



WELLINGTON READING BULLETIN



What are we studying?

Year 7

Year 7s will soon be moving on to study their class reader, which will either be **Private Peaceful**, **Skellig**, **Cirque du Freak**, **The Switch** or **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**.



Year 8

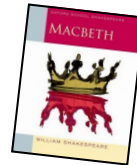
Year 8 are working their way through their Shakespeare unit and will either be studying **Hamlet**, **Romeo and Juliet** or **Richard III**.

Year 9

Year 9 groups are continuing their literary studies, with students completing units on Modern Drama or Prose. Texts in these units include **A View from the Bridge**, **Of Mice and Men**, **To Kill a Mockingbird** and **Kindertransport**.

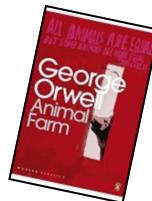
Year 10

English Literature Paper 1 preparation is well under way, with students studying their designated Shakespeare text: **Macbeth** or **Much Ado About Nothing**.

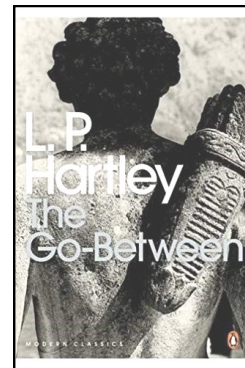


Year 11

Year 11s are now studying their Modern Text for the Paper 2 English Literature exam, which will either be George Orwell's **Animal Farm** or **An Inspector Calls** by J B Priestley. Keep an eye out for any articles or programmes related to these texts and remember that revision guides are available to buy from the English department.



Reading Recommendations



In this bulletin, **Mr Williams** recommends L P Hartley's **The Go-Between**, which features one of the most famous opening lines in English Literature: "*The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there.*" Mr Williams says "*I'd had a copy of The Go-Between on the shelf for a number of years, but had never got round to reading it. I finally picked it up recently—and I now kick myself that I waited so long.*"

*It is an engrossing read, as we are told about the events of a fateful summer at the end of the Victorian era by our narrator Leo, who is now in his 60s. He looks back at the time when he was 13 and acted as a 'go-between' for the wealthy, upper-class Marian and the tenant farmer Ted Burgess. Touching and tragic in equal measure, I thoroughly recommend **The Go-Between**.*"

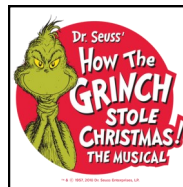
Do you have a recommendation for the Reading Bulletin? It could be an old favourite, a classic or a recent release. If there's a book you'd like the Wellington Community to know about, let us know and we'll do our best to include as many suggestions as possible.

What's on?

In School

Classic Book Club takes place with Miss Spencer (FSR) each Wednesday, so if students from any year want to broaden their knowledge of literary classics, they are more than welcome to come along. The club is also running a competition for students to re-design the cover of their own favourite books—more details are available from Miss Spencer.

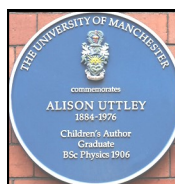
A group of year 7s will be going to see **'The Grinch: The Musical'** on December 18th, so they'll be finding out if the Grinch does indeed steal Christmas!



Out and About

Reading Groups: If you're interested in joining a reading group, the website for Trafford Council features details of Readers' Groups that are held at libraries in the local area.

Blue Plaques: Year 7s have been tasked with creating blue plaques for specific literary characters, so why not complement this by going on a blue plaque hunt? Keep a note of where the plaques are and who they commemorate.



Shortlists and Awards Keep an eye out for the shortlist of the **Blue Peter Book Awards**, which celebrates the best books for children. There's also the shortlist for the **Costa Book Awards**, which honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. They should provide some inspiration if you're looking for something to read!

Literary Birthdays: Nov 30: Mark Twain; Dec 16: Jane Austen.