

BBG BULLETIN

Letters **FROM FAMILY**

On May 1st, 2026, the sentinels opened their letters from family. It was a lovely way to prepare students for the GCSEs, and we are so grateful for everyone who contributed!



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SENTINELS

More Letters FROM FAMILY





Letters from Teachers

Mr Callum - 11x/pf1

GCSE PE - You have been an amazing class this year! You've worked extremely hard during lessons and put yourselves in an amazing position to go and smash your exam (sorry, celebration of knowledge)! Good luck - I have every faith in you all!

Miss Wills - 11xfd1

Hey Food Group! You been eggcellent. You have Cracked on to complete your coursework to the best of your ability. You really are 'one in a melon'. Keep pushing on with your revision as each mark you gain can make the difference so you dont go bacon my heart. The next few weeks are going to be challenging but everythings going to Brie alright. Digging deep into your revision is the path of yeast resistance. Omelette me finish off by saying you deserve amazing grades. You're shrimply the best.

Ms Kooner - 11q1

"Locked in", we'll see.

Mr Callum - 11p/bs1

For the past year you guys have made amazing progress! I've been so impressed with your work during lessons and knowledge that you have! Aside from the odd wayward question from Alfie about my favourite holiday destination or what I have planned for the weekend (in the middle of the lesson) it has been a pleasure to teach you! Just a reminder, if any of you go on to set up your own successful businesses I automatically have a 50% share!

Mrs Jarvis - 11q/ma2

Believe in what you know (which is more than you think!). You've got this! Good Luck 🍀

Ms Cooke - 11q1

It's time!! You've worked hard for the four English exams and are match-fit, ready to go and DO know your stuff. Have courage, have confidence, have belief in yourself and write your little socks off. It's about time you showed off what you've learnt and can do. Just remember to do it for yourself, do it for BBG, and do it for poor old Edna who is waiting for you to change the world and make it a better place. Good luck!!!

Mr Gale - 11p/mal (aka the legends)

I hope you're all doing really well and continuing to smash it! I miss you all, but I know you're still working hard and making me proud. Mr McAulay keeps me updated and always has great things to say about how you're getting on, which is brilliant to hear.

Keep pushing yourselves and stay focused, all that effort will pay off. And don't forget "If in doubt, draw it out!"

See you on the dancefloor!

Mr Gale

Good Luck!

Ms Doherty - 11q/gg2
Well done everyone, we survived 2 years of Noah M taking over the lessons and sharing his funny (not that funny) stories - cheers Noah! You've all come along way since Year 10, when no one put their hands up or laughed at my jokes (some of you still don't!). I'm seriously going to miss this class; you are one of the friendliest and funniest classes I have had the pleasure of teaching. I will miss all of you for different reasons, you have made my weeks a little more fun and I wish you all so much luck in your futures!



Letters from Teachers

Ms Sanderson - Year 11

My first year group as Head of Year 7, and I can't believe you're now all grown up and ready for the big wide world!

Congratulations on the last five years... treat the next few weeks as your lap of honour. I'm so proud of every single one of you... now go and show the rest of the world how awesome you are!!!

Miss Sanderson

Ms Puddepha - 11Q/Hi2

Firstly, thank you for welcoming me this year and being brilliant to teach. You have all worked hard and deserve nothing but the best in the future. I hope you get the results you deserve in the summer and go on to achieve in everything you want in life. Until then keep up the hard work and continue to be brilliant. Miss Puddepha

Mr McAuley - 11P1

I know we have only worked together for a short time but I know you are going to do really well during the exams.

Stay focused!

Mr Myerson - 11q/hil

You guys have worked phenomenally well the past two years, and I am immeasurably proud of the fine historians each and every one of you has become. Keep calm, revise, remember as many silly names as possible, and I'm sure you'll smash your exams!

-Mr. Myerson

Mr McAuley - 11Q1

You are a class full of superstars and you always make me smile.
I know you will achieve greatness during these exams!
Never back down.....
Never what?.....
Never give up!!!!

Ms Littlemore - 11p/mat

You guys have got this! I am so proud of each and every one of you, I have loved teaching you over year 10 and 11. Good luck attend Post Paper club!

Mme Clough - 11p1 & 11q1

You've been pushed, you've stepped up and now it's time to shine. You've got this! Bon courage, Mme Clough

Ms Stockhill - 11p1

Good luck 11P1—you've worked hard to get to this point, and you should be proud of everything you've done so far. GCSEs are your chance to show what you're capable of, so go in with confidence and give it your best. Wishing you all the best—you've got this! Mrs Stockhill

Good Luck!



Letters from Teachers

Ms Gill - 11x/ar1

Well done, Year 11 Art and Textiles, on completing your GCSEs to such a high standard. I've truly enjoyed teaching every single one of you. Your laughter is infectious, your storytelling is unmatched, and your creativity has made every lesson a joy. Keep creating, keep experimenting, and keep believing in what you can do.

Mrs Voyce - 11p/en3
I started teaching at BBG when you arrived in Year 7 - and now you are leaving for your next adventures. You should be very proud of the wonderful people you have grown into.

Well, after a few seating plan changes, we got there! I have really enjoyed teaching you and you have worked so hard. You make me laugh every day! I have loved our biscuit Fridays and the laughs we have shared. You all deserve to do so well. I am always on your side.
Mrs Voyce

Mrs Doherty - 11pgg2

I only picked you up in October, but I can honestly say it has been a pleasure teaching you all. As a class, you are so focused, hard working but also can enjoy some of my dodgy jokes or stories - thank you :) I won't miss Tom questioning absolutely everything I planned or every task you had to do, but I will miss the outstanding effort and resilience shown in this class! Oh and Connie, don't forget Glasgow is in Scotland, and so is Edinburgh, and Scotland is 'up north' ;) Thank you all so much for your effort, patience and constant hard work. Mrs Doherty

Ms Doherty 11.6

11.6 - my form for the past 4 years (apart from the few months I took off to have a baby... SHOCKING, sorry team!). Jokes aside, thank you so much to all of you (even those of you that don't crack a smile... James ;) you've made my mornings easy, I've been able to walk into form this last year and you've just got it, and got on... remember what I told you 'fake it till we make it' and 'we'll play the game!'... I just know I won't get a form like you guys again, too many rule followers unfortunately! We may have only ever won sports day once (well done 9.6!) but when we needed to, we pulled together as a team. I'm going to miss the smiles, sarcasm, jokes and 11.6 every day. You will all be amazing in whatever you do, even Imogen and Maisie when they have to do the Bleep Test for their Police training ... EEEKKKK!!! Finally, I'm going to miss this: 'Miss, can I turn my phone off' every single morning Jack Leck :) Thank you to all of you, look after each other and enjoy the journey... Mrs Doherty

Mrs Johnson - 11x/a31
GCSE 3D.. done! It's been eventful, but you can all be proud of the work you have produced this year. For those of you continuing your 3D learning next year, I wish you every success in taking the subject that step further. Tips for the future - remember, never padlock someone's bag without permission, plug in your laptop and stop touching each others stuff! Good luck for the next step, you will be missed! Mrs Johnson

Mrs Hammond -
11p3

You can do it! Just try your best and read the questions carefully! Good luck.

Good Luck!



Letters from Teachers

Ms
Brazier -
11p/ma2
We're
going to
smash it!

Ms Skivington - 11q/sc2

As you come to the end of your time studying science at BBG, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for welcoming me to BBG and trusting me with the final stages of your science education.

It has been a privilege to teach you, support you, and watch you grow — not just academically, but as young people too. I know that science has not always been easy, and there were times when the work felt challenging, stressful, or overwhelming. Despite that, I have been so proud of the effort, resilience, and determination you have shown throughout.

What matters most is not perfection, but the fact that you kept going, kept trying, and continued to work hard even when things were difficult. That is something you should all be incredibly proud of.

As your exams approach, I want you to remember that you are far more capable than you sometimes believe. You have learned so much, developed important skills, and overcome challenges along the way. I truly believe in every single one of you, and I know you can achieve great things.

Go into your exams with confidence, stay calm, and trust in the hard work you have already put in. Do your best — that is all anyone can ask of you.

Most importantly, I want to wish you all the very best for the future. Whether your next steps take you to sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or somewhere completely different, I hope you continue to work hard, stay curious, and believe in yourselves. You each have so much potential, and I am excited for all the opportunities ahead of you.

Thank you again for all your hard work and for being such a memorable group. Forever grateful my first year 11 class at BBG was you - 11Q2.

Take Care,
Mrs S

Mr laycock - netball girls
As netball lead, I feel it's only right that I say a few words now that you're heading off into the big wide world.

First of all, what a team. Skill, determination, teamwork... and just enough chaos to keep things interesting. It's been a privilege standing on the sidelines offering my expert advice, even if Miss Blackburn insists she was the real coach. (We'll let her believe that.) You've shown commitment, resilience, and the ability to bounce back after a tough match or a tough day. But more than that, you've brought laughter, energy, and genuine team spirit every time you played. I'm incredibly proud of everything you've achieved, and I know you're going to smash whatever comes next; whether that's college, apprenticeships, new teams, or continued dominance on the court.

Don't forget us when you're famous. And remember Sad backwards is Das and Das no good.

Mr White - 11q/sc3
You have worked hard and joined in really well and you know loads of science. Go into the exams with confidence and answer every question. I am very proud to be your science teacher, you deserve to do really well. Exo endo polycup!!

Good Luck!



Letters from Teachers

Ms Chew - 11P/BS2

The guinea pigs, the ones who have helped me learn, who have kept me on my toes, and who try ask hundreds of off-topic questions. Thank you for throwing yourself into doing business over a two year course and really trying, it's been great to see how you have grown over the two years and the fantastic progress you have made, not mentioning any names but some of you have now learned to sit in your chair properly and face the front!! I've loved nothing more than seeing your surprised faces when I can be as cool as you guys! I'll really miss you all, Have a cushty summer!

Ms Chew - 10x/bs1

My small but perfectly formed business class. What an honour it was to teach you. It cost me a small fortune in biscuits, but you were worth every penny. You guys worked so hard, you gave as much as I did, and for that I will always be grateful. You achieved some incredible results, which was a testament to your hard work, but we had some laughs along the way. From Olly Burnett asking his silly questions (whilst always swinging on his chair), Noah McG always managing to cross the line (EVERYTIME!!), + Arran's raised eyebrow, or Bella's eyes lighting up when the biscuits were out, plus much more, there was never a dull moment.

I wish you every success on your next steps, go smash it, give it your all!

Ms Bettney - 11X/S01
I'm so incredibly proud of how far you guys have come this year, it's a definite zero to hero story! you have all thrown yourselves into Sociology and honestly I couldn't ask anymore of you. Thank you all for laughs, the stress, the random conversations about the state of the world. Good luck - go and show the world how amazing you are!

Ms Chew - 115

Ahhh my form, I say this with great pride. I really felt like I had to earn being allowed to call you my form, for so long you were Mrs Sullivan's, I had big shoes to fill when Mrs Sullivan handed you over, and I can't thank you all enough for being so welcoming. For opening up and allowing me to get to know you, it has been a privilege to of being allowed to share this and I've LOVED having our chats. You are such a lovely bunch of kind-hearted, polite, individuals and I know you will go on to some fantastic things. Year 11 is not easy for anyone, you have been adaptable, you have taken it in your stride and you have given it your all. At times you've had to dig deep to get through, but you always look out for each other, and take the time to look out for me as well, and that is admirable. It has been my honor to share our final year together, and I genuinely wish you all the success, I hope you have a well-deserved rest over the summer, and I look forward to seeing you on results day, to see you on your way to the next chapter. Love, Mrs Chew

Ms Wardle - 11QA

I know that exams can be daunting, but over the past few months I've seen your creativity, your resilience, and your growth in confidence. Whether you're analysing a poem or crafting an argument, remember to take a moment to read the question carefully, plan your ideas and give it your best shot.

Be kind to yourselves in the process and don't forget how far you've come. You've got this!

Ms Chew - 11P/BS1

You guys, we've had some laughs along the way, a few biscuits, some friendly rivalry and some career highlights that will stay with me forever. You guys really kept me down with the kids. You are the biggest GCSE group I've taught, and I'm grateful to Ava, Sofia, Renee and Maisie who were massively outnumbered with gentlemen in the class, but who have looked out for me and have coped so well with the gents lowering the tone! It has been a pleasure teaching you, having my period 0 entourage week in, week out, being able to see the drive, ambition and determination to succeed for a large number of you has been incredible and I am absolutely rooting for you to get the results you deserve and very proud of what you have achieved so far. I wish you all every success in the future!

Ms Chew - 11Q/BS1

Ahh, what a two years it has been. Thank you for persevering, for trying something new and for really pushing yourself. It has been wonderful to watch some of you turn the opportunity to do the 2 year course into a great success, and that is a testament to your hard work. I can't wait to see the successes from the class. I hope some of my life-tips from managing money when we learnt about Finance will help you in the future! Good luck with your exams, give it your all, the final push!

Good Luck!



Letters from Teachers

Ms Norrington - 11Q3

You've been an amazing group of students to teach and I want to wish you all the best of luck for your exams and future. You've always worked hard in lessons and I really hope you get the grades you all deserve. Good luck and best wishes, I'll miss you all.
Mrs Norrington

Ms Williams - Year 11

Wishing you all the best of luck in your exams. We have every confidence that you will be amazing and do your very best. You're a fab year group who are there supportive of each other. We are looking forward to celebrating with you all at Graduation and Prom.

Miss Williams

Ms Skivington - 11.8

As you come to the end of your time at BBG, I just wanted to say that it has been a privilege to be part of your journey, and I will miss seeing you each day.

The effort, determination and commitment you have shown have been outstanding.

As your exams begin, I want you to remember how capable you are. Trust in the work you have put in, believe in yourselves, and give each exam your best effort. I have every confidence that you will do brilliantly in your GCSEs and go on to achieve amazing things afterwards.

Whatever your chosen path, I hope you continue to work hard, stay kind, and believe in yourselves. You all have so much potential, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you.

Good luck with your GCSEs — you've got this!
Best wishes,

Mrs S

Ms Morland
To Year 11

Five years has nearly come to an end, from your first days at BBG, when you looked so small and nervous and sometimes lost, to today's young adults.

You have grown up in so many ways and shown resilience in more ways than one. This is the time that your resilience comes to the fore exam season.

I wish you all the best in your exams, and I hope that you get the grades you need for your next journey wherever that maybe after BBG.

Regards
Mrs Morland

Miss Blackburn - Netball girls

Where to start! What an incredible 5 years it has been watching you turn into one of the best teams in the country!!!! What's even more impressive is that you still managed to do that despite Mr Laycock shouting 'channels at you randomly, and Mr Callum's repeated instructions of 'shoot' no matter where you were on court. Whilst at times you've driven us slightly crazy, we wouldn't have wanted any other way, and you have kept us constantly entertained. We know that whatever you go onto next, you will be absolutely brilliant, and we can't wait to see you playing for England soon. When you do make it England, remember who your ACTUAL netball coaches were! Barker and Blackburn
(Camel) x

Mr Elcock - 11p1/sc1
You're heading into these exams with so much hard work behind you. Every lesson, every challenge, every moment you pushed yourself has brought you to this point. Walk into each exam knowing you've earned your place and you're ready for this. Trust what you know, stay calm, and show the examiners exactly what you're capable of. You've got this.
Mr Elcock

Good Luck!



Letters from Teachers

Ms Shannon - 11P/SC2

As you head into your exams, I just want to say good luck and, more importantly, how proud I am of you all. Some of you I have taught for the past five years, and I have seen first-hand the effort, resilience and determination you've put into your learning during that time.

You have worked incredibly hard to get to this point. The knowledge is there, the skills are there, and you are more capable than you sometimes realise. Now it's just about staying calm, reading the questions carefully, and showing the examiners what you know.

Good luck — you've got this.

Miss Shannon

Mr Myserson - 11.4

Right! Where to begin?

When I first began at BBG I was somewhat taken aback by the loud, brash, and cheeky group of Year 8s sat in front of me. You guys definitely... challenged... me, but over the years I think we've reached an understanding. It's been lovely to see you grow from chirpy year 8s, to moody year 10s, and finally to fine, upstanding, year 11s. I'm going to miss our poetry recitals, yearly Eurovision recaps, and the way you conduct yourselves with purpose, knowing exactly that you are the best that BBG has to offer.

There's little else to say apart from have a wonderful GCSE season, and I'll see you when I see you!

Mr Cattley - 11q/ma4

Good luck, year 11. You've got this. Go out there and smash it!

Mr Cattley

Ms Stockhill - 11p1

Good luck 11P1—you've worked hard to get to this point, and you should be proud of everything you've done so far. GCSEs are your chance to show what you're capable of, so go in with confidence and give it your best. Wishing you all the best—you've got this! Mrs Stockhill

Ms Binns - 11X/CG1

I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of you. You have worked so hard this year, showing resilience, determination, and a real commitment to doing your best. That hard work hasn't gone unnoticed.

As you head into your exams, remember that you are not doing it alone. Trust the effort you and your classmates have put in, believe in yourselves, and take each step with confidence.

You've got this. I believe in you, and now it's your turn to believe in what you can do.

Mme Storr - 11p/fr2

Bonjour la classe! Well, Year 11 has been a bit of a rollercoaster but you made it and now it's time to shine! You have worked hard this year and I now hope you all get the grades you deserve. The finish line is well within sight and this is now the final push and I KNOW you are going to smash it. Well done on your speaking exams and good luck with the rest of the French exams. Bonne chance mes amis!

Mrs Zaccardelli - 11p/sc2

So, here we are at the end of our journey 11P2. I remember meeting you for the first time at the start of year 10 and thinking how quiet you all were! Sometimes I miss those days (I'm joking but you certainly found your voices). On a serious note, I knew straight away that you were a group who were capable of big things and your hard work and efforts over the last two years deserve to be well rewarded in the upcoming exams. You are all amazing and lovely humans and I cannot begin to tell you how much I've enjoyed teaching you. Keep pushing for the finish line. You can do this. Read the question, don't waffle and if in doubt put 2.

Best of luck, Mrs Zaccardelli



BBG SENTINELS

	Monday 11/05/26		Tuesday 12/05/26		Wednesday 13/05/26		Thursday 14/05/26		Friday 15/05/26	
P0	English Literature				Geography P1		Maths (Non-Calculator)		History	
P1	English Literature P1 (Paper 1 - Macbeth and A Christmas Carol)		NORMAL LESSONS		Geography P1 Exam	NORMAL LESSONS	Maths (Non-Calculator)		History	NORMAL LESSONS
P2			NORMAL LESSONS							NORMAL LESSONS
P3			NORMAL LESSONS		NORMAL LESSONS				NORMAL LESSONS	
P4	Business P1	NORMAL LESSONS	Biology Paper 1		Comp Sci P1	NORMAL LESSONS	Psych P2	NORMAL LESSONS	Sociology P2	NORMAL LESSONS
P5	Business P1 Exam	NORMAL LESSONS	Biology P1 Exam		Comp Sci P1 Exam	NORMAL LESSONS	Psych P2 Exam	NORMAL LESSONS	Sociology P2 Exam	NORMAL LESSONS
P6		NORMAL LESSONS				NORMAL LESSONS		NORMAL LESSONS		
P7	Targeted P7s						Targeted P7s		Targeted P7s	
P8			Targeted P8s				Targeted P8s			

HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

This examination timetable covers all GCSE exams in the period from 11th to 15th May.

- Students are reminded that they are expected to attend all sessions provided.
 - All morning examinations start at 9.00 am (BOOSTERS begin at 8:10)
 - All afternoon examinations start at 1.00 pm (after a Period 4 booster).

•The aim of these sessions is to ensure you are ready for your examination and have the best chance possible to achieve your potential.

- For the duration of the examination period; students are expected to attend school as normal. (Booster sessions take priority over lessons).

If you have a P7 written in your planner, you have been 'targeted' and need to attend!

Pay attention to your individual timetable, there IS movement on Wednesday, 13th for Historians!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Three of BBG's cheerleaders have just returned from the Dance Summit, the world's biggest cheer competition, in Orlando Florida. Competing for Yorkshire Martyrs, Daisy and Beebie co-captained their team to the finals in the Youth Premier Pom category, finishing 9th in the world, the highest ranking UK team.

Ava Shuttleworth is a flyer with the White Rose cheer squad, having made the switch just a couple of years ago from gymnastics. Her team finished 7th in the world- another fabulous achievement.



Last weekend a huge number of Team BBG dancers represented their dance schools, Ambition Academy and Stuart's Stage School in their annual Celebration of Youth event at the Joe Longthorne theatre in Blackpool. As usual, the event was the pinnacle of months and months of rehearsals, and saw the dancers perform a huge programme of dance and musical theatre items.



Well done to Melodie, Neve, Thomas, Laurie, Isla, Freya, Freya, Lola, Ellie, and Scarlett from Ambition, and Sophie and Megan from Stuart's. Sadly Jude, who had worked tirelessly for months, broke his foot two weeks ago, but did a fabulous job supporting!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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2025 BBG leaver, Sienna Kilner, was part of the Leeds Rhinos Women's squad that were victorious in the Women's Rugby League 9s last weekend. Leeds Rhinos reclaimed the Women's Nines Champions title for the first time since their victory in 2023. Following a dominant and determined run throughout the day, the Rhinos produced an impressive performance in the Final to overcome a spirited Manchester Swinton Lionesses side. 2025 leaver, Mary Turpin, was also there with the squad but is currently out injured so didn't feature in the games.

