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This past academic year, literacy at ARA has had a phenomenal effect on our students' progress. With a successful library available to all students, an active DEAR programme in English lessons, three author visits, creative writing workshops for Year 10 and reading book club for our MABLE students.

Our students have had the opportunity to meet successful writers such as Haaniyah Angus, Lavinya Stennett and Moses McKenzie. During each event, our students were engrossed and felt inspired by the topics explored in their respective books. The writers reminded our students of the possibilities available to them. We have chosen writers from similar backgrounds of our students to motivate our students and instil resilience and determination to continue pursuing their dreams.

'I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.'

J.K Rowling

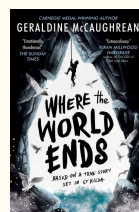
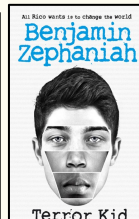
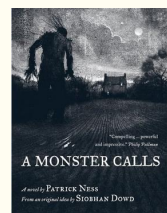
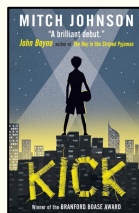


ARA has taken literacy by the claws and successfully embedded literacy skills into ARA life. This was certainly clear with another successful year of World Book Day. The English department and Library organised an excellent week of festivities and activities.



D.E.A.R in Form Time

We have had a successful year of reading in form time. Due to widespread popularity of DEAR, each year group turned our DEAR in form time into a competition to see how many books each form could complete in the academic year. Our winner is Mr Cooper's form in Year 8 who completed a staggering 6 books in one academic year. Congratulations to the students and Mr Cooper for becoming DEAR in Form Time Ambassadors.



Not only have our students taken on board our reading programme, but they have also taken part in 6 creative writing workshops with published writers.

Our students were privy to innovative ways of writing and expressing themselves through prose format.

This is a crucial experience for our young students who have ambitions of pursuing a career in the performing arts, literature and even journalism.



Our ARA library continues to be a hub for reading enthusiasts. Our library launch was successful in the opening with high attendance from students and staff. Miss Mohamed has shaped the library space to foster a love for reading.

The library opening times are:

- Monday- Friday 8:00-4:30 (Break and Lunch)

