



Colston's Girls' School

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Mx Richardson – by email request-464751-634a282d@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mx Richardson

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request - School library provision to support literacy and reading. Our answers to your questions are as follows:

1. What form of school library, if any, does your school provide? Please outline the facilities and services included in the library.

- Lending of fiction/non fiction resources.
- IT facilities (8 x networked PC's, 25 chromebooks, MFD printer)
- Magazines and journals
- Promotion of whole school literacy, including promotion of the Accelerated Reader programme and book events such as World Book Day.

2. Please provide the details of the staffing arrangement in your library. I'd like you to make it clear whether the library is maintained by existing teaching staff, parents, volunteers, pupils or a dedicated school library post.

- 1 x full time dedicated library member of staff, 37 hrs per week. Student volunteers helping during their free time (break & lunch)

3. Please provide the minimum requirement to become a school librarian in your school.

- We require that applicants have worked in schools/education previously.

4. Please supply the pay grade scale for both professional and supporting staff in your library.

- £24,245-£25,900 pro rata

5. Please provide the book / resources fund allocation for the last five years.

- 2017/18 - £6500
- 2016/17 - £7000
- 2015/16 - £7000
- 2014/15 - £7500
- 2013/14 - £8000

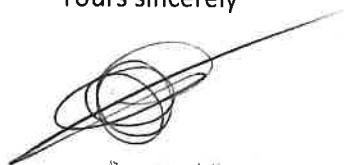
6. Please provide a copy of all internal reports on the future of the school library in your school.

- The librarian is new to the role, but is in regular contact with the Headteacher about the progress and direction of the school library. The librarian will produce a status report at the end of the academic year.

7. Please provide a copy of any strategies in relation to supporting or improving literacy in your school.

- Accelerated Reader scheme for all Year 7 & 8 Students
- Involvement in literacy/world events – e.g. World Book Day, Author Visits, Black History Month
- All adults in school involved in book talk, e.g. what I have been reading posters displayed/included in e-signatures
- Literary competitions and games to drive engagement
- Effective communication about resources – e.g. displays, emails, newsletters, assemblies

Yours sincerely

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Mr John Whitehead
Principal