

# THE LIBRARIAN

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## The Year Begins

Inside Feature “A guide to the library”

*We're Recruiting! See back cover for more details*

## ***Cover Feature: A Guide to the Library***

**The Library is open Monday - Friday 8:30-21:00 & Saturday 8:30-13:15.**

### ***Library Philosophy***

The Library offers access to information and ideas to support intellectual enquiry. Individuality is respected and a questioning, independent approach to learning is encouraged. The Library provides a suitable environment for the acquisition of knowledge, serendipity, quiet reflection and the exercise of the imagination. It is accessible to all and provides an alternative to Yard, the House and the classroom.

### ***Library Etiquette***

- Please enter the Library quietly.
- Mobile telephones are to be switched to silent and any incoming calls must be answered outside the Library.
- Personal music players must not be heard by others.
- Food and drink may not be taken into the Library and will be confiscated.
- Water may be drunk beside the water cooler provided in the Milne Room.
- Discussion is permitted, in all but Scott and Greene rooms, but should not be so loud as to be heard in rooms further away.
- **The Scott and Greene Rooms are reserved for those who wish to work silently. This means no talking whatsoever.**

### ***Using the Library during Prep***

- During Prep the Library is for silent work only.
- Boarders may leave the Library in the break at 8.00–8.05 pm, otherwise you are expected to stay in the Library until Big Ben strikes 9.00 pm.
- **Day pupils may leave at any time.**

### ***The Collection***

- The Library has over 20,000 books in its collection – books to support

## ***Cover Feature: A Guide to the Library***

your studies and independent work, as well as a wide range of books to read for pleasure, as well as an excellent selection of DVDs, ebooks, Newspapers and journals

- Free access to online resources via the Library's firefly page

### ***Borrowing from the Library***

- Students may borrow up to fifteen items at a time - any mixture of books, CDs and DVDs you like.
- The loan period is three weeks for most books, CDs and DVDs are 7 days (except TV series, which you get four weeks to watch) and some "short loan" books are 3 days or less (usually textbooks or key course reading).
- **Items borrowed from the Issue Desk collection, and also laptops, calculators and headphones, are for use within the Library only and must be returned the same day.**

### ***Book suggestions***

- The books in the Library are there for you to use and are bought in large part at your suggestion so please do let us know if there is anything you would like us to buy, whether to help with your studies or for leisure reading. DVD, music and audiobook suggestions are also welcome - Ask for a form at the library desk, or you can fill in the one below and email it to [librarians@westminster.org.uk](mailto:librarians@westminster.org.uk)

### ***Viewing your account online***

- <http://oliver.westminster.org.uk/> - The library's catalogue enables you to track all your loans and reservations, as well as searching the catalogue
- If an item that you would like to borrow is on loan, it is possible to reserve it. You may ask Library staff to reserve it for you, or do this yourself online. - Once reserved, you will be emailed as soon as the item is available and you will have three days in which to collect it.
- The library has an app - see [firefly.westminster.org.uk/library/apps](http://firefly.westminster.org.uk/library/apps) for details

*Based on the library's Firefly Micro-site ([firefly.westminster.org.uk/library](http://firefly.westminster.org.uk/library))*



## ***Feature: E-Resources List***

The library has an excellent set of E-Resources available for the use of pupils & staff. For the full details visit :

<http://firefly.westminster.org.uk/library/eresources-quick-links/search-eresources>

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**Aesthetica** | *Art and Culture magazine.* **Login** westminsterschool **Password** aesthetica

**Cambridge Histories** | *Over 250 texts in over 15 different academic subjects* **Log-in** westminsterschool **Password** westminsterschool

**EDITOR'S PICK Digital Theatre Plus** | **Login** students@westminster.org.uk **Password** westminster122

**Historical Association** | *The UK National Charity for History* **Login** 13981 **Password** fonddoor79

**Literary Reference Center** | *Classic and contemporary texts, poems, stories, journals, criticism, author biographies and interviews.*

**EDITOR'S PICK Lynda.com** | *Thousands of online courses taught by industry experts.* Click sign in>Organization login>Type westminster.org.uk> Log in with your usual Westminster email address and password

**New Scientist** | *Archive from 1989.* **Login** westminster **Password** westminster | *You can read issues of New Scientist from its launch in 1956 to 1989 for free at Google Books.*

**Foreign language dictionaries** | *French, Spanish, Russian and Portuguese*

**Philosophy Now magazine** | *No access from outside school*

**Student BMJ** | *No access from outside school*

**Music Online** | **Login** Westminsteruk **Password** music

**The Churchill Archive** | *A digital library of modern international history.* **Login** WestminsterS **Password** churchill

**Encyclopaedia Universalis**

**French encyclopedia**

**History Today Archive** | *Email librarians@westminster.org.uk to get articles printed.*

**Literary Reference Center** | **Login** Westminster **Password** school

**EDITOR'S PICK MASSOLIT** | *Bringing the world's top lecturers to you. Short lectures on various subjects.* Please sign up for your own account with your school email.

