

# Literacy Newsletter



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At Ysgol Rhiwabon, we understand the importance of learning in school and at home. To help students engage with literacy at home, we are publishing a monthly newsletter that will recommend interesting and relevant books, free resources and literacy games!

## Book Recommendations

### KS3: 'Noughts & Crosses' by Malorie Blackman

To celebrate Black History Month, this month's recommended read is Malorie Blackman's powerful book, 'Noughts and Crosses'.

Read it for free here: [http://www.anl.az/el\\_en/book/2015/l-40453.pdf](http://www.anl.az/el_en/book/2015/l-40453.pdf)

Accelerated Reader level: 4.0

Target year group: Year 9

The story focuses on a romantic relationship, which is frowned upon by society, and explores the discrimination the lovers encounter at every turn. By reversing traditional racial stereotypes and presenting the white population as the oppressed race, Blackman has cleverly shown racial prejudice from a different perspective. As well as being a compelling tale of love and friendship, this is an outstanding and thought-provoking exploration of the futility of prejudice. A contemporary classic.



### Year 10: *A View from the Bridge*

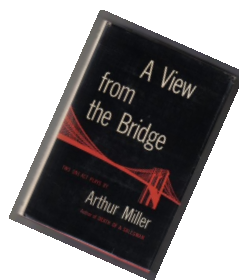
After half term, Year 10 students will begin their study of the GCSE text, 'A View from the Bridge.' To support and deepen their learning of the text, it is recommended that students read the text at home.

Read it free here: <https://www.sfponline.org/uploads/70/aviewfromthebridge.pdf>

### Year 11: *1984* by George Orwell

*1984* is a dystopian novella by George Orwell. It follows the life of Winston Smith, a low ranking member of 'the Party', who is frustrated with its ominous ruler Big Brother.

Read for free: <https://www.planetebook.com/free->



## Free Resources

### Spelling:

There are quite a few versions of the classic Boggle game online; however, this one has the benefit of being able to turn off the timer and allowing students to either type in the words or click the letters on the board.

<https://wordshake.com/boggle>

How many words can you *Sushi Spell* in two minutes? Take the sushi from the moving belt to spell as many words as you can.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary/vocabulary-games/sushi-spell>

## Ask the Teacher

Each week, we will ask five literacy-based questions to a different staff member at our school.

Mrs Evans, Head of French

### 1. What was the last book that you read?

Le scaphandre et le papillon by Jean-Dominique Bauby

### 2. Which word do you often misspell?

Caribbean

### 3. Who is your favourite literary character?

Scout from 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

### 4. Out of 10, how neat would you rate your handwriting? (1 being illegible)

7

### 5. If you had to be a punctuation mark, which one would you be?

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