develop a love of reading, to provide a place for study and to offer a welcoming, social and inclusive space for our students to congregate and engage in lunchtime activities.

Every child should see reading for pleasure as a gateway for their imagination and we believe that there is a book out there for everyone.

Access
The library is open every day from 8.15am until 4.15pm and is staffed by a full time librarian. All students and staff have their own library account. KS3 students have a timetabled library lesson once per fortnight, but are able to use the library during their free time. The online library catalogue is available via Frog - AccessIT Library or on this link https://uk.accessit.online/frd03 Here students can see current loans, can renew titles and reserve titles for collection.

Formats
The library aims to support all students by providing reading resources in a range of formats - hard copy, ebooks, audio books, graphic novels and dyslexia-friendly books. Access to our EBooks and Audio books requires students to sign into a service called ePlatform. This is available via a computer https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/ or via the ePlatform App for tablet or phone. This is free to download and links to the school gmail accounts. All available titles can be viewed on the school library catalogue.

Loans
Students may borrow two books at a time. Books are initially loaned for a two-week period and may be renewed if not in demand. Overdue notices are sent weekly by email to students, form tutors and heads of year. A parent email will be sent if the student fails to return the item. Lost or damaged items will incur a replacement charge, payable in cash or via Parentpay.

Selection Criteria
The library collection reflects the interests and recommendations of the students, in addition to the wide range of subject specific material available. Fiction stock is current and is fully aligned with the Equality Act 2010, which requires library stock to be diverse, promote equality and to be fully inclusive. The library caters for students who vary in age, ability and maturity. The content of the material therefore reflects this range. Any concerns over the content over reading material should be discussed at home in the first instance, allowing students to exchange their book without it impacting on others' right to choose.

Atmosphere
The library is a vibrant, well used social space, offering opportunities to read, study, relax, chat, or play board games. Please respect the space and its wonderful resources by refraining from bringing food or drink into the library. Thank you!

For further information or if you have any queries, please email our librarian csandersoneardley@fgs.org.uk