

Kenilworth School and Sixth Form

Learning Resource Centre

Annual Report 2015/16

Forward

The academic year 2015/2016 brought with it some positive change for the Learning Resource Centre. One major and tangible difference for our users was a new look for the LRC;

- ✚ A new décor giving it a brighter and fresher look
- ✚ Changed layout
- ✚ New furniture – Computer chairs, soft sitting
- ✚ New computer desk-tops with number increased to 20

This overhaul has given the LRC a bit of the 21st century look.

Resources Available

Delivering an Outstanding Value Services

With budget tight, the LRC has been reviewing ways of obtaining maximum value for money.

- ✚ New Library Management System – we now have one catalogue for both school sites enabling resources on both sites to be made available to all students. This has removed duplication of resources and has consequently saved the LRC some money.

Users now have 24/7 access to the LMS – they can renew, reserve, review books. It equally has a feature, “who next”, directing users to authors whose writing style is similar to the ones they have read.

- ✚ Literacy development:

Reading group – continuous	Kids Lit Quiz – every November
Author Visits in liaison with English Department – - Lauren James 14/10/15 - Lu Hersey 10/02/16	Carnegie Shadowing – May – July We had 13 participants
Year 9 Book Award in Liaison with Warwickshire SLS – yearly	Six Book Challenge – hopefully yearly
Displays on national activities and topical issues	Book Reviews and the ability to use the Who Next programme in Eclipse





Six Book Challenge Closing Event



Winner of the Star Prize - Kindle

Liaised with Warwickshire Public Libraries and Warwickshire School Library services on these activities

- Leamington Young Writers – Fantastic Fun with Words; 23-27 May 2016
- Young Poet Laureate - November 2016
- Reading Zone Book Competition – April 2016
- Creative writing Competition; the journey – given as English homework May 2016
- Public Library Volunteering – Summer Reading Challenge – June-August 2016

📚 Collection Development –

- The theme for collection for the academic year 2015/16 was moving and improving. Massive weeding, removing of old, outdated and irrelevant resources took place.
- New up to date stock was acquired in liaison with teaching staff and students.
- Signage on the shelves was changed to facilitate quick and easy access to resources
- Sixth Form – All articles in Philip Allan Periodicals are now catalogued to facilitate easy retrieval
- Links to the LRC e-resource are on the LRC frog page

Other LRC activities:



Scrabble Club



Chess Club

Student Librarians:

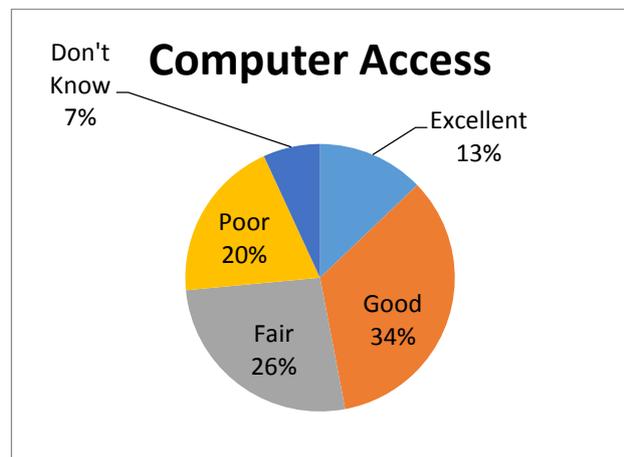
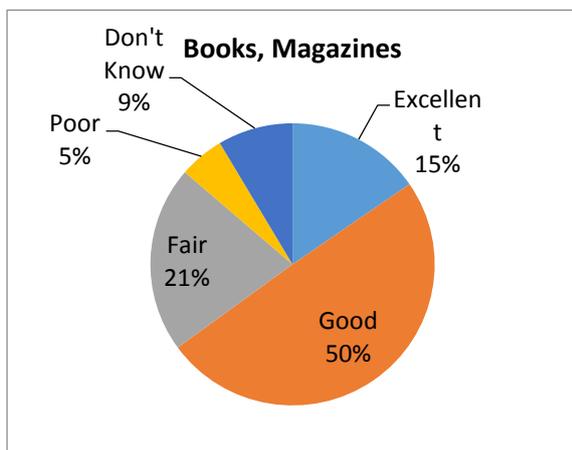
We took our student librarians to the Black Country Museum in acknowledgement of their commitment and hard work. It was a fun and educational day for us all.



Quality of Service is of paramount importance to us

Last April, the LRC asked its users to evaluate the service and its impact on their school experience. Printed questionnaires were given to tutors to be randomly distributed, 3 per form group, a total of 210; 12% of the student population. 95% of the questionnaires were returned.

86 percent of our learners are happy with our books and magazines, 73% are happy with the IT provision, while 72% found the opening times okay.





We listen to our users concerns and have responded to the people that found the services unsatisfactory as follows:

- More books recommended by students ordered
- New signage on shelves to facilitate quick retrieval
- Computers in the LRC updated and number increased to 20
- New PC chairs and soft seating acquired
- Access to LRC during lunch time now open to all students

Equality and Diversity in the LRC

We aim to ensure that collection reflect the diverse community and abilities in Kenilworth School. We have collections reflecting diverse cultures, beliefs and abilities/disabilities.

The LRC team

The team for 2015/16 were:

Mrs Egbuji – Librarian

Mrs Awre – LRC Assistant

Mrs Greaves – LRC Assistant

Mrs Morgan – LRC Assistant

A team of Student Librarians

We had to say goodbye to Mrs Awre in December and Mrs Morgan in June and we gained a new team member, Mrs Pring.