SQUAD

- 1 ANNABELLE STUTTARD
- 2 CIARA MAY
- 3 DAISY COUNCIL
- 4 DAISY GINGER
- 5 DIAMOND OSOBU
- 6 EVA GREEN
- 7 ISABEL FORTUNE DAVIES
- 8 IMMY KERR
- 9 IMO HALLAS
- 10 KEIRA BROOK
- 11 KEZIAH CAMA
- 12 GRACE LARVIN
- 13 LILLIE DOW
- 14 MILLIE SADLER
- 15 OLYSSA CRUISE
- 16 PHOEBE WILSON
- 17 RUBY SHARP
- 18 SIENNA KILNER
- 19 TEIGAN PHELAN
- 20 TRINITY GALLAGHER



life changing stuff

The final group of BBG Year 9 students rounded off their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition with a weekend that tested both their teamwork and their resilience. Setting off from Harewood under glorious sunshine, they followed a scenic route around Eccup Reservoir before reaching Bramhope campsite, where they cooked their own evening meal. But as soon as they settled into their tents, the skies opened and heavy rain fell throughout the night. The downpour continued into day two, soaking the route from Bramhope to Yeadon Tarn and leaving the usually stunning Surprise View hidden behind thick cloud. Despite the weather, the group showed real determination and completed their expedition with pride — a fantastic achievement for all involved.



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life changing stuff

This weekend brought to a close the Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions for this year, and saw a grand total of 59 Team BBG students complete. This takes our running total of Bronze expedition participants to 150- a figure to be proud of!



The Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are only possible because of the commitment of a very special team of BBG colleagues. Mr Laycock's incredible organisation means that everything runs like clockwork, supported by Mr Marsden, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Luffman, Miss Binns, Mr Broughton, Mrs Revell and Mr Ghent.

We are also incredibly proud of Arthur Thompson and Daisy Todd, our D of E Young Leaders, who have stepped up this year and led parts of the programme. True BBG legends and a real credit! Thank you Arthur and Daisy!



life changing stuff

We are proud to celebrate Lacie Littlewood, who has successfully completed her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year.

The Bronze DofE is a fantastic achievement, requiring commitment across volunteering, physical activity, skill development, and an expedition and Lacie has shown real determination and resilience throughout the process. Her positive attitude and willingness to push herself have been a credit to her.

While we are delighted that many of our students have achieved their Bronze DofE award, we wanted to take a moment to recognise Lacie individually as she prepares to take the next exciting step in her journey, moving on to her new school at CAPA Juniors. This milestone feels like a fitting way to celebrate her time with us and all that she has accomplished.

Well done, Lacie. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success as you begin this next chapter. 🌟



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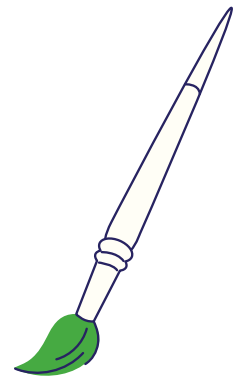
GROWING MINDS!



It was all hands on deck this week with watering, filling water barrels and lots of weeding. We also planted more seedlings into the beds and even more seeds into pots. When digging in a bed we found a whole egg! We think it was buried by a fox to eat later. Our tomato plants looked unwell as their trip outside the polytunnel did not agree with them, probably too cold in the night. Gardening is about trying things and seeing what works and there are always a few mistakes along the way. The trick is to keep trying and eventually work out what works best. Well done Team.



ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



**POPPY
LUPTON**



**ELLA-ROSE
TAYLOR-DAVIES**



MATT HEY



**MASON
ABBOTT**



MILES TAYLOR



MIA PARKIN

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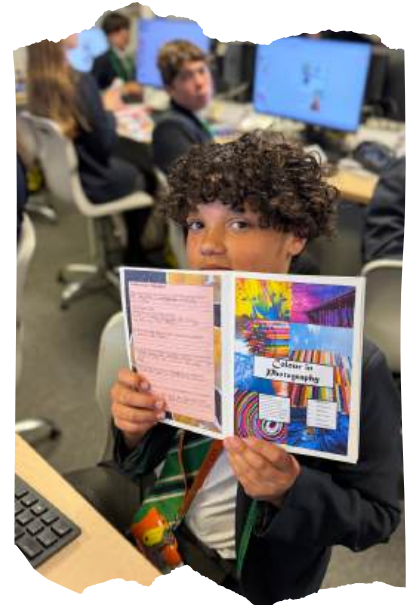
OF THE WEEK



**ESMAY
HAYS**



**SAM
AMOS**



**JOSEPH
QUASHIE**



**HARPER
BOTTOMLEY**



**RONNIE
SCOTT**



**ADRIANA
HARTLEY**

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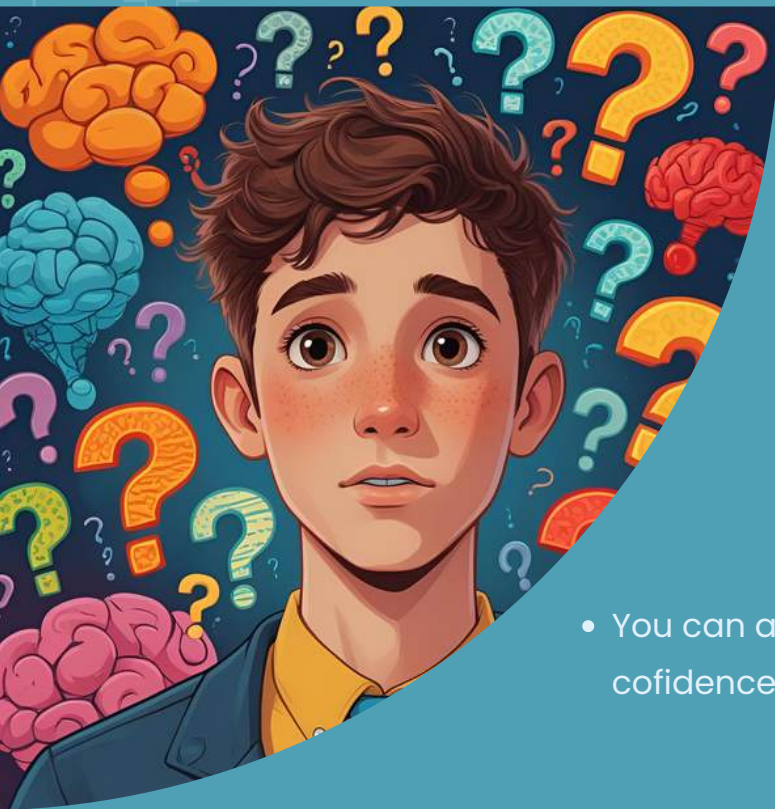
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MRS BETTNEY'S



BIG QUESTIONS



YOUR QUESTIONS MATTER

- Do you ever have a question that you are too afraid to ask in your Values class?
- Are you worried about friendships, relationships, vaping, alcohol, drugs, intimate health?
- You can ask all of the questions that you have in confidence that no-one will know it was you.
- **Post questions on Mrs Bettney's big questions on your tutor group teams page**



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LITERATURE



11TH JUNE
5-7PM

FESTIVAL



BOOK DRIVE:

CURRENTLY WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOOKS, IN GOOD CONDITION, TO BE DONATED FOR OUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL BOOK SWAP. ALL DONATIONS FROM THE DAY GO TO THE JO COX FOUNDATION.

PLEASE SEND THESE IN TO
MRS WARDLE/DROP OFF
AT RECEPTION

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

YEARS 7 AND 8

SCRAP
GUY BASS

When the humans arrive on Somewhere 513, they discover that the robots sent to prepare the planet for Humanity's arrival have chosen to keep it for themselves. Only one robot remains loyal – K1-NG, aka King of the Robots. But even with the most powerful robot on their side, the outlawed humans don't stand a chance.