**Newspapers** | *Links to many historical and current papers.*

**Dictionary of National Biography** | *Biographies of people who have shaped the history of the British Isles.*

**Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy** | *Online resource for philosophy and related disciplines.*

## Feature: E-Resources List

**NEW Very Short Introductions** | *The perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly*

**Bridgeman education art images** | **Login** Westschool **Password** 03Wes10

**Connell Guides** | *Short guides in English and History.* **Login** Westminster School **Password** gatsby1

**EMagazine** | *The magazine for advanced level English* **Login** Westminster **Password** wlibrary

**Issues Online** | *Key information and statistics on current affairs.* **Login** SThomas **Password** 10759

**Loeb Classical Library** | *To use the digital Loeb Classical Library's full capabilities create your own account via the "Sign up" link at the top of each page on the site.*

**Nature magazine** | *The magic word is savage. Current issue and 4 years of archive.*

**EDITOR'S PICK Overdrive Digital Media** | *The school's ebook and audio book website. Download titles to your devices, or read online. Use the app on your phone or tablet.*

**Oxford English Dictionary**

**Scientific American** | *The magic word is savage. Current issue and 4 years of archive.*

**Cambridge Companions** | *Essays on major writers, artists, philosophers.* **Login** westminsterschool **Password** westminsterschool

**The Digital Commons Network** | *Free, full-text scholarly articles from universities and colleges worldwide.*

**Flickr** | *Copyright free images*

**EDITOR'S PICK JSTOR** | *Thousands of academic articles in one place. Sign up in school then use from anywhere.*

**London Review of Books** | *Each new edition and the complete archive.*

**Naxos Music Library** | [www.naxosmusiclibrary.com](http://www.naxosmusiclibrary.com) | **Login** Westminster01 **Password** wLibrary

**Oxford Art Online (Grove Art)** | *A comprehensive reference resource for the visual arts from pre-history.*

**Oxford Music Online (Grove Music)** | *The standard reference encyclopaedia for musicians.*

**Social Explorer** | *Compare and analyse demographic data and maps*

## Apps

Download the Library mobile app to your smartphone to access the catalogue remotely.

