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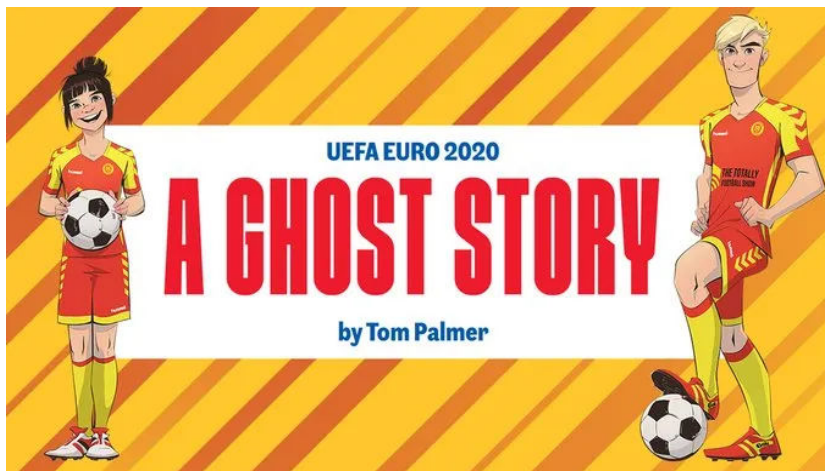
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Football's back! Euro 2020 is starting on June 11, 2021

It has been a long wait for football fans, but this month sees the start of the postponed Euro 2020 competition. Tom Palmer will be writing a live story for schools to tie in with EURO 2020. The story will be published in 12 chapters between June 11th and July 7th and will be influenced by the events on the pitch as well as off the pitch at host venues.

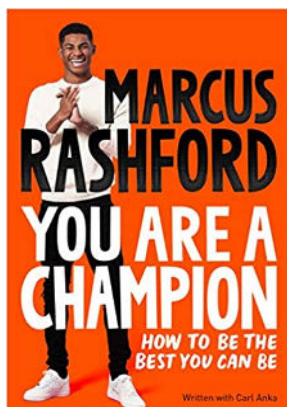
The story follows brother and sister, Roy and Rocky Race – who go to watch games across Europe. With Covid restrictions in place, they will 'travel' with the help of a footballing ghost, similar to Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*. Follow the link to the first installment below or pick up a paper copy from the LRC where a range of our favourite sporting authors are on display.

<https://www.tompalmer.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/book-chapter-ghost-story-v2.pdf>



All eyes are bound to be on Marcus Rashford, the Manchester United striker who would have missed the competition had it been held last year due to a back injury. However, he is now fully fit and optimistic about England's chances of winning. He said "We'll give it our best shot at the Euros. If we're playing our best football, I don't see why we can't win it."

During the 2020 lockdown, Marcus Rashford campaigned for free school meals vouchers to be given during school holidays and he has now turned his attention to reading. The Marcus Rashford Book Club is a programme aimed at children and families who may not have the funds to access books.



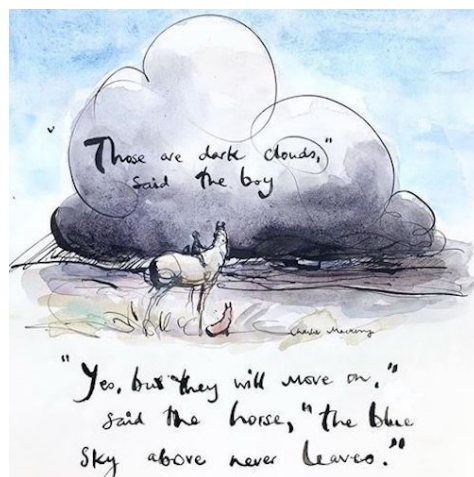
In the LRC there are five copies of Marcus' book 'You are a champion: How to be the best you can be' ready to borrow. Do let us know what you think of it.

In his inspiring, positive and practical guide, he provides the tools youngsters need to reach their full potential and will show that possibilities really can be endless. It is full of advice, engaging illustrations and infographics and is written in collaboration with journalist Carl Anka and performance psychologist Katie Warriner.