Ten years on, Gnat and her sister Paige are the only humans left and have spent their lives hidden underground. Now they must venture out in search of the one robot that stood by the humans. There's just one problem – the once mighty K1-NG has vowed never to help another human for as long as he lives...



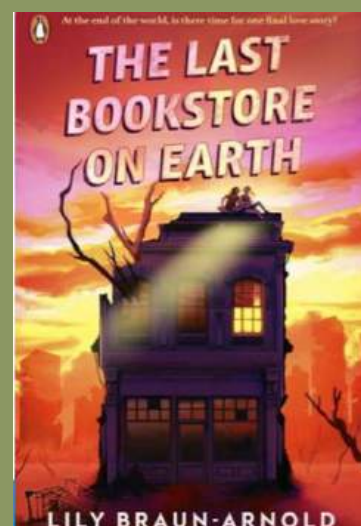
YEARS 9 AND 10

THE LAST BOOKSTORE ON EARTH
LILY BRAUN-ARNOLD

The world is about to end. Again.

It's been a year since a devastating storm ripped Liz's world apart. Haunted by the memories of those she couldn't save, Liz is holed up in the only place she felt safe before her world fell away: the bookstore where she used to work. Now she spends her days trading books for supplies and collecting stories from the remaining survivors who pass by.

Until she learns that another earth-shattering Storm is coming . . . and everything changes.



Creative Writing Club

THE UNDEAD

I RAN. Charlie's screams echoed in my head as the world spiralled into darkness. As I arose, in my mind, I started replaying Charlie's gruesome death.

"Bro just a fast trip, it will only take ten mins," Charlie said, anticipation etched in his voice.

"Dude, that's a bad idea. We should not go in the abandoned house, especially not its basement! And don't get me started."

"It's not abandoned josh."

"Fine we can go, but don't blame me if we get hurt!"

5 minutes later ...

"RUN!"

"That's what I am doing."

A menacing groan.

A slam of skin hitting stone.

Screams swiftly die out.

And then silence...



Writer of the Week
Austin Taylor, Year 7



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**STUDENT OF THE
WEEK
Year 10**

Isabelle Jones

Isabelle is a fabulous student to teach. She is always smiling, always willing to give anything a go, and always trying her very best in every single lesson. She is an inspiration to those around her. Keep this up Isabelle - it will serve you well!



**STUDENT OF THE
WEEK
YEAR 9**

Isaac Grainger

Isaac is an extremely keen student, always willing to challenge himself and offer ideas in class. His last assessment finally showed he can reproduce the same ability in his written work and he made HUGE progress in his creative writing. Keep this going Isaac!





LANGUAGE LINKS



WORD LINKS BETWEEN FRENCH AND ENGLISH



Victory in Europe Day - May 8th

Living in France, there are stark reminders of how much the war profoundly touched the lives of all its citizens.

Therefore, May 8th is a significant date in European history, marking Victory in Europe after Germany officially surrendered after World War II.

France marks this day with church services, ceremonies, and parades held around the country.

Wreaths are laid at the *Monuments aux Morts* in many towns and villages, and there is also a televised ceremony with the president laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

This is also a national holiday in France (Un jour férié).





ÉTUDIANTS DE LA SEMAINE



Mrs Santry

Isla Supple Y9 : very pleased with your focus and involvement in lessons

Amelia Brearley Y8 : For making good progress and a positive attitude



Mrs Storr

Owen Austin Y7 : For improvement in achievement in French, well done!

Grace English Y9 : For excellent assessment results, keep it up!



Mrs Clough

Gracie Revell & Lily Metcalfe Y11 : For demonstrating significant progress in French listening skills



Mrs Sparrow

Libby Snowden Y8 : For being so hardworking and enthusiastic every French lesson

Carter Janes Y8 : For a much-improved attitude in French lessons. Well done!

félicitations à tous!



GEOGRAPHY



Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday is the perfect moment to celebrate a life that has reshaped how the world understands nature. Over the course of his extraordinary career, he has travelled to every continent, bringing the wonders of the planet into our homes with unmatched curiosity and warmth. More than 50 species have been named in his honour, a testament to his impact on science and conservation. Despite all this, he remains wonderfully human: he never passed a driving test, and the BBC actually rejected him when he first applied for a job. He later returned as Controller of BBC Two, where he oversaw the introduction of colour television, transforming how audiences experienced wildlife. His compassion reaches far beyond the natural world too — during the Second World War, his parents adopted two Jewish refugee girls. With an incredible 32 university degrees and a famously strong dislike of only one creature (rats), Attenborough continues to inspire generations with his dedication, humility, and lifelong passion for our planet.



GEOGRAPHERS OF THE WEEK

CHANNELLING THEIR INNER DAVID ATTENBOROUGH!



WILLIAM
SPINK



ZOE
NAYLOR



ELLIE
STYLES

History

Year 9: The Civil Rights Movement

By the mid-20th century, Black Americans had had more than enough of prejudice and violence against them. They, along with many white Americans, mobilized and began a fight for equality that spanned two decades. Year 9 students have examined how the Jim Crow laws segregated Black Americans and how this was challenged. Recent lessons have explored the emergence of Civil Rights leaders such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X



Maths

$$(a+b)^2$$

+ - % *

Congratulations!

Layton Valentine in Year 9 has achieved a Bronze certificate in the UKMT Grey Kangaroo competition. This is a wonderful achievement. Here he is with his certificate and an Amazon voucher!



Revision Time

We like the revision site run by Hannah Kettle. She is actually doing an exam prep session on each of the Tuesdays before each exam.

Although you do have to pay for these sessions. There are plenty of other resources and videos that are available for free. Mr McAulay has send links out via email.

An advertisement for GCSE Maths Exam Prep for EDEXCEL. It features a smiling woman, Hannah Kettle, who is the Head of Maths, Qualified Maths Teacher, and GCSE Examiner. The ad lists the top 8 topics and key exam guidance. It provides the schedule for Paper 1 (Tuesday 12th May), Paper 2 (Tuesday 2nd June), and Paper 3 (Tuesday 9th June). The sessions are held from 7-8:15pm for Foundation and 7:45-9pm for Higher, with a cost of £19 per session or £50 for all three.

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QUALIFIED MATHS TEACHER
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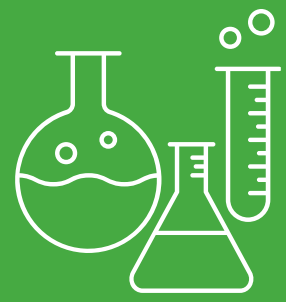
[Maths Sessions | Enhance Your Math Skills Today – Hannah Kettle Maths](#)

Sparx

Sparx Homework for Years 7-10

Set every Monday, due the following Monday. Use the videos for help if needed. Maths support every Wednesday at Homework Club. Any questions see your Maths teacher.

SCIENCE



Things became colourful in KS3 science club this week, as students competed against each other, using flame tests to discover which metal ions are found in common fireworks. Flames of Lilac, red and green were produced. One student even realised that this was how they coloured the flames during the final of The Traitors.

Year 7 have this week been discovering how plants reproduce, by dissecting tulip flowers and identifying anthers, stigma, ovules and styles. Some excellent skills were demonstrated in quite a fiddly practical.



VALUES

CHANGES TO STATUTORY CURRICULUM

As you may be aware, in July the government published new statutory guidance for the teaching of Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education.

Our Values curriculum is in the process of being updated to accommodate these changes and to ensure that students are taught the statutory content in an age-appropriate manner.

The new guidance can be found on the DfE website; a link has also been placed at the end of this article.

In light of these changes our RSE policy will also be reviewed and any necessary changes implemented. A copy of this can be found on the school website.

[Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education guidance](#)





SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



**SOPHIA
CHARLESWORTH**



**HARRIET
SURR**



**EVA HICKS-
FLETCHER**



**SCARLETT
SPENCER**



**MICHELLE
STEPHEN**



**FAYE
BRAMWELL**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS



The Y8 football team were successful in reaching the final of the Spen Valley Cup this week! They beat Whitcliffe Mount 2-1 with Tom and Xav getting on the scoresheet. All of the lads showed excellent effort and resilience in the game! The final is this coming Saturday, 9th May, at Batley Grammar school. The game kicks off at 11:00am so please come down and show your support as the lads look to retain the trophy they won as Y7's! Here's how they will lineup for the final

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MISS SANDERSON'S STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Eli Render

A great attitude to learning
in maths



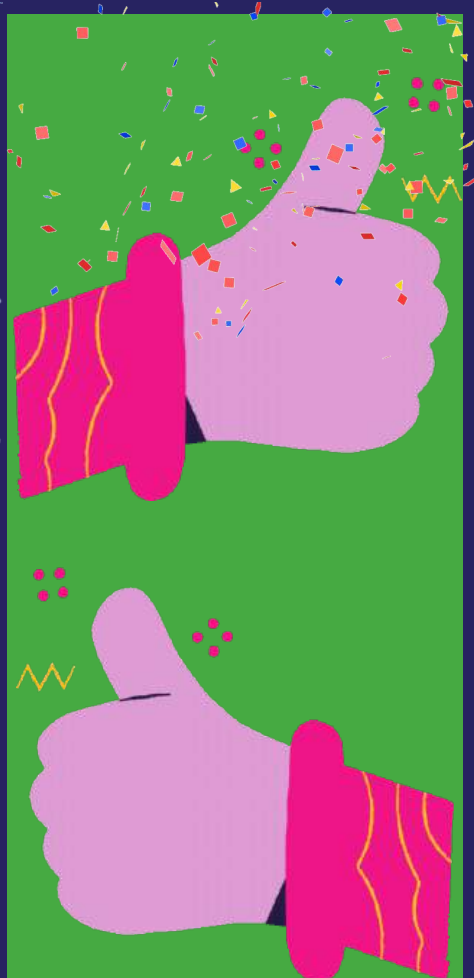
Jacob Kaye

For being kind to others



Cole Fitzsimons

Always positive and freindly
to others



Ava Garbutt

A great student and a friend
to everyone

YEAR 8 STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



AMELIA TURNER
For helping others



TED CHAMBERS
Great attitude and effort recently!



SADIE-LOU SMITH
For her teamwork



KAMEEL ASAD
A really positive week!

YEAR 9



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!



India Cleary
For a really positive
week



Kacey Briggs
Excellent progress in
Food lessons



Sonny Stephenson
Fab work in
photography



Archie Clack
Awesome progress at
climbing

YEAR 10

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**LEXI PENNINGTON
HUNTER**

Great work in Maths



BRADLEY GILES

Great work in Maths



KATIE O'BRIEN

Great work in sociology



POLLY ENRIGHT

Great work in Sociolgy

STUDENTS

OF THE WEEK



AVA HALLORAN

Excellent effort and attitude
across all subjects!



ELLA BURTON

Always getting it right!



OLLY BURNETT

Another week of being an
excellent student!



HARRISON GRAINGER

Excellent work across the
board



Principal PRAISE

YEAR 7

Mason Abbott
Zara Duffin
Jessica Dwight
Jude Dyson-Wormald
Isabelle Halliday
Isla Moorhouse
Isla Morton
Saffron Munslow

YEAR 8

Alfred Wood
Ralph Worthington
Eva Hicks-Fletcher
Alia Patel
Alice Jackson
Phoebe Stewart
Adam Karpowicz
Ruby Krolak
Freya Hill
Hannah Rogerson
Reuben Adams
Oscar Askin
Edith McMillan
Micah Berry
Dominic Gannon-Pell

YEAR 9

Lily Allan
Riley Deakin
Bella Hawkshaw
Lillian Jones
Tianna Doogan
Bobby Ewart
Isaac Grainger
Edward Griffiths
Oscar Sheard
Ellie Styles
Ava Ayres
April Steadman

YEAR 10

Kara Blakeley
Gabriella Rowan
Mia Fortune
Wyatt McMillan
Noah Suggitt
George Walker
William Crossley
Dylan Wilkinson

YEAR 11

Ben Lee
Lydia Palmer-Williams
Allegra Podesta-Atkin
Sonny Ibbetson
Ethan Harris
Isobel Healey
Edith Fawthrop
Zac Caesar
Skye Tobin



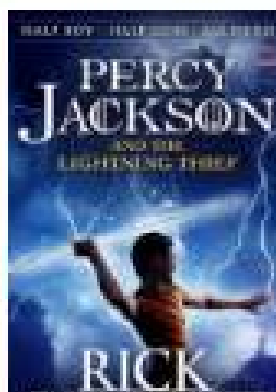
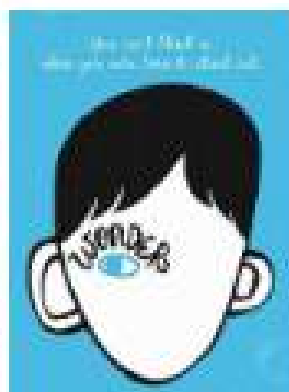
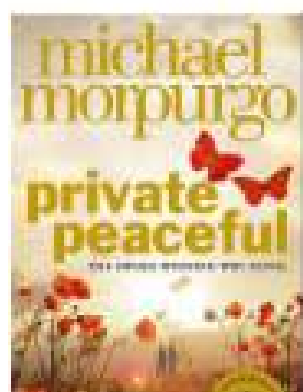
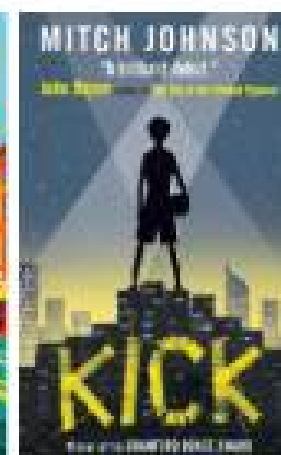
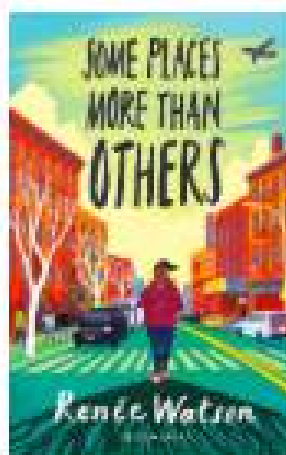
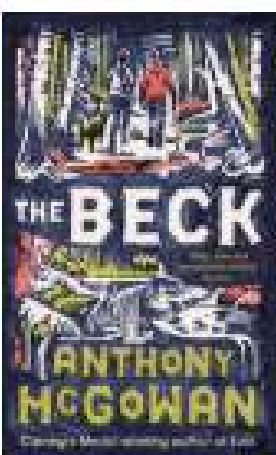
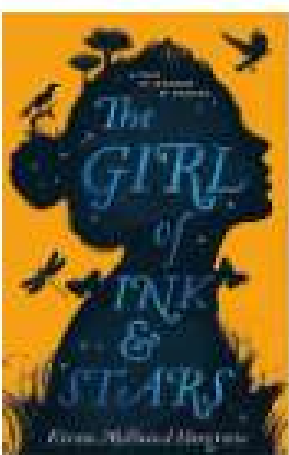
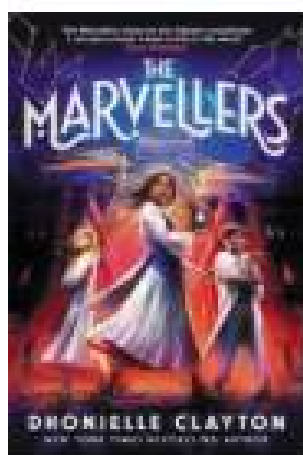
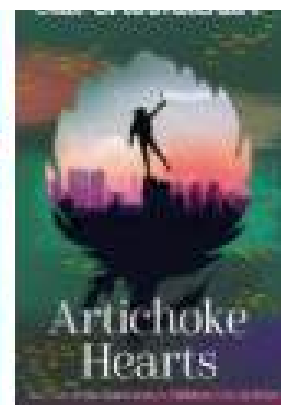
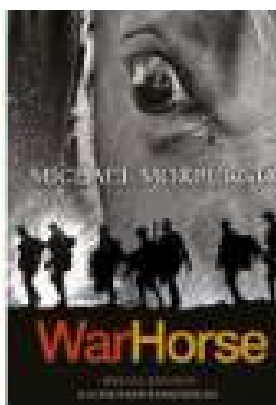
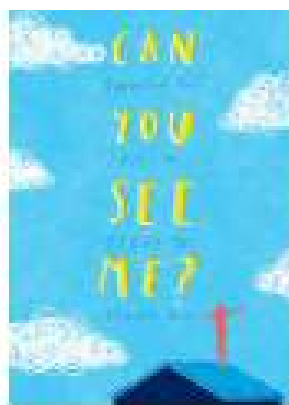
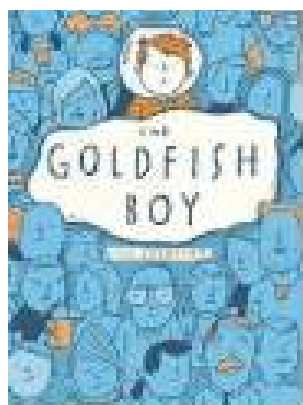
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The BBG Bookcase recommendations for children to read and make progress when reading. Statistically students that read independently do better at school. Please encourage your children of all ages to continue reading daily – 10 minutes before bedtime as a minimum will make all the difference.

NB for parents/carers: Please check online reviews if you have any queries about the suitability of a book before your child reads it.



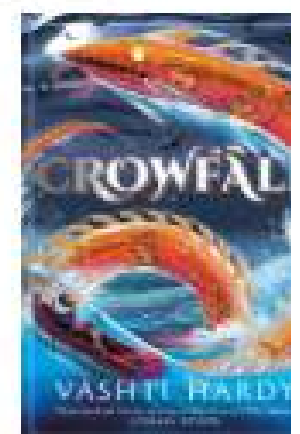
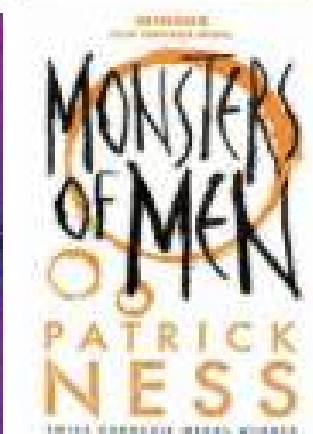
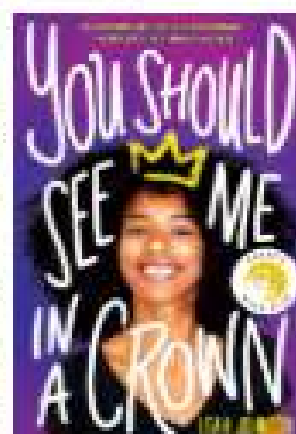
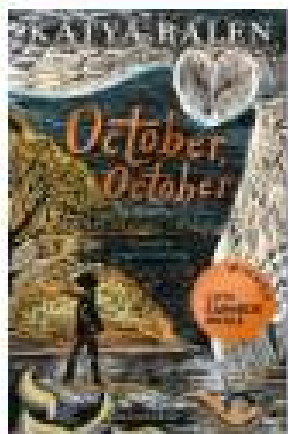
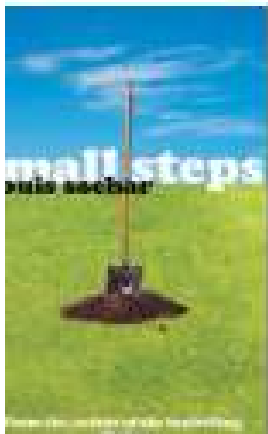
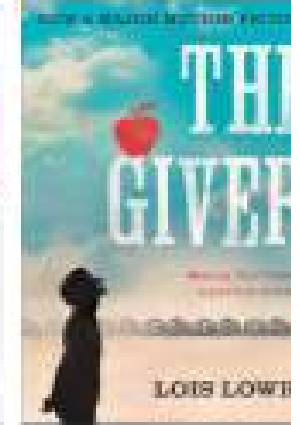
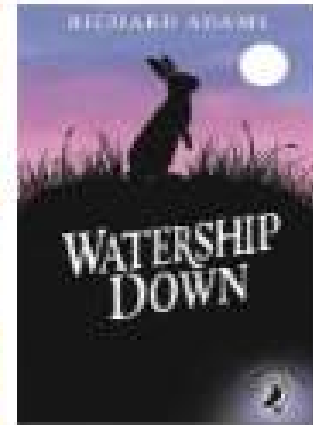
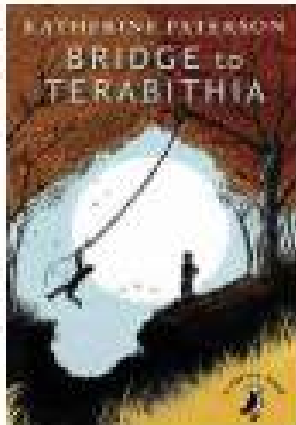
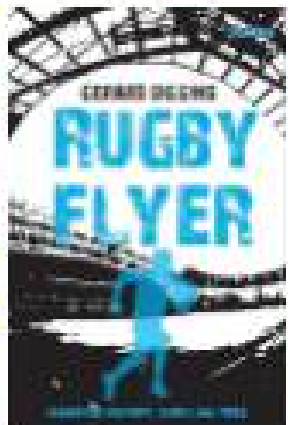
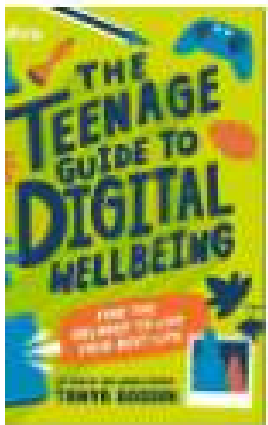
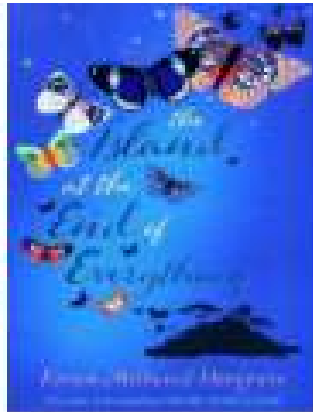
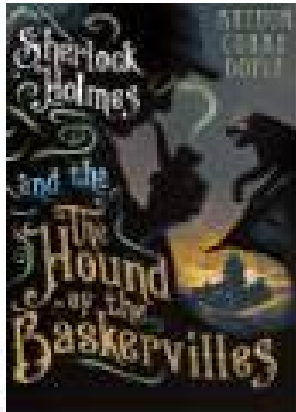
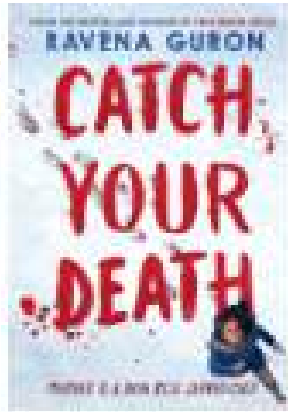
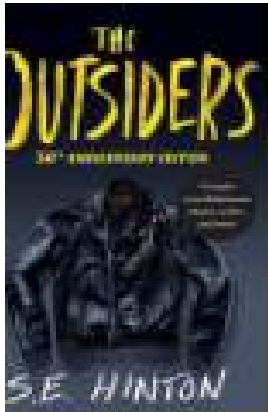


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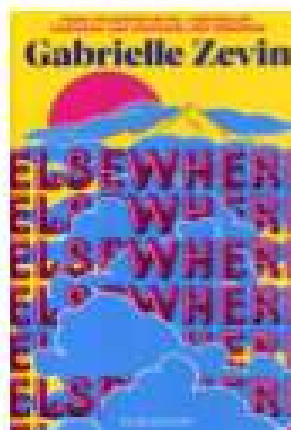
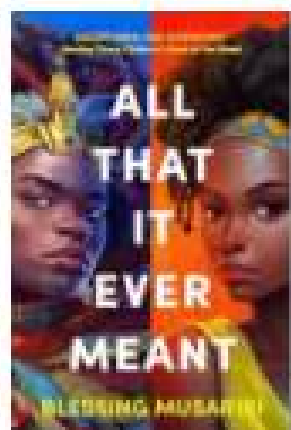
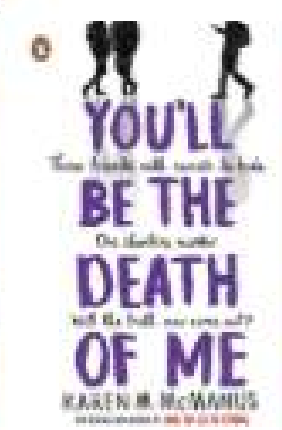
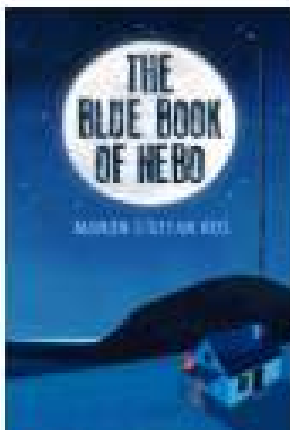
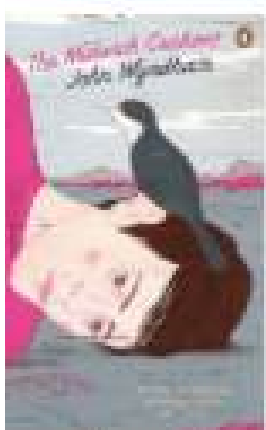
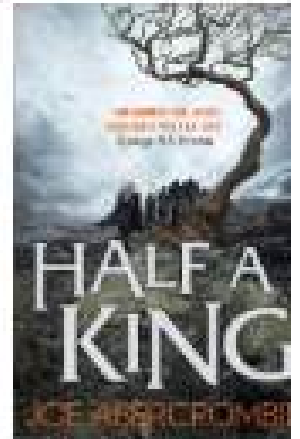
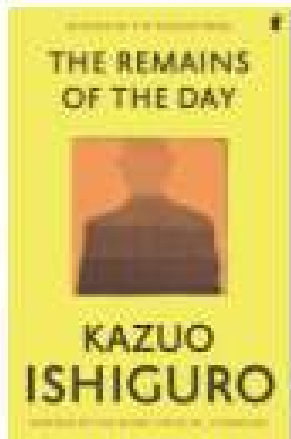
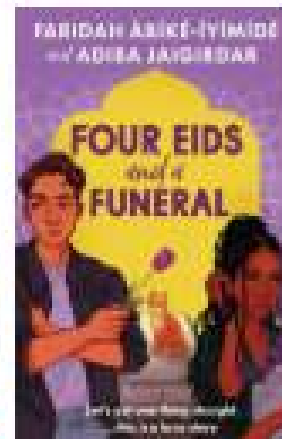
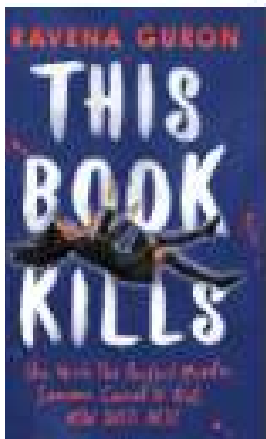
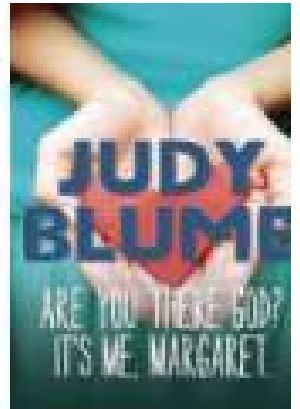
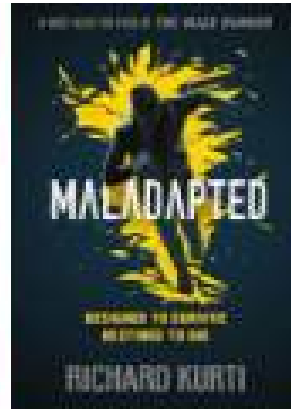
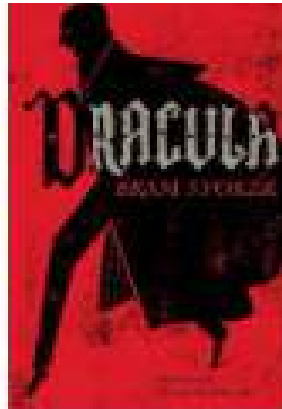
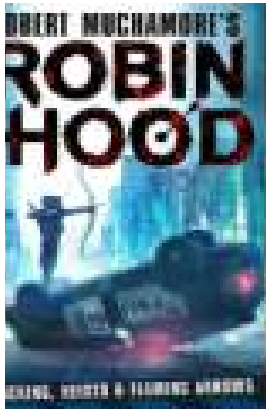


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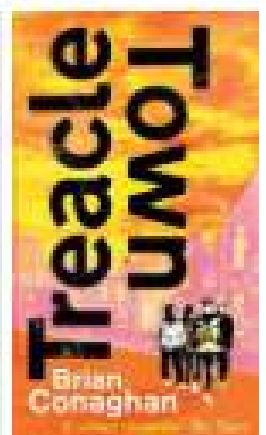
