



QEGS Reading Review



Welcome to the QEGS Reading Review; this will be your monthly update on all things reading going on at QEGS. Look out for challenges, competitions, activities, sneak peaks into lessons, Reading Warriors, authors, clubs and much, much more.

What's new?



Firstly, this review is new. We hope you will appreciate seeing all the things you, your peers and your children are getting up to in school.

Secondly, all forms, in all years, are reading a year group novel together for pleasure. The tutors and tutees read the novel and discuss the issues and ideas that are raised within them: topical issues, such as refugees and immigration for **year 7** with **'Boy At The Back of the Class'**; homelessness for **year 8** with **'The Night Bus Hero'**; autism and family for **year 9** with **'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'** and race, policing, gang cultures for **years 10 and 11** with Angie Thomas' **'The Hate You Give'** and **'On The Come Up'**.

Why not chat at home about the novels and any of the issues that you/they are discussing?

Thirdly, we have a reading merit system called **'Reading Warriors'**. Each month, a new district (or theme) will be announced and any student who reads a book, from the library or one of their own, that links to that 'district' and tells their form tutor or the librarians, will receive a 'Reading Warrior' merit. Those who achieve RW merits will be entered into prize draws.

There's other ways to earn RW merits too...the more you win, the more chance you have of winning - after all, you want the odds to be "ever in your favour."



Additional ways of earning RW merits include:

- Reading a **'Killer Read'** - a book suggested by the librarians: Mrs Roper and Mrs Bramwell.
- Discover a book in the library with a hidden **'bug'** and read the book.
- Become a **'Pack Leader'** - persuade three other people to read a book you have read linked to the theme (tell Mrs Roper/Mrs Bramwell and they'll stamp a card for you).
- Or, attend an **extra curricular club or intervention/support session**.

What's the District?



As October is **Black History month**, we thought it would be good to challenge you all to delve into a book themed around **ethnic diversity**—it can be written by an author from a different country/culture, a book based on a historical figure with a different ethnic origin or a book set in a different country...etc.

See what you can discover about other people, their families, histories, traditions, foods, heroes, for example.

The librarians have lots of suggestions! Y7-9; look out for suggestions in QEGS Reads too.

What's on?



The extra-curricular clubs we've got on are...

A week: after school

Wed – KS5 Critical Theory/KS4 English Revision

Thurs – KS3 Writing Club

B week: after school

Wed – KS5 Book Club/ KS4 Creative Writing

Thurs – KS3 Book Club