



Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: The Tate Library

We look forward to welcoming your child to our Library in the Michaelmas Term 2019. During the first weeks of term, we organise an introductory session to the library with the English Department, to show our new students the resources the Library has to offer and to explain how to use them.

Our aim is to encourage students of all ages and abilities to read as widely as possible, and to assist them with their research and topic work. They will also visit the Library with their History class in their first term, to learn about the rich history of New Hall.

With the exception of reference books, such as dictionaries and encyclopaedias, the students are able to take out any of the books in the school library. In line with Essex Library Services, we allow all students access to all of our non-fiction books and fiction books. However, some of our older fiction is marked with age guidance, as the language and content of some teenage fiction can be aimed at more mature readers.

To assist the students with their research skills, we use online resources from public libraries. We would ask that you sign-up your child with your local library and send them in with their library card number and password. Regardless of where you live, all public libraries are free to join and offer a wealth of services for every family.

We hope that all the new students joining us will enjoy using the Library throughout their time at New Hall.

Kind regards

Mrs Apryl Hammett
LIBRARIAN