

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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DID YOU KNOW?

An estimated 7.1 million adults in the UK are functionally illiterate meaning they have difficulty reading information from unfamiliar sources or on unfamiliar topics (National Literacy Trust, 2017).

KS3 CORNER

The National Reading Champions Quiz generously supported by the Authors Licensing and Collecting Society provides a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy an online quiz with their peers and compete with other schools in their region.



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Please contact Miss O'Donovan or Mrs Garbutt if you would like your child to participate.

Congratulations to Bedford's Richest Reader: Y7 - A Fletcher	
Words read so far this year: 4,422,532	
Congratulations Mrs McEvoy. Your classes have read almost 10,000,000 words!	
English teachers, can you beat Mrs McEvoy next month?	
200,000+ Club	
Y7 A Fletcher	4,422,532
Y8 S Cottam	1,310,953
Y7 L Davies Ward	1,301,343
Y8 L Ashbrook-Finney	1,267,108
Y8 A Hitchen	1,002,853
Have you got what it takes to join our Bedford Millionaire Club? Order your book from the library today!	
Make me a millionaire!	
Y7 O Baxter 768,489	
Y8 J Bailey Lawton 739,480	
Y7 J Wierzb 569,188	
Y7 A Shovelton 527,941	
Y7 U Rehman 517,938	
Y8 L Gwilliam 386,381	
Y8 T Bowdler 365,164	
Y7 C James 362,452	
Y7 K Wernham 358,333	
Y7 B Todman 330,207	
Y8 L Wardle 287,313	
Y8 E Garside 270,555	
Y7 S Arfan 256,085	
Y8 J Buxton 253,395	
Y7 J Gregory 242,625	
Y7 C Yates 236,416	
Y7 F Barlow 229,608	

Have you made it onto Bedford's Rich List this half term? Congratulations to all students who are now 'word rich' as a result of their outstanding efforts in reading!

DID YOU KNOW?

Simply turning on the subtitles while your child is watching TV can double their chances of becoming good at reading (Turn on the Subtitles, 2021).

Please visit: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org> for more information

KS4 CORNER

FICTION TO FILM

Read the first three chapters from **THE HATE U GIVE** by Angie Thomas, a young adult novel inspired by Black Lives Matter.

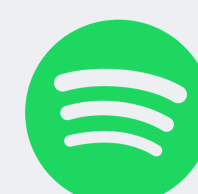
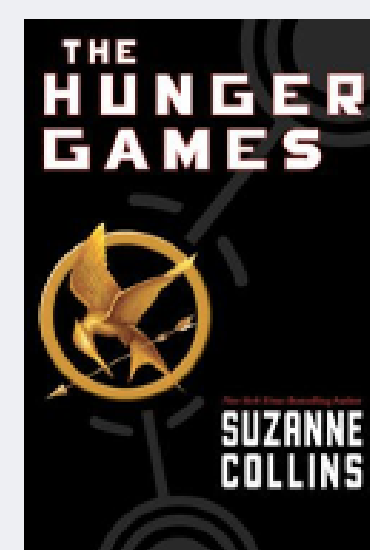


The Hate U Give is about an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances and addresses issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart and unflinching honesty.

The first three chapters are available to read online here:

<https://www.epicreads.com/blog/the-hate-u-give-sneak-peek/>

Copies of the book are also available at the Library AND the film is available to rent on Amazon Prime.



AUDIOBOOKS

Listen to The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins for free now on Spotify

WORD OF THE WEEK

This month's words of the week are:

Obligatory
Engross
Superfluous



Receive a Word Warrior Prize if spotted by teachers using the WOTW correctly in lessons and in your written work!