

NATIONAL TEEN BOOK CLUB



A first of a kind programme, bringing together 11 to 19-year-olds from hundreds of state schools and colleges, across every corner of the UK, to a shared virtual Book Club.

Over four weeks, young people will connect online from home, or from school or college with an educator, for our weekly event every Wednesday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Each week, we cover three key elements:



Share a reading experience

Read the same book at the same pace and discuss in small breakouts online at home, or with peers in school or college.



Hear from award-winning authors

Gain insights and advice from authors, illustrators, publishers and literary agents - as well as speakers from varied career backgrounds with a passion for reading or links to the book.

The final week Q+A session will be with the author of the book we are reading!



Skill up and become published

Grow in skills and confidence to produce a creative writing or art piece which will be published in our first of a kind Virtual Library and Exhibition – the best entries will win exclusive prizes!

Between sessions, young people read the next chapters of our shared book, engage in activities and conversation online and make progress producing their creative works.

EDUCATOR INFORMATION

To participate, educators need to manage registration for their young people with our easy and safeguarded system and ensure that each young person has the book. The chosen book can be purchased by the school or college in hard copy or young people can buy e-books for a highly discounted rate.

Participating schools and colleges can register an unlimited number of young people, advancing their literacy skills and confidence and supporting Gatsby Benchmark 5 achievement.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much is the programme?

Our programme is entirely free thanks to the contributions of all of our partners. Every young person needs to have a copy of the Book Club book, of course.

How do my young people access the programme?

The entire programme is hosted in our Google Classroom space where you will find a link to our Vimeo livestream. Every young person aged 14-19 and educator gets a unique login to that space to engage with our activities and materials (for 11 to 13-year-olds, access to our resources is only available through their educator). During the four weeks of the programme, every Wednesday we have our weekly live event. The school or college can choose to host and facilitate this in a classroom or assembly hall on campus, or young people aged over 14 can join from home.

Do I need any skills or training in Google Classroom or Vimeo?

Absolutely not. Whether the school or college is hosting each week, or young people are joining from home, it is a simple system to enter the login details we share and then we will guide you through the rest. Vimeo and Google Classroom are very easy and intuitive to use.

Does this programme support the study of English in school and college?

Like the National Curriculum, National Teen Book Club encourages young people to read widely for pleasure while developing knowledge, skills and confidence in responding critically, evaluatively and creatively. The programme provides a chance to read, understand and share a personal response to a different text each cycle, examining the language, form and structure used by the writer and considering the book's themes in relation to its context.

What safeguarding is in place for the programme?

In response to requests, we are pleased to be able to welcome young people aged 11+ as well as our core audience of 14-19 – as long as they are logging in under the supervision of a teacher and on school premises. Over 14s can join us as independent learners from home.

Once registered as a group, we need the school email addresses of your young people aged 14-19 in order to send them their individual login details to the Google Classroom space (access is only available for ages 11-13 through their educator). This means they can access resources in between sessions as well as taking part in the live session in their group. That protects their identity in our classroom, ensuring there is no personally identifiable information or contact ability beyond the programme. The Speakers for Schools and Book Clubs in Schools team are DBS checked as the hosts, and everything the young people participate in takes place in our Google Classroom, a fully audited platform. Our Vimeo livestream Q&A is also fully moderated.

Do we need to join each week, or can we just attend one week?

You will need to join us each week to gain the full benefit of the programme.

Does this hit Gatsby Benchmarks for careers guidance?

We have crafted the programme to support the achievement of Gatsby Benchmark 5 through skill-building and connection to career opportunities and employers.

What is the next step?

Sign up via the registration links on our website. Once you've done this we'll be in touch to get you and your young people set up.

REGISTER NOW

To register your young people for the next programme, simply head to our website [here](#).

Sign up to our National Teen Book Club mailing list [here](#).