**Android:** <https://goo.gl/SdEtD6>

**iOS:** <https://goo.gl/hKLq78>



Download on the  
**App Store**



ANDROID APP ON

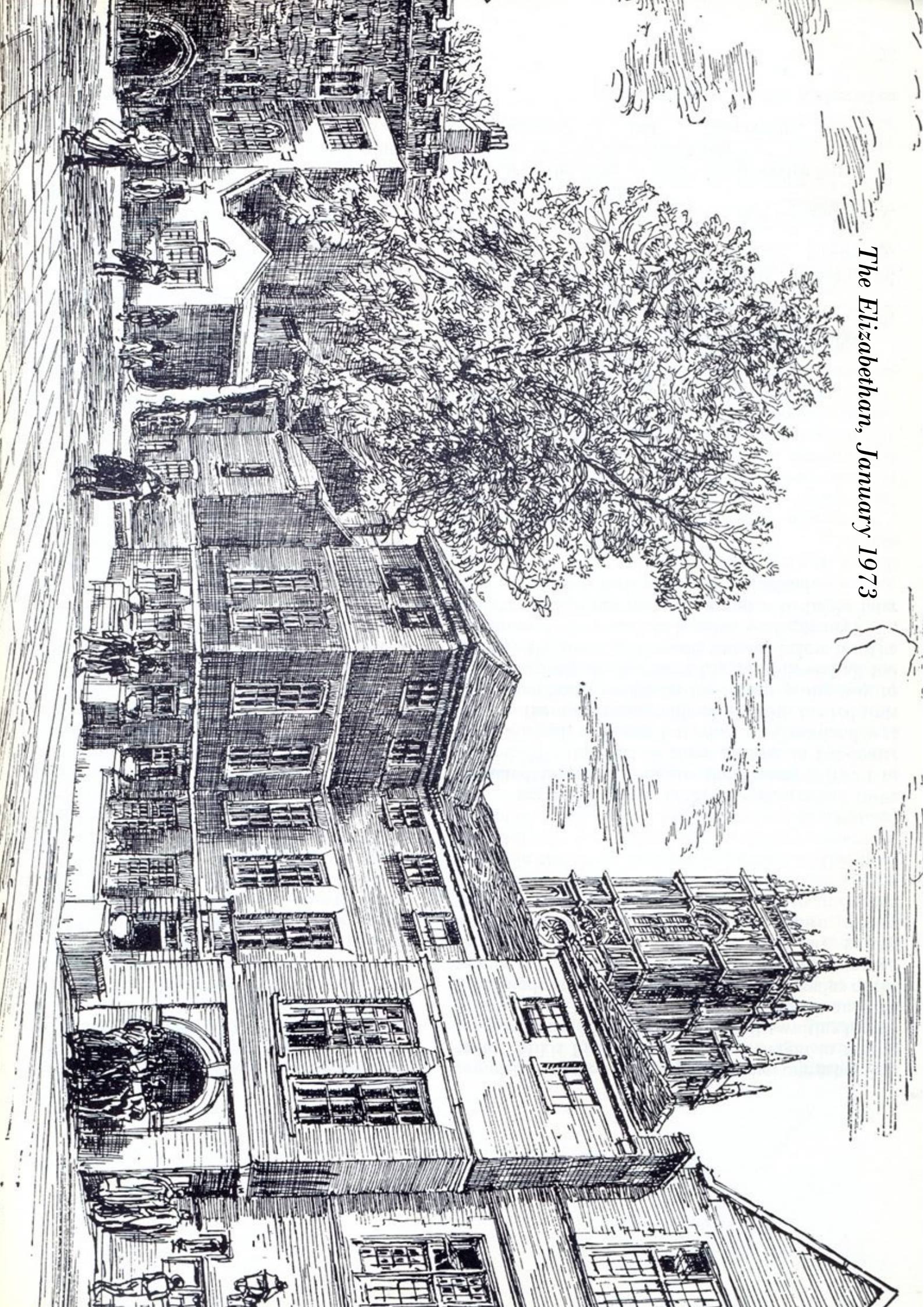
**Google Play**

The username and password are those you use at school.

URL to enter during setup: <http://oliver.westminster.org.uk/oliver>



*The Elizabethan, January 1973*





# Notes from the Editor

## All Change at the Committee

The Westminster School Library Committee was founded in 2011 by Jack Lennard, and after a few strong years, a brief period of stagnation, and a re-founding by Elliot Jordan (*pictured, left*) is now stronger than ever. Since 2014 Elliot has led the committee, but unfortunately he left us in July to read History at the University of St Andrews (which also boasts a large library) - we all wish him well. We also said goodbye to long-standing members Chet Johal (*centre*), Jack Marsh, Adam Taranissi (*right*), Ziming Zhu & Christopher O'Connor. I have taken over as editor & interim-chair, pending the appointment of a chair for 2016-17 in our next meeting. We look forward to welcoming new members (*names to be announced shortly*), and are, as ever, recruiting for new members, especially those in the new 5th & 6th forms.



## The New Newsletter Format

The newsletter has been given a makeover (like the library!) - gaining a new “front cover” and booklet format, whilst retaining its A4 profile, to maintain compatibility with existing magazine holders. Our most famous regular feature - the book review, returns next week, with a review of new Almanack from Benedict Mee to start the year, where it will be joined by a new regular feature “in the library this week”, highlighting displays and other features around the library from our team of dedicated librarians.

*James Bithell, Editor*



## **The Westminster School Library Committee**

***Dedicated to making the Library a better place***

**Librarian Mrs Goetzee**

**Deputy Librarian Ms Stone**

**Senior Library Assistants Ms Stringer  
Miss Dessouroux**

**Library Committee Interim Chair James Bithell**

**Library Committee Assistant Chair *To be appointed***

**Library Committee Members Benedict Mee  
Adam Mee  
Regan Ring**

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### **Contacting the committee**

**Facebook Messenger**

<http://m.me/WSchoolLibraryCommittee>

**E-Mail the Chair**

[James.Bithell@westminster.org.uk](mailto:James.Bithell@westminster.org.uk)

**Speak to a Librarian**

Visit the library desk anytime



## **We're Recruiting!**

The library committee is always on the lookout for new members. If you're interested in joining the team we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us for an informal interview