



Library Happenings!

Reading Challenge

Have you challenged yourself to read a book each month yet?

Pick up a book and you just might

"Discover or rediscover the joy of reading"!



Need a Book to Read?

Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!

If you loved The Hunger Games, try this

The Maze Runner Series

by James Dashner

Book 1 – The Maze Runner



Source: [Http://www.kidzworld.com](http://www.kidzworld.com)

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his first name. His memory is blank. But he's not alone. When the lift's doors open, Thomas finds himself surrounded by kids who welcome him to the Glade—a large, open expanse surrounded by stone walls. Just like Thomas, the Gladers don't know why or how they got to the Glade. All they know is that every morning the stone doors to the maze that surrounds them have opened. Every night they've closed tight. And every 30 days a new boy has been delivered in the lift. Thomas was expected. But the next day, a girl is sent up—the first girl to ever arrive in the Glade. And more surprising yet is the message she delivers. Thomas might be more important than he could ever guess. If only he could unlock the dark secrets buried within his mind.

Book 2 – The Scorch Trails

The Scorch Trials picks up where The Maze Runner left off. The Gladers have escaped the Maze, but now they face an even more treacherous challenge on the open roads of a devastated planet. And WICKED has made sure to adjust the variables and stack the odds against them. Can Thomas survive in such a violent world?

Book 3 – The Death Cure

Thomas knows that Wicked can't be trusted, but they say the time for lies is over, that they've collected all they can from the Trials and now must rely on the Gladers, with full

memories restored, to help them with their ultimate mission. It's up to the Gladers to complete the blueprint for the cure to the Flare with a final voluntary test. What Wicked doesn't know is that something's happened that no Trial or Variable could have foreseen. Thomas has remembered far more than they think. And he knows that he can't believe a word of what Wicked says. The time for lies is over. But the truth is more dangerous than Thomas could ever imagine. Will anyone survive the Death Cure?

Prequel – The Kill Order

Before WICKED was formed, before the Glade was built, before Thomas entered the Maze, sun flares hit the earth and mankind fell to disease. The Kill Order is the story of that fall. A prequel to the Maze Runner trilogy, The Kill Order has been in the works since the completion of The Maze Runner. The story of civilization's fall was kept under wraps and is the explication of the events that began this bestselling series.

Source: <http://jamesdashner.com/books/maze-runner-series/>
(Book Trailers available at this website – worth checking out!)

Study Tip for May

It's All About Attitude

When students start secondary school, they are usually very positive and optimistic about school. Then things can start to get harder, a bit more challenging, maybe they get a bad mark and become discouraged, or maybe their friends start to influence their attitude. Some students are able to overcome these challenges, while others let it affect their attitude and application to school.

Take the time to determine reasons to put in effort into your schoolwork.

Think about which of the following reasons might be motivating for you:

- To achieve the best mark you are capable of at school.
- To give you lots of options for what subjects you can choose in the senior years.
- To give you lots of options of what you can choose to do when you leave school.
- To have a personal sense of satisfaction about doing your best.
- To show your gratitude to your parents for giving you an education.

- To avoid getting in trouble from your teachers.
- To avoid getting in trouble from your parents.
- To avoid getting a detention or other negative consequences from not working.
- To avoid disappointing your parents.
- So you don't feel bad about wasting your parent's time and money giving you an education.

We often talk about 'carrot' and 'stick' people. If you want a donkey to move forward, you can either lead it forward with a carrot (a reward) or whack it with a stick (punishment).

Some students are motivated by working towards rewards, positive consequences of doing the right thing, while others are motivated to avoid negative consequences. Which do you think you are?

Understanding what motivates you and what affects your attitude can make it easier for you to make positive changes.

Learn more this year about how to motivate yourself and deal with distractions and procrastination by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.

QHS students have direct access to the Online Study Skills handbook through the school's Moodle site. They use their DET username and password to access QHS Moodle.

Visit the *THINGS TO PRINT* page to download the latest *HELP* guide: *MASTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL*

It's Competition Time

Like a challenge?

Why don't you enter the

English, Spelling or Writing Competitions!

The English and Writing Competitions are open to all students in Years 7-12.

The Spelling Competition is open to all Year 7 students only.

If you would like more information on these competitions, please see [Mrs Owen in the Library](#).

ASCA – TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR!

Are you interested in developing your communication skills?

Give ASCA a try this year!

Australian Speech Communication Association

ASCA promotes competence, rewards effort and encourages excellence.

ASCA PROMOTES COMPETENCE, REWARDS EFFORT AND ENCOURAGES EXCELLENCE

Participating in ASCA is a great way to promote your communication skills and a great certificate to include in your resume.

ASAC Examinations will be taking place later in the year. See Mrs Owen in the Library for more information.

Get involved – it is well worth the effort!



Need Help?

Make sure you ask us for help.

Happy Reading and Studying!

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