



Library Launch - 27th November 2020

I am pleased to announce that the new Library was officially opened today, with Year 7 in attendance and featuring a video message from broadcaster and ex-bookseller, Iain Dale, who has generously offered us £500 worth of books to add to our growing collection.

As the first students in the library, our Year 7 were all given the opportunity to browse and borrow from our collection of old and new books. To add to the excitement, each student who took out a book will be entered into a prize draw. The three winners, who will be announced next week, will receive either a £50 book voucher or one of two £25 book vouchers, all of which will be eligible to use at Book Bugs and Dragon Tales, the children's bookshops on Timberhill in Norwich.

The library will be open to all students from Monday 30th November, with Year 9 and 10 being given access during their break and lunchtimes, while form tutors for Year 7, 8, and 11 will be able to book a session to visit the library during form time.

As you can see from our 'before' photos, the library started out as a nearly empty room. It's important to say it wouldn't have come together without the help of the Friends of Hewett Academy, who raised £6500 to fill the library with new and diverse books, as well as Book Bugs and Dragon Tales, who have been sharing their



expert knowledge with me to order in many of the new books we have in the library.

I hope the library will be an environment where every student can take time out of their day to curl up with a good book. However, for some, the prospect of choosing any book in the library may seem rather daunting - where should we begin? In non-fiction or fiction? Should we choose a book by the cover or by the title? Should we start with re-reading something we already know and love, or something that's new and unknown to us?

To help out, I've put together a list of recommendations from each area of the library, that will hopefully be a detailed guide of where to begin. They're some of my favourite books, and I hope that they'll become some of your favourites too. Miss Matthews - Librarian

Fiction: Malamander by Thomas Taylor, **Non-Fiction:** Brilliant Maps: An Atlas for Curious Minds by Ian Wright
Graphic Novels: The Arrival by Shaun Tan, **Quick Reads:** Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson
Senior Fiction (Year 10+): The Radleys by Matt Haig