Mr Robinson's book recommendations

What has been the best book you have read during lockdown?

During lockdown my favourite read was 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. This book was given to me last year by a Year 12 student at my previous school as a leaving present. My first impressions were that this book would not be a read that I would enjoy, purely because of its illustrations, this also made me think that this book was suited to younger age ranges. That said, this book was a lovely read which teaches life lessons through the storylines of four unusual friends, and it certainly can be read at any age.



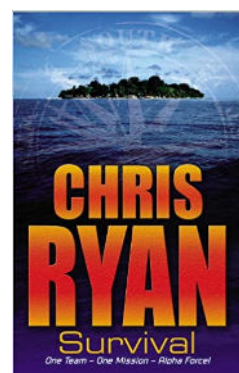
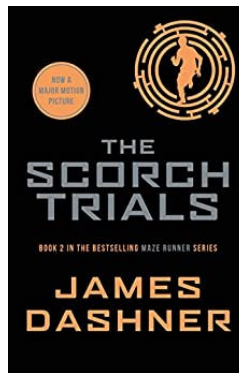
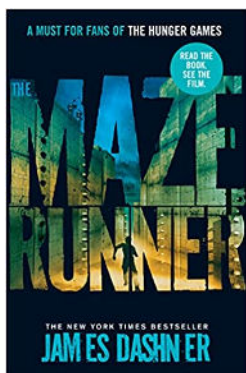
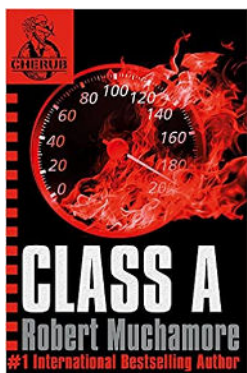
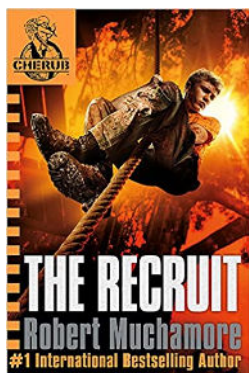
Name a book you loved as a child and explain why.

As a child my favourite books to read were those by Roald Dahl, for example Fantastic Mr Fox & Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. However, my personal favourite to read was always Danny, the Champion of the World. In my teenage years I saw a shift in my literary interests from the fantasy created by Dahl to a more action and adventure focus, particularly for the 'Alpha Force' storylines created by Chris Ryan. In these books the main protagonists are tasked with different challenges to test all of their skills in order to make it out of different situations alive. Following this, my interests in reading progressed onto more challenging action and adventure books as well as those of a sporting nature.

Can you recommend a book for our students to borrow from the LRC?

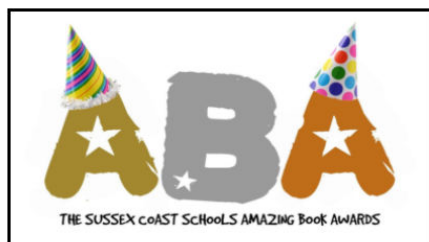
Other than Marcus Rashford's new arrival, I would advise students who are fans of action and adventure to definitely have a read of the CHERUB series by Robert Muchamore. Likewise, I also recommend any of the Maze Runner series by James Dashner, each of these provides a gripping read which I couldn't seem to put down the first time I read them.

Many thanks for your great suggestions Mr Robinson. In our Action and Adventure section of the LRC we have many of the book titles you have mentioned!



Revised lunch time opening times....

Mon 12:15 - 12:45	Year 8	Mon 1:10 - 1:40	Year 7
Tues 12:15 - 12:45	Year 10	Tues 1:10 - 1:40	Year 9
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If you have been reading some of the titles shortlisted in the Amazing Book Awards, then get ready to tell us your favourite! Voting begins shortly, so we will be asking you to rank and award points and this information will be collated with voters from other schools before a winner is announced.