



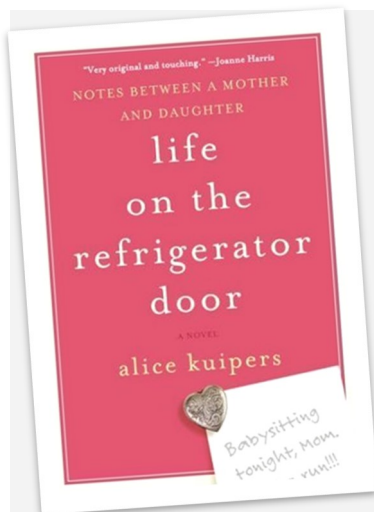
LANGLEY IS READING

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Welcome to Langley's termly reading newsletter for parents. The Langley Library has lots of exciting new titles in stock to inspire our KS3 and KS4 readers. Each term, we will feature and recommend some of these books from across a range of genres and styles.

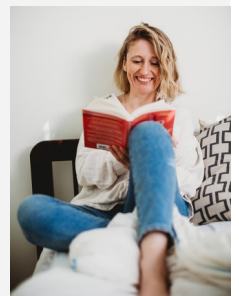
Don't forget that all Langley students can see the entire stock in the library by logging on to Reading Cloud. There are also extensive recommended reading lists in the Year 7 Library Induction Programme and Year 8 Reading Journals that are held in the library. All staff in the English Department and Mr Cadney (School Librarian) will always be delighted to recommend titles to students.

KEY STAGE 3 - NEW BOOKS



Life on the Refrigerator Door

Claire and her mother are running out of time, but they don't know it. Not yet. Claire is wrapped up with the difficulties of her burgeoning adulthood—boys, school, friends, identity; Claire's mother, a single mom, is rushed off her feet both at work and at home. They rarely find themselves in the same room at the same time, and it often seems that the only thing they can count on are notes to each other on the refrigerator door. When home is threatened by a crisis, their relationship experiences a momentous change. Forced to re-evaluate the delicate balance between their personal lives and their bond as mother and daughter, Claire and her mother find new love and devotion for one another deeper than anything they had ever imagined.



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Bereavement
Family
Illness

Mrs Kavanagh says: "This is an incredibly moving novel based on the interactions between a busy mother and daughter. The mood of the book changes dramatically."

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Crime
Gangs
Young Adult
Poetry



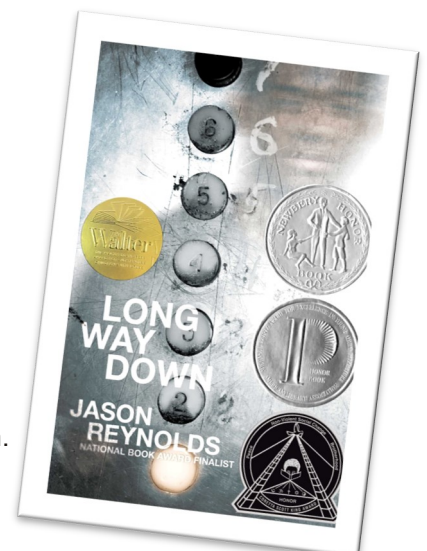
Long Way Down

A cannon. A strap.
A piece. A biscuit.
A burner. A heater.
A chopper. A gat.
A hammer
A tool for RULE

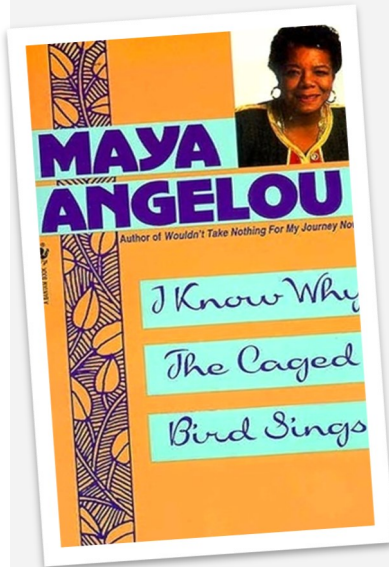
Or, you can call it a gun. That's what fifteen-year-old Will has shoved in the back waistband of his jeans. See, his brother Shawn was just murdered. And Will knows the rules. No crying. No snitching. *Revenge*. That's where Will's now heading, with that gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, the gun that was his brother's gun. He gets on the elevator, seventh floor, stoked. He knows who he's after. Or does he?

Long Way Down is a powerful story told through a collection of poems that has been shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal.

Mrs McLarnon says: "This is a compelling, exciting book. The author is passionate about targeting boys who are reluctant to read."



KEY STAGE 4 - NEW BOOKS



I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide. Her life story is told in the documentary film *And Still I Rise*, as seen on PBS's *American Masters*.

Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide.

We say: "This is a compelling autobiography covering themes of racial discrimination and extreme poverty. The author was a prominent figure in the American Civil Rights movement."

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Racism
Poverty
American History
Civil Rights



One Day

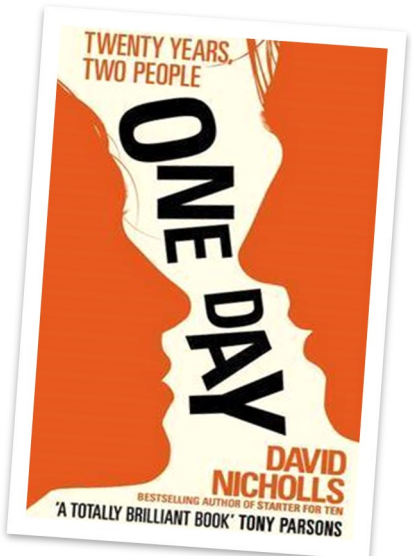
You can live your whole life not realising that what you're looking for is right in front of you.

15th July 1988: Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on the night of their graduation. Tomorrow they must go their separate ways.

So where will they be on this one day next year? And the year after that?

And every year that follows?

Mr Cadney says: "This is a meticulously crafted romantic comedy tracing the lives of the two main characters across two decades. It transcends genre, is equally poignant and funny, and overall I love it - thoroughly recommended."



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Relationships
Friendship
Romance

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

A student who reads is a student who succeeds

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