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## THE LIBRARY MONTHLY

Joseph Coelho

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### The Yoto Carnegie Awards - Winners!

For the first time, the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing has been awarded to a Black British author, and the current Children's Laureate – Joseph Coelho – for his "beautifully descriptive" novel in verse **The Boy Lost in the Maze** illustrated by Kate Milner. The story portrays a boy's journey into manhood and "cleverly integrates" the ancient legacy of the Minotaur with the contemporary journey of a teenager searching for his biological father. Coelho's win is a fitting tribute to an award that is uniquely judged by librarians as this year he launched his 'library marathon' project – a personal mission which saw him visit and join a library in every region of the UK, a total of 213 nationwide, to highlight their importance and show the support they provide to local communities.

The winner of the Yoto Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Medal for Writing was announced as Tia Fisher for her powerful debut novel told in verse, **Crossing the Line**. Based on a true story about teenagers swept up into county lines, this 'innovative and engaging' story shows the power of poetry to convey difficult truths in a way that engages and excites young minds. The St Edward's book group have recently read Crossing the Line and we have chosen it as our book of the month, find out more here....

#### **Summer reading**

The summer break is a brilliant opportunity to get stuck into some dedicated reading time. Did you know reading can help with memory, concentration, empathy and develops your imagination? It also reduces stress, can improve your sleep and boosts your mood. And when you borrow a book from the library it's a completely FREE activity! Why not use the summer break to choose a new book to dive into and keep your brain motivated while you are away from school!

#### Time to return your books

As the end of term approaches **PLEASE** remember to return your library books for the summer break or come and ask if you can extend your loan. We need to have all books back to check through the library stock and make sure everything is ready on the shelves for students in September. Email reminders to students and tutors will be sent out soon!

#### Dates to note this month:

Wimbledon 1st - 14th July

World chocolate day 7th July

> World chess day 20th July

Summer Olympics and Paralympics 26th July - 14th August

#### **Recommended Read**

Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher

This book was great as it was very creative in the way it was laid out and wasn't too wordy. The storyline was very eye opening and you really wanted to find out what would happen to Erik.

Erik's world is changing. Fast. Life at home hasn't been the same ever since Dad dies. Getting good grades and following school rules stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When is bad behaviour catches the attention of a local gang, Erik is pulled into a terrifying world of trap houses, drug dealing and violence. A powerful story about impossible choices.

Please note this book contains swear words and may not be appropriate for younger readers in year 7.

