



the BookMark

Secondary Library Newsletter

Librarian's Message:



Happy New Year!

Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with the joy of books and the warmth of wonderful stories!

Mrs. Wolffe
School Librarian

Sora

Sora is an award-winning digital reading app that empowers primary and secondary students to discover age-appropriate ebooks and audiobooks from our school library. Titles are added to the school digital collection within 24 hours of purchase. This is a valuable tool to satisfy our curriculum needs as well as our young readers' curiosity! Access the web version of [SORA HERE](#) or download the app on your mobile. **Your child's username is her student ID#.**

WHAT'S NEW!

PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS SOCIETY
A STUDENT-LED PHILOSOPHY CLUB FOR YOUNG PHILOSOPHERS

WHAT IS FREE WILL?
WHY SHOULD ANYTHING MATTER?
WHAT SHOULDN'T AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS IMPORTANT?
WHY DO WE VALUE WHAT WE VALUE?
SHOULD THE RICH JUST BE ALLOWED TO GET RICHER?
WHO SHOULD DECIDE THE RULES?

DOES THE MIND HAVE A GENDER?
HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM NOT JUST DREAMING MY REALITY?
HOW DO I KNOW THAT WHAT I SEE IS EVEN REAL?
WHAT IS THE PERFECT POLITICAL SYSTEM?
CAN HUMANS COMPETE WITH AI?
AM I REALLY AS FREE AS I THINK I AM?

First meeting on Friday 26th January 3:30pm-4:15pm Library Makerspace

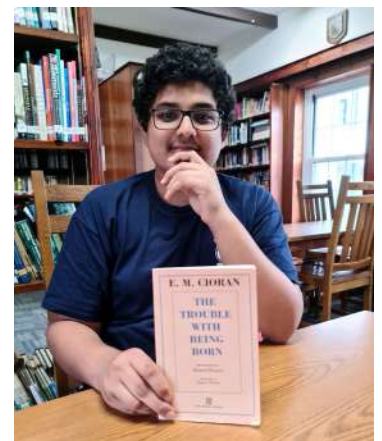
Warwick Academy

I am delighted to support and host the first student-led Philosophy Club at Warwick Academy and would like to congratulate Zoraiz Ulmer (Y11) who is the brainchild of this initiative. When asked why he wanted to start a philosophy club at school, Zoraiz commented that "learning philosophical thinking in

a world which is increasingly adopting ideas at face-value is very important." In his view, people often hold misconceptions about philosophy which remains a niche area, but for him it would be a great tool to help students to think critically.

Year 9 to Y13 students are invited to attend the first meeting of the **Philosophy and Ethics Society** on Friday 26th January from 3:30-4:15pm in the Library Makerspace.

Zoraiz's objective is to introduce participants to philosophical thinking and great philosophers from various cultures. The discussions will take place in a safe, non-judgmental and relaxed atmosphere. "Food for thought", both literally and figuratively, will be served!





Food for thought:

Winner of Japan's top literary prize used ChatGPT:

“Rie Kudan, 33, was recently awarded the prestigious Akutagawa Prize for her sci-fi novel Tokyo-to Dojo-to (Tokyo Sympathy Tower), which focuses on a high-rise prison tower. The book includes themes about AI. Judges reportedly called her novel “almost flawless.” However, during her acceptance speech, Kudan revealed a portion of the book had been written by ChatGPT”

Is AI compromising literary production, or should it become an integral part the creative process?

[Read on to find out.](#)

COMING SOON

JANUARY-FEBRUARY:

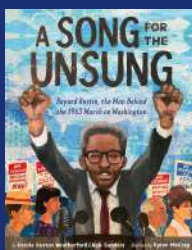
Pop-Up Citation Workshops in the Library and Barber Hall.

FEBRUARY:

“Blind date with a Book” Library event. During our Blind Date with a Book event, members can visit the library and choose a wrapped book based on the clues provided on the wrapping. The book’s title and author are intentionally concealed to create an element of surprise and encourage readers to try books they may not have considered before. This event aims to spark interest in reading and introduce readers to new books.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ the school

Library: Bayard Rustin: Unsung Hero of the Civil Rights Movement. His story is also featured on NETFLIX.



Spotlight on:

Referencing Academic Work:

As part of our ongoing commitment to academic excellence, we are emphasizing the importance of referencing academic work properly. Teaching our students the art of proper citation is not just about meeting academic requirements, it is a crucial skill that prepares them for the rigors of higher education and beyond. When students learn to cite their sources accurately, they not only demonstrate academic integrity, but they also acknowledge the ideas and research of others. By instilling this practice early on, we empower our students to engage with information ethically and navigate the vast sea of knowledge with confidence. For consistency purposes, the MLA citation style is adopted throughout KS3 and KS4 levels. Although other citation methodologies are accepted at the International Baccalaureate level, MLA remains the best option to cite AI-generated content. The school library offers on-going support with citation skills but has also organised pop-up citation sessions in January and February.

Just for Fun:



Anthony Browne, a British Children’s author, created the following illustration in preparation for a book about idioms. **Can you identify the expressions hidden in this picture?**