



## Staffing for Secondary School Libraries

### **The School Library Association believes that:**

- secondary school libraries should be open and staffed for as much of the school week as possible, including lunchtimes and before and after school
- this staffing should come from a Chartered professional librarian or a dually qualified teacher/librarian with appropriate support from a library assistant or classroom assistant
- staff who are not professionally qualified should be provided with every opportunity to pursue relevant training and acquire the specialist knowledge required by the role of School Librarian
- the Librarian should be employed for 52 weeks of the year
- the Librarian should report to a member of the Senior Management Team with curriculum responsibility
- the Librarian should have status equivalent to Head of Department
- the Librarian should be included in the school's formal performance and appraisal process.

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