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*Welcome to the
first issue of
PassWords!*

Hi! My name is Emma Pass and I'm the new Patron of Reading at Titus Salt School for 2014-15, taking over from Dave Cryer. I've been obsessed with books and words ever since my mum and dad taught me to read when I was 2. They had to, because otherwise I'd wake them up in the middle of the night to tell them I was bored.

I realised I wanted to be a writer when I was 13, and wrote my first novel in maths lessons (believe it or not, I never got caught). That book wasn't much good, but I kept writing and I've now had two novels for teenagers published by Random House – *ACID* and *The Fearless*. I live in Derbyshire with my husband and crazy greyhound G-Dog, in a house filled with more books than I'll ever be able to read in my lifetime.



Over the next year, I will be working closely with students and staff to promote reading for pleasure. PassWords will be issued every half term and contain news about what I've been doing, students' work, opportunities, book reviews, writing tips and much more.

I'm really excited about being the next Titus Salt School Patron of Reading, and I can't wait to meet and work with as many students as possible.

Emma

A big welcome

to all new students! I hope Year 7 have enjoyed their Summer Reading Challenge. There's going to be many more fantastic challenges throughout the year, such as our annual Join In, Join Up Challenge which aims to get as many students and their families signed up to their local libraries as possible, so look out for more information about it soon!

Books That Became Films – My Top 3

1. Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

I decided I wanted to become a writer after watching, then reading *Jurassic Park*. My first novel (the one I wrote in maths lessons) was a sequel!

2. How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff

This is one of my favourite dystopian novels ever, and the film is just as good as the book.

3. The Borrowers by Mary Norton (made into the anime *Arrietty*)

I read this book when I was a kid, and loved it – at last, an explanation for why I kept losing things, and it wasn't because I was careless! And if you like anime, you'll love the film.

What are **your** favourite books that got made into films?

Calling all Year 7 and 8 students!

Make sure you read the Library Vibe each week for news and information from the LRC including weekly challenges (which earn merits for Year 8 and KAPOW points for Year 7). The Vibe is emailed to your school email account each Monday and copies are also available in your form room and the LRC.

Would YOU like to be featured in the next edition of PassWords?

I'd love some student contributions for the next edition of PassWords. If you'd like to write something, please hand it in to your form tutor or the LRC as soon as possible. It could be a book review, a bit about your favourite author or even a story or a poem you've written yourself!

A Day in the Life of...

**Emma Haughton, author of
Now You See Me**

Wake up. Read. Sign into Twitter. Post a few silly comments. Open Word document. Groan. Check into Facebook. Realise a couple of hours later that I'm still sitting around in my pyjamas and I haven't had any breakfast yet. Eat. Shower. Think about doing some writing. Read a few blog posts instead. Make a few more comments on Twitter. Have some lunch. Email my editor assuring her the edits are going just fine. Have another cup of tea.

Realise it's nearly 4pm and I haven't done any work yet. Reopen Word document. Play with words for an hour or so. Decide I'm exhausted. Eat. Walk the dogs. Watch TV. Go to bed. Resolve to do better tomorrow.

The Titus Salt Reading Manifesto

In July, I visited the school and worked with some students from years 9 and 10 to come up with a Reading Manifesto, based on Daniel Pennac's 'The Rights of the Reader'. Here's what they came up with – what would yours be?

As readers, we have the right...

TO READ ANY GENRE

To read whenever and wherever we want

To read different books at the same time

To not care what people think about what we're reading

TO GET LOST IN A BOOK

To not put the book down until it's finished

To read without knowing the meaning of words

To upload our favourite lines to Facebook

TO NOT READ ANYTHING

To start at any page

To stay up late to read

To read without distractions

To read a book again and again

TO WANT TO BE A BOOK CHARACTER

To recommend a book to others



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Students, parents and carers can contact the LRC by emailing **read@titussaltschool.co.uk**. You can also follow the LRC on Twitter: **@titussaltLRC**

Read This!

Title/Author: City's Son by Tom Pollock

Why you should read it:
It's lyrical, vivid & terrifying!

Recommended by: Bryony Pearce, author of *The Weight of Souls*

Read This!

Title/Author: Daughter of Smoke and Bone by Laini Taylor

Recommended by:
Miss Metcalfe