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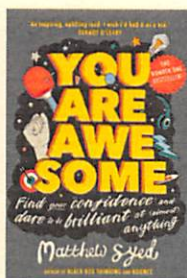
Inspiring Excellence Together

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Dear Parent,

As a school Montgomery Academy has always been passionate about books and fully committed to improving the reading of all of our students while they are with us. Since September we have made sure that all students in year 7-10 are given the opportunity to read for at least 20 minutes per day, which is the recommended amount to improve reading. During this time the form tutor will read aloud to the class while the students follow the text. They will then be given the opportunity exploring the big ideas in the text and learn more about what it can teach us about the world.

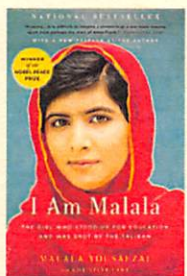
Below are details of the books that students will be reading this term.



**Year 7-** The first children's book from Times journalist, two-time Olympian and best-selling mindset author Matthew Syed, it uses examples of successful people from Mozart to Serena Williams to demonstrate that success really is earned rather than given, and that talent can be acquired. With hard work and determination, practice and self-belief, and, most importantly, a Growth Mindset, there's no reason why anyone can't achieve anything.

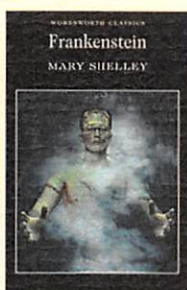


**Year 8-** Anne Frank wrote her diary until her family were betrayed and caught by the Nazis in occupied Holland in 1942. Just 13 years old at the time, Anne invites us to share her lengthy isolation and gives us an insight into her personality and spirited view of life!

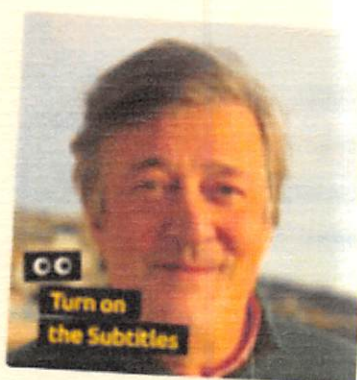


**Year 9-** The best selling memoir of youngest ever Nobel Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai, the girl who was shot by the Taliban on the way to school. This autobiography will inspire and inform in equal measure, as students learn about life in a very different world.





Year 10 -This classic novel, written by Mary Shelley in 1819, has moved beyond the text to become part of popular culture. Weaving together the scientific developments of her time into her own personal experiences of love, life and travel, she has created one of the most enduring stories of our time. This book will give students the opportunity to enjoy one of the earliest examples of science fiction while learning more about a range of issues.



You may also have seen in the media recently that there is also a national campaign to Turn on the Subtitles (TOTS). This works on exactly the same principle as guided reading and is an easy way that you can support your child to improve their reading while enjoying their favourite films and TV programmes- <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Stephen Fry

Top scientists have proven that turning on subtitles of TV programmes can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading

Finally, we are still trying to recoup the books that we lent out over the last lockdown period. It would be really helpful if you could prompt your child to see if they have any outstanding items and encourage them to bring them back into school. Any books brought back from this period are swapped for a chocolate reward!

Yours faithfully,

Estelle Bellamy  
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