



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to launch our 2023 *Summer Reading Challenge* for all students who will be in Year 8, 9, 10 or 11 in September.

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a significant impact on attainment across the curriculum, and reading during the summer will help to prevent what is known as the 'summer slide'. Reading is also brilliant for boosting confidence, for developing empathy, and for escaping into different worlds (whether it be fiction or non-fiction).

We have had a hugely successful year at MHS with World Book Day, World and National Poetry Day competitions, Form Time Reading, and our 16 Before 16 Reading Challenge. In fact, we have been so successful with our reading provision, that over 10 other schools have visited us to see what we are doing.

The *Summer Reading Challenge* is one of many initiatives we offer to students. The goal is to read for at least 10 minutes a day for a minimum of 30 days over the summer holidays. Students should keep a paper log, or use an app to track their reading 'streak'. In the first week back in September, students can show their evidence (screenshot and email or paper copy) to Miss Shakeshaft to achieve 30 spirit points, the coveted 'Reading Challenge' badge (or a book if a student has already achieved their badge), and they will also be entered into a prize draw for £20 vouchers.

Audiobooks count for the challenge (and these are free from public libraries or available on *The Hub Online*). It would be wonderful to listen to a book as a family if you are travelling during the summer.

If you require further guidance on how to help your child with their reading, please visit the 'Reading Support' page on our website where you will find a handy 'Reading for Pleasure Parent Guide'. The instructions on how to access *The Hub Online* can also be found attached to this letter.

Thank you in advance for your support of our *Summer Reading Challenge*. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

Best wishes,

Miss K Shakeshaft

[Literacy Lead at Marple Hall School]

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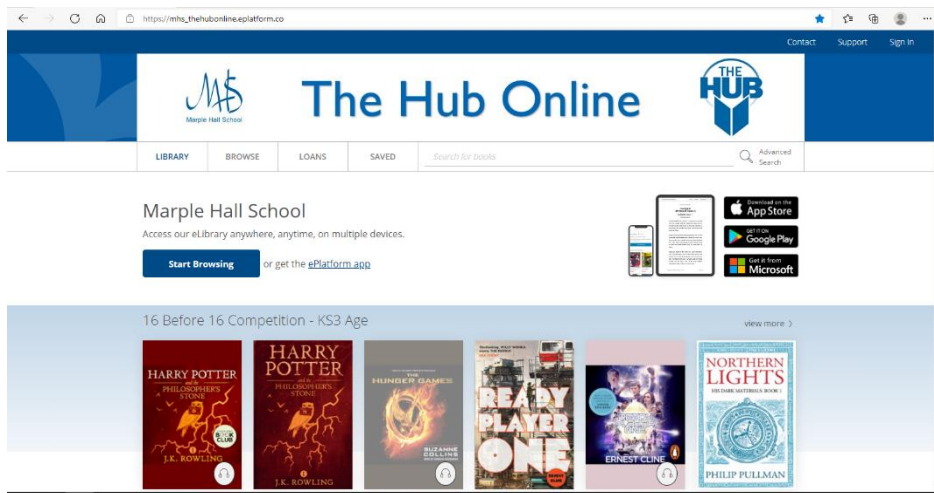
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## How to set up and use *The Hub Online*

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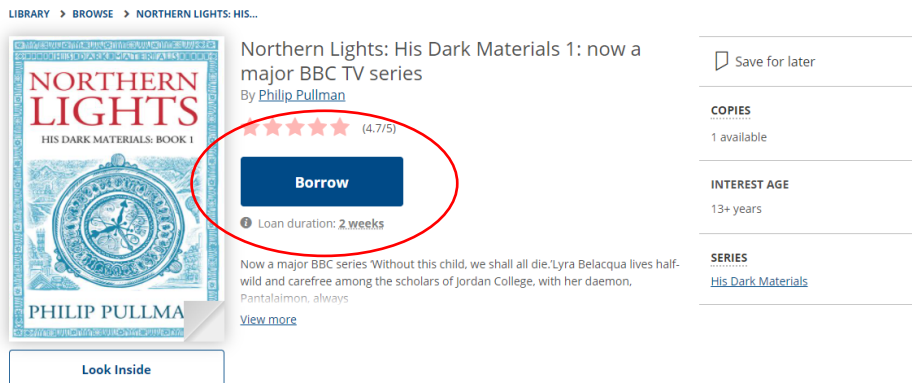
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