

# **Welcome to the Magical Readathon!**

## **Introduction**

This is a Harry Potter inspired readathon, but even if you haven't read the books or are not a fan you are still welcome to take part, everyone is welcome in the magical community!

The readathon is based around the exams students take at Hogwarts. The O.W.Ls (Ordinary Wizarding Levels) and the N.E.W.Ts (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Tests).

The O.W.Ls run from the 1st of April to the 30th of April and N.E.W.Ts run from 1st of August to the 31st of August.

To give participants something to aim for a career guide is provided, featuring some of the many careers one can follow in the wizarding world. To keep us excited, some new careers will be added every year!

Along with the careers descriptions, this guide will detail the subjects you need to take to pursue them.

We also provide a study guide which contains all of the subjects and what you will need to do to pass the exams. Otherwise known as reading prompts ;)

## **Getting Started**

Check the career guide to see which career you want and the subjects you will need to study.

For example to become a Herbologist you are required to study Care of Magical Creatures, Herbology and Potions for your O.W.Ls.

Next check your study guide and find the subjects you need to take. Next to your subjects you will find a prompt. To pass this subject you need to finish a book that fits this reading prompt.

For example, a Herbology prompt may look something like this “Read a book with a plant on the cover”.

If you need help finding a book that matches a prompt you can find other students sharing their TBRs and recommended reads on twitter and instagram using #magicalreadathon2018 (date changes depending on the year), there’s usually a tweet thread where participants share their TBR’s on the magical twitter @magicalreadthn, or on our dedicated magical readathon discord server (linked in video description).

Once you have read the books matching the required prompts for your chosen career path you have completed the readathon!

However we always encourage students to complete as many exams as they would like! You can prioritise the subjects you need for the career and if you complete more exams than required, it only speaks of your thoroughness!

Please note that you do not need to select a career if you do not wish to. You can also just use the O.W.Ls are graded by overall subject exams completed.

**Acceptable** = 2 exams complete  
**Exceeded Expectations** = 6 exams complete  
**Outstanding** = 9 exams complete

For example to gain an Acceptable you could complete the prompts for Herbology and Charms or Transfiguration and Potions. Any combination works and you only need to read one book for each prompt.

Different events will be hosted throughout the month of the readathon from our official twitter account @magicalreadthn where you can join in on reading sprints, play for house points by answering Harry Potter trivia questions and even compete in a game of Quidditch!

## **The N.E.W.Ts**

The N.E.W.Ts are a step up from the O.W.Ls.

In the O.W.Ls you are only required to complete one book per subject, however in the N.E.W.Ts you may be required to read multiple books per subject to prove your skill.

Each subject in the N.E.W.Ts will contain three prompts, each for a specified grade.

If you check your career guide, under the N.E.W.Ts section of your chosen profession you will find your required subjects and also a required grade. For example if you want to be a Herbologist your N.E.W.Ts requirements would look like this.

O in Herbology

E in Potions

A in Care of Magical Creatures

So the minimum Herbology grade required is O or Outstanding.

Check the N.E.W.Ts study guide and find your required subject. Next to the subject it will have three prompts, one for each grade.

For example in the N.E.W.Ts Herbology prompts may look like this:

**Acceptable:** Book with a green cover

**Exceeded Expectations:** Book with illustrations

**Outstanding:** Read a book with either one of these words in the title: light/air/sun/water

To get an Outstanding you have to complete the two prompts before it. This means you have to read three books, completing the prompt for acceptable, exceeded expectations and outstanding.

In 2019 there is an additional group read option - forbidden section book! The book will be announced in the video and you can swap this read for any of the prompt even if it doesn't fit it! There will be a live stream to chat about the book at the end of August.

We hope you enjoy the readathon and your new magical career!

If you have any further questions please check the FAQ guide or ask via Twitter, instagram or discord.