

SUMMER TERM
2025



the BookMark

Secondary Library Newsletter

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BY FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025.

Librarian's Message:

As we begin the summer term and approach the end of the school year, it's time to remind students that all library books must be returned to me by **Friday 13th June 2025** to facilitate our annual library inventory check. Compliance with this deadline is particularly important this year as we will dedicate the rest of the term to packing and securing our entire Senior school book collection in preparation for our library makeover.

It has been a pleasure working on the design and furnishing of the renovated space with multiple internal and external stakeholders over the past months. Our sincere gratitude goes to all the generous donors who have contributed to the library renovation project through our annual giving campaign so far. We trust that the transformed library, which will be unveiled in September, will serve our students' and teachers' needs, both esthetically and functionally, without compromising the school's historical legacy.

Mrs. Wolffe School Librarian

WHAT'S NEW!

This new tool on **Sora**, our Library digital book platform, encourages students to take charge of their reading growth and stay motivated by setting their own reading goals:

Daily goals: students can set a daily reading goal from five to 60 minutes and track their progress visually.

Real-time data: students and teachers can view reading history and progress, making it easy to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvement.

Milestones: students earn rewards for meeting their goals, positive encouragement to continue reading. Please watch [video](#) for further instructions.

Please remember to use your student ID as your username to access [Sora here](#).



Sora

Open a world of reading.

Reading Goals



13

Goal Days

CURRENT LOCATION

Venus

24 million miles (40 million km) from Earth



You are 2 goal days away from earning the **15 day** destination!



Daily Reading

WEEK

MONTH

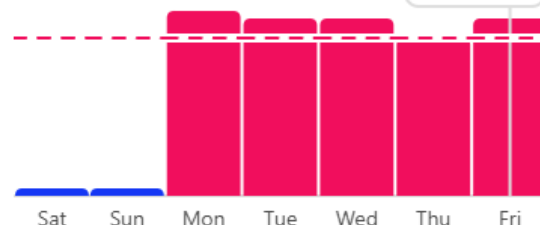
6 MONTHS



Jan 25, 2025 - Jan 31, 2025



17 mins.
Jan 31, 2025



Library Co-Curricular Activities Update



Young Philosophers Club

The Young Philosophers Club participants took advantage of our new outside learning area for the last session of the term. They were introduced to political philosophy and the notion of social justice: "Who should rule? And why? How to create a just society?" Plato's and John Rawls' concepts of justice were introduced to guide their thinking. A natural "talking stick" was passed from one student to the next to guarantee each voice was heard within our discussion circle.

The Young Philosophers Club will run until the end of the school year.



Secondary Chess Club:

I had the immense pleasure of joining fellow educators during a dynamic and thought-provoking seminar on "Chess in Education: Preparation for Teachers" at the beginning of March, which earned us all an official FIDE certification. This excellent training was made possible by the Bermuda Chess Association, in partnership with the world chess governing body, FIDE, and the Department of Education.

Teachings from the seminar will be applied to our regular Friday Secondary school chess club with the introduction of chess discovery sessions in support of the 11 WA Secondary girls who have signed up for the **FIDE Queen's Gambit Challenge**.



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Just for Fun:

