





Welcome to the Library







School Library



Our school library encourages curiosity, enthusiasm for knowledge and problemsolving. It plays a key role and enriches the cultural and social life of the school. The school library is a central point for all kinds of reading, activities, access to information, knowledge building, deep thinking, and discussion. We provide materials and resources that entertain and inspire as well as services offering space for people and information to come together. The library welcomes students in and provides a safe space for them to interact in a variety of activities.

The library's collections, services and environment are all designed to help our school meet its targets and goals for raising student achievement.



Librarians



We are very friendly, approachable and aim to provide a space which is safe and also accessible for all our students! Please make sure you pop up to say 'hello', we are always willing to help, and answer any questions you might have about the school!

Library opening times

The library is open before school, break, lunch, and after school. To access the library at lunch you need to collect a pass each day at break.

> Monday - 8.15am -3.45pm Tuesday - 8.15am -3.45pm Wednesday - 8.15am -3.45pm Thursday - 8.15am -3.45pm Friday - 8.15am -3pm

About the Library



We strive to make the library an enjoyable and accessible environment for all students, which means offering a range of resources for students to use.

Students are able to loan fiction books to aid their reading for pleasure, as well as being able to loan non-fiction books to support their learning as well as areas of interest. These can be loaned out for two weeks.

The library hosts a small selection of audiobooks which are available for students to loan for two weeks at a time. To support student's reading we also have a small collection of DVDs to loan out which are either curriculum based or are originally based on a book and have been made into a film.

There are a small variety of magazines which students can read whilst in the library, as well as a reference section that are available for perusing whilst in the library but cannot been loaned out.



Student Librarians



We are extremely proud that we are able to offer students the chance to work in our library. We have run School Librarian training for many years. This is a programme for students who wish to apply to gain work experience particularly in a library. The programme has been very successful and it has given students confidence and the skills needed for further education. Student Librarians work in the library on a rota basis during their breaks. They are hard-working, committed and very helpful in the library carrying out tasks such as shelving, promoting activities, labelling books, and creating posters. They are invaluable to us, and they are excellent advocates of our School Library.

For further information about St Michael's School Library please email Library@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk



Events and Activities

Scholastic Book Fair Author Events Year 7, 8 & 9 Book Quiz World Book Day Book Group Lunch time Clubs Homework Club

Summer Reading Challenge

We encourage students to get involved to stay motivated to read over the summer. Many students will not pick up a book during the school holidays, so it is our mission to encourage momentum with incentives for reading. Students read their books and choose their top 3 books to review. All completed packs in September that are returned to the library will receive a reward for taking part.



We can offer you a place to work or read in a supervised and supportive environment outside of normal school hours.

Students can join in with homework club after school every Monday-Thursday until 3.45pm





Library Clubs

Monday

- Puzzle Club- 12.30-1.20pm
- Homework Club 3-3.45pm

Tuesday

- Early Bird Book Group- 8.15pm
- Games Club- 12.30-1.20pm
- Homework Club 3-3.45pm

Thursday

Homework Club 3-3.45pm

Friday

• Manga Club- 12.30-1.20pm



Library Quiz



1. When is the library open?

2. What do you need to collect from the library at break if you want to access the library at lunch?

3. What time does the library close on a Friday?

4. How long can you have a library book out on loan for?

5. What does 'Reference' mean?

6. When do Student Librarians work in the library?

7. How many books do students have to read and review in order to complete the Summer Reading Challenge?

8. What time does Homework Club finish?

9. What day is Puzzle Club on in the library?

10. What day is Games Club on in the library?

Submit completed entries to Library@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk