

Berkshire Book Award 2024 Key Information

Key Dates:

11 October – launch and nominations for longlist.

15 November – nominations close.

22 November – longlist announced.

17 January – longlist voting closes.

24 January – shortlist announced.

31 January – shortlist event at Reading Bluecoat School.

01 May – voting for shortlist closes.

08 May – winner announced

This Term and Beyond

The award will run in the same way as last year – almost exclusively online. Please post your votes on the website and encourage your students to do so (or you can post on their behalf). We will not be hosting a live launch event this term but we'll have a video available which we'll share with you. There will be a Shortlist Event at Reading Bluecoat School in January. Please put 31st January in your diaries for future planning.

We will again run two strands. This means that pupils who participated in the award in Year 7-9 can now continue into Year 10+ by participating in the YA strand. This will be run in exactly the same way as the original award, with book club materials throughout.

CHARGES FOR AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

The subscription fee of £35 per school will remain in place this year. This small fee covers the cost of the website, social media and events. The award does cost money to run each year with website fees being our most expensive outgoing, and events after that. We are kindly sponsored by an Independent and two State Schools, as well as Newt Books and have received donations from an independent doner in the last couple of years. Whilst this keeps us afloat, finances are very tight. We are not a registered charity (as we don't have enough income to qualify) so don't benefit from grant money in any way. Schools who pay the fee will get exclusive access to the book club materials, priority booking at any events and exclusive author material throughout the year. None of this will be freely available on the website or social media, but will be sent to participating schools independently. If you are happy to participate in the award this year, please contact us and we will get an invoice sent to you.

Any queries should be made via the website - <https://www.berkshirebookaward.org.uk/contact>. You can also email the Chair directly – sseddon@gillotts.org.uk Any postal queries should be sent to – Mrs Sarah Seddon, Gillotts School, Gillotts Lane, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon, RG9 1PS