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Secondary Library Newsletter

Librarian's Message:

Welcome to the School Library!

I was delighted to welcome the new Year 7 classes to the Library for their orientation sessions in September. Since then, I have enjoyed their company during recess and lunchtime as they learn to use the Secondary section of the Library independently.

Similarly, it was my pleasure to engage Year 12 students in their first Library Research Workshop, helping them prepare for the demands of the Sixth Form curriculum.

This year, I am especially excited to coordinate an innovative outreach programme offered by the Bermuda Journal of Academic Research. The programme encourages our students to see themselves as budding researchers and provides them with the opportunity to have their school essays published in a scholarly journal. Please read on for further information.

I look forward to supporting students across all year levels throughout the year. Whether developing research skills, exploring new interests, or finding a quiet space to read and reflect, students will continue to find opportunities in the Library to grow as confident, independent learners. We are excited about the many initiatives planned for the coming months and look forward to sharing these experiences with our school community.

Mrs. Wolffe



- Senior School Students can borrow two books for a period of two weeks.
- Sixth Form Students can borrow a maximum of five books for a period of three weeks.
- Fiction books are the only materials available for renewal.
- Fines and Penalty: Fines are not charged for overdue books however replacement fees are charged for lost or damaged books.

WHAT'S NEW!

Bermuda Journal of Academic Research outreach program:



Through the various Library research workshops offered throughout the year, we insist on students referring to reputable and academic journals. What if students were now given the opportunity not only to consult such resources but to have their own papers published in an academic journal.

This year, the Library will collaborate with the Bermuda Journal of Academic Research to encourage Sixth Form students to contribute to original research locally and turn their Extended Essays, Reflective Projects or Internal Assessments into articles for publication in the BJAR. Prizes will be offered to students whose article is selected by the editorial team.

Library workshops on Ethical research in Bermuda, AI for Research purpose and Publication Readiness will be available to participants for support.

Library

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Spotlight on:

Warwick Academy

SEED LIBRARY

What is a Seed Library? It is an initiative that allows students, parents and staff members to borrow seeds from the library to grow plants. Participants then collect seeds from their harvest and return them to the library.



How are you able to participate?

1. **Borrow**: collect the seeds from the library that you wish to grow
2. **Grow**: collect a leaflet and grow seeds as stated in the leaflet
3. **Return**: give harvested seeds back to library (if unsuccessful, please donate new seeds)

Benefits of a Seed Library: It encourages understanding of where food come from and fosters a sense of collaboration

OPEN FROM 4TH NOVEMBER 2026 AT LUNCH PLAY

Location: Secondary School Library



Sora is an app that empowers students to discover age-appropriate e-books and audiobooks from our digital school library. Titles are added to the e-collection within 24 hours of purchase. This is a valuable tool to satisfy our curriculum needs as well as our readers' curiosity!

Access the web version of **Sora here** or download the app on your mobile phone. Your child's username is his/her student ID number.

Young Philosophers Club (January 2027)

The Library Young Philosophers Club offers students a unique opportunity to explore some of life's biggest questions in a welcoming and stimulating environment. The club encourages critical thinking, respectful dialogue, creativity, and open-mindedness while helping students develop confidence in expressing and defending their ideas.

This year, Philosophy Club facilitators were delighted to participate in the WA Co-Curriculum Fair, where they met students interested in joining the club.

The Young Philosophers Club welcomes all students (Year 9 – Year 13) who love to think, discuss, and discover new perspectives.



