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Welcome to our monthly reading newsletter. Each month, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups, which can be found on your child's English Google Classroom page.

The English Department

Giften

Power

Oppression

Resilience

Book of the Month

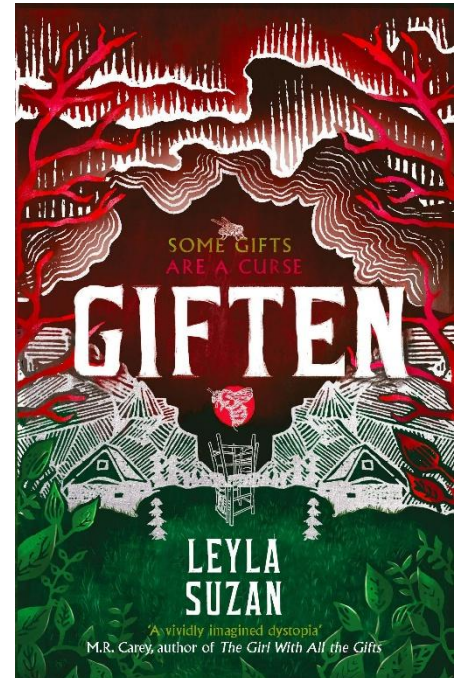
Giften

by Leyla Suzan

Recommended for **KS3** by Kacper Nowosielski (8N)

Giften by Leyla Suzan is a gripping young adult dystopian novel set in a future devastated by environmental collapse, known as "The Darkening." In this bleak world, the people of the Field struggle to survive on parched earth, attempting to cultivate life from barren soil.

The story follows Ruthie, a young girl who possesses a rare and dangerous gift: the ability to revive dead soil with a touch, enabling crops to grow where none should. While she is a saviour to her isolated community, her power also makes her a target. The City, governed by a sinister regime, hunts down individuals like Ruthie, known as the Giften, to exploit their abilities for its own gain.



All students should have a reading book in school every day.

We recommend reading each weekday evening (and for longer at weekends)

Library Opening Times Year 7:

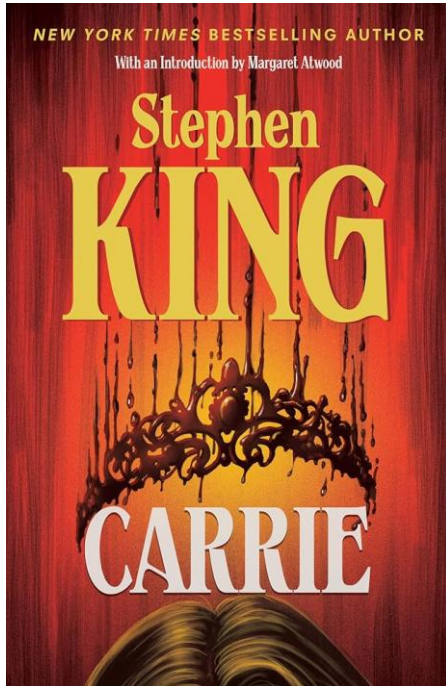
Lunchtimes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Library Opening Times Year 8/9/10

After School: 3:15-4:15pm



Our Recommendations



Carrie by Stephen King

Recommended for **KS4** by Ethan Hall (10W)

Carrie is a horror novel about Carrie White, a shy, socially isolated teenage girl who is bullied at school and abused by her fanatically religious mother. After a cruel prank at school, Carrie discovers she has telekinetic powers—the ability to move objects with her mind. When another prank at prom pushes her over the edge, she unleashes her powers in a devastating act of revenge, leading to destruction and tragedy. The novel explores themes of bullying, power, and the dangers of repression.

Carrie

Bullying

Power

Religion

***We love hearing about books you
have read so let us know what
book you think everyone should
read!***