

Highest Word Count (Words Read)

Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading at Hans Price Academy in years seven and eight. The following students have successfully quizzed on the most books or have read the highest number of words since September. Well done!

	College	Year	Word Count
Itsaso	Acer	8	2,019,118
Molly	Mando	8	1,447,210
Oli	Fortis	8	1,405,062
Christian	Fortis	8	1,334,267
Sianie	Clarus	7	1,332,809
Kieren	Fortis	8	1,329,917
Jessie	Clarus	8	1,284,794
Angel	Fortis	7	1,246,412
Isabella	Acer	8	1,096,741
Jacob	Clarus	8	1,077,733

Word Millionaires!

We now have a number of students who have read over one million words this year! On average these students have read and quizzed on 18-20 books each. Word millionaires receive star badges, in their college colours, that can be worn on their blazers for the rest of their time at Hans Price.



Words read by years seven and eight since September:

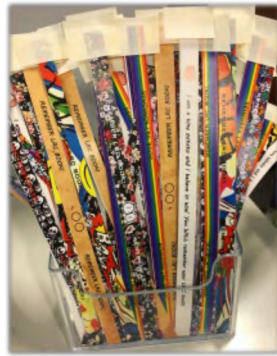
42,697,394

Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes Passed
Melina	Fortis	7	33
Isabella	Acer	8	32
Tyler	Mando	7	28
Itsaso	Acer	8	26
Sianie	Clarus	7	22
Billy	Clarus	7	22
Jordan	Clarus	9	22
Zane	Fortis	7	21
Josh	Fortis	7	21
Golf	Clarus	9	20
Crystal	Mando	7	20

BOOKS!

You are able to borrow books over the summer holidays on an extended loan. As usual, you are allowed to borrow two books each.



Please return any overdue or finished books before the end of term.

There are no fines for late books, but you will be expected to pay for or replace any books that are lost, damaged or not returned.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

Squeeze some reading and writing into all the fun you have over the summer and see how much of the summer challenge you can complete.



READ OUTDOORS ☐ READ TO SOMEBODY ELSE ☐

WRITE A DIARY FOR A WEEK ☐

READ A BOOK AND THEN WATCH THE FILM ☐

LEARN TEN NEW WORDS ☐

WRITE A POEM ABOUT THE VIEW FROM A WINDOW ☐

KEEP A LIST OF QUOTES YOU LOVE ☐

READ IN BED ☐ MAKE A READING DEN ☐

READING BINGO ☐ READ A MAGAZINE /NEWSPAPER ☐

Can you read a line this summer?
It must be four different books!

HORROR	Realism	Classic	Sci-Fi
Mythology	POETRY	Comedy	New Release
Romance	Adventure	Biography	Mystery
Play/Script	Historical	FANTASY	Diary

FIRST STORY

Misconceptions

Teenagers.

The devil within them everyone's come to greet.

The manipulation and satisfaction of brainwashing the next generation.

Upon the inability to teach basic life lessons.

Instead it's fractional distillation and an algebraic expression

Love and solidarity should be our main criteria but instead it infects young minds spreading like bacteria.

Instead of spreading joy there's a spread in animosity;

a lead to people feeling useless and unworthy.

Misconceptions of teenage life: 'Youts', 'thugs', 'hooligans'.

Wrong information falsely bigged up by the media.

Constant comparison between one adolescent to another.

Is it fair? Parents favouring a sister over a brother.

Is it fair? All teens getting a bad name due to a few failed ones.

Is it fair? Pressure of school, college and failing family lives.

Is it fair that we must get C's to be labelled as "average" and B's to see past the place you were born.

Most people living with failed families and it becoming the new 'norm'.

Parents with problems of communication and understanding - leaving their children at the peak of their needed parenting.

Teachers 'trying' to help but causing nothing but frustration.

Nobody seems to deeply care, understand or listen.

Everything we love; rapidly leaving or dying.

The insanity of our mixed up emotions.

Whatever happened to the community

we once called a humane society?

Whatever happened to fairness and equity?

That feeling of loneliness and isolation got us following

the wrong directions, wrong crowds and looking back

with bad life reflections.

All adolescents left following the lonely road.

Working hard to stop teens committing

but there are still death thirsty,

lifeless teens here living.

- Sacha

From *Killing the Ordinary: Ideas of this Generation*, the published anthology of the Y11 First Story group. Available to borrow in the LRC.



AUTHOR VISIT FROM NON PRATT

This term Non Pratt, author of *Remix*, *Trouble*, *Unboxed* and *Truth or Dare*, spent the day with us at Hans Price delivering a talk to all of years 9 and 10 based on Gender in Pop Culture. Non also led workshops to three lucky groups, two focusing on character creation and the other involved writing letters to ourselves, inspired by *Unboxed*.



The whole day was engaging, inspiring and thought provoking. Students felt that it challenged the way they thought about characters and theme in literature and pop culture and will influence the way they write in the future.

Many students have bought or borrowed Non's books and have given them glowing reviews! All of Non's books are available in the LRC



SHELF HELP



"Shelf Help" is part of the hugely successful Reading Well for young people scheme and will provide 13-18 year-olds with high-quality information, support and advice on a wide -range of mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders and self-harm, and difficult life pressures, like bullying and exams. All the books are quality assured and recommended by a board of health professional and are available for students and staff to browse and borrow from them LRC. They are currently on a display but will still be available from the shelves in future, listed in the leaflets and marked with a small "Shelf Help" sticker.



FIRST STORY

This is a poem for men.

Nobody listens.
Because I am a man.

They think I am strong.
Because I am a man.

They expect me to be able to
handle it.
Because I am a man.

They expect me to be able to fight through it.
Because I am a man.

But sometimes I can't fight through it,
and sometimes I do cry.
Because I am not just a man.
I am human.

- Zay.



*From Killing the Ordinary:
Ideas of this Generation, the
published anthology of the Y11
First Story group.*

CHESS CLUB HANS PRICE VS CHURCHILL

On the 5th July the Hans Price Chess team took part in their first inter-school chess tournament against Churchill Academy.

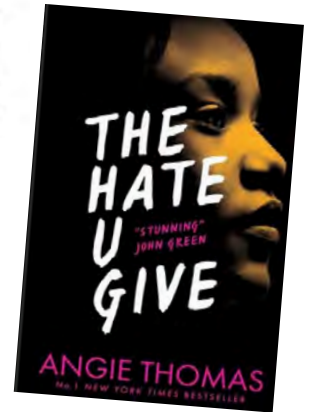
It was a great experience for both teams and after two rounds of games the final result was 8:8, a well earned draw for both teams. The concentration, effort and sportsmanship shown by both teams was remarked on by everyone who came to watch.

Hopefully it will be the first of many tournaments as our team at Hans Price continues to train and improve!



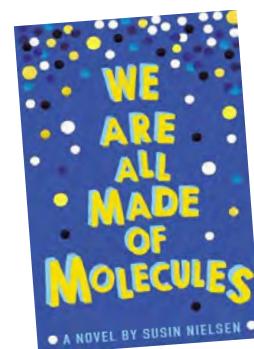
BOOKS!

Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.



Maddy is allergic to the world; stepping outside the sterile sanctuary of her home could kill her. But then Olly moves in next door and just like that, Maddy realizes there's more to life than just being alive.

You're seventeen and your father is the most notorious serial killer in America. He brought you up. Taught you everything he knows. So even though Dear Old Dad is safely behind bars, when the killing starts all over again, you are the first person the police come to see. They don't know whether it's nature or nurture. And neither do you...



Stewart, 13: Socially clueless genius.
Ashley, 14: Popular with everyone but her teachers

They're complete opposites, but they have one thing in common: they—like everyone else—are made of molecules.

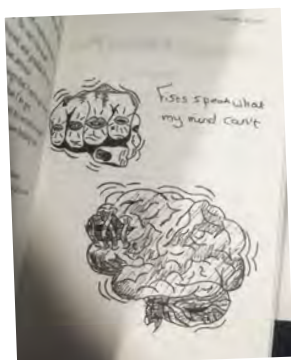
All my life I've been tiny Charlie from the Chinese Chippie, whose only friend is Sinus, the kid who stares at walls.
But I believe that everyone's good at something. I've just got to work out what my





FIRST STORY

This year a group of year eleven students have taken part in the First Story writing project. The project aims to increase engagement, aspirations, self belief and academic success through creative writing. The group have been working with published author and performance poet Rebecca Tantony to create stunning pieces of writing which have now been collected and published in Hans Price's very own anthology titled Killing the Ordinary: Ideas of this Generation. In addition to creating a vast range of written pieces, that students designed illustrations and the cover of the anthology.



In celebration of their published anthology there was a launch event held at Hans Price where students performed their pieces in front of an audience of friends, family, staff members and project organisers. The launch was a huge success with everyone who attending being absolutely blown away by the talent of the students involved.



Killing the Ordinary: Ideas of this Generation is available to borrow from the LRC and will be available to purchase on Amazon later this

