

World Book Day ideas for high schools

On 7 March 2019, children and young people will celebrate the 22nd annual World Book Day by coming together to appreciate reading. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to read for pleasure and provide them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

In Manchester, schools and libraries across the city will enjoy fun reading activities. Here are 10 ways you can inspire your class to get involved in the magic of World Book Day...

1. Encourage your class to spend their tokens

World Book Day will be distributing 15million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children and young people across the UK. When your class receive their tokens, all they need to do is to take them to their local bookseller or supermarket and swap them for a £1 World Book Day book – for free - or put it toward a full-priced book and receive £1 off. This year's young adult books include titles by Patrick Lawrence and Malorie Blackman.

2. Visit the World Book Day website for fun activities and resources

Head to worldbookday.com to find lots of ideas for creating a buzz around World Book Day. From book review and character profile templates, to posters, bunting and flyers, there's plenty to help your class get excited about reading for pleasure. Read Manchester would love to see what you're up to on 7 March. You can share your activity on social media using #ReadMCR.

3. Ask your students to visit their local libraries

Once your class has caught the reading bug, encourage them to visit their local libraries, where they'll find more activities to mark World Book Day and plenty more books to choose from. Contact Jodie Osborne j.osborne@manchester.gov.uk to find out about their school offer and to be added to the mailing list for free author or illustrator visits.

4. Join the YA Book Club

Encourage your students to take a look at the YA Book Club page on the World Book Day website. Here they'll find book suggestions, videos about careers in publishing and setting up your own book club.

5. Be a reading role model

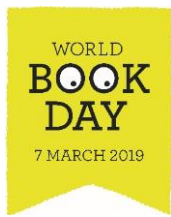
Make sure you always have a book on your desk and you are happy to talk to students about what you're reading. Always take an interest in your students' favourite books and be ready to suggest other titles that they might like.

6. Encourage reading at home

National Literacy Trust research shows that children who enjoy reading and writing outside school have significantly better mental wellbeing than their disengaged peers. To help improve their child's happiness and reading ability, parents can download the World Book Day resource on tips for reading at home with their children and developing their literacy ability.

7. You can read anything!

Encourage students to read more than just fictional books around World Book Day. They might enjoy taking 10 minutes to read non-fiction, comic books, magazines or online articles.



8. Set up a peer reading group

Why not put together a lunchtime or after-school book club in which older students can spend time reading with Year 7 and 8? Students could pass on their recommendations and there could be an opportunity to have silent reading time too.

9. Create a reading challenge

Create some healthy competition with a reading challenge – whoever reads the most books over a set period is the winner! You could focus on a particular theme, book or series of books such as Harry Potter, Dystopia or stories from other cultures. When announcing the winner, you could link the celebrations to an event or anniversary happening in the city, or nationwide.

10. #Bookface

Encourage pupils to have a go at Bookface and see how creative can they get. Search for the hashtag #bookface on Twitter or Instagram for ideas and challenge staff members to get involved too!

Find out more about World Book Day activities in Manchester at readmanchester.org.uk or email Cheryl c.pridgeon@manchester.gov.uk to sign up to the Read Manchester update.