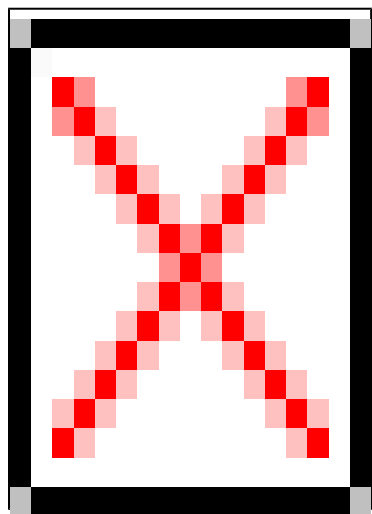




SLA School Librarian of the Year 2019 Announced



Ros Harding of The King's School Chester has been awarded the honour of the **School Librarian of the Year 2019**. **2019 YA Book Prize** winner Sara Barnard presented Ros Harding with her award at a special ceremony at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, Kensington, London Kensington on 27 June.

Sue Bastone, Chair of the **SLA School Librarian of the Year** Selection Committee, said: 'It was a real honour to visit the three exceptional librarians on this year's Honour List and it was incredibly difficult for the judges to pick a winner. Ros's professionalism and contribution to teaching and learning make her a highly valued equal among her teaching colleagues. Her caring and inclusive nature is appreciated by students, staff and parents, many of whom describe her as inspiring, not least in the way she makes things happen to the benefit of all who come into contact with her, from junior school pupils to the Senior Leadership Team.'

Noting that the award is a unique and wonderful celebration of the work of school librarians, Alison Tarrant, Chief Executive of the **School Library Association**, said: 'The Honour List this year are fantastic examples of the impact that effective school libraries can have, as shown by the affection and respect with which pupils and teaching staff talk about them. All three have all had a positive influence on the learning that goes on within their schools, both formally and informally. Ros has 'redefined the role' according to her nominee and all prove that the stereotype of a school librarian who sits behind a desk and stamps books is just that 'a stereotype. All the Honour List should be incredibly proud of their contribution to ensuring all their pupils have a fully rounded education.'

The two other school librarians on the Honour List, recognised for their outstanding work the Honour List were Chantal Kelleher, Learning Resource Centre Manager at Herne Bay High School, and Helen Cleaves, Librarian/Learning Resources Manager at Kingston Grammar School.

To read the profiles of all the librarians on the Honour List visit the [SLA website](#) [1].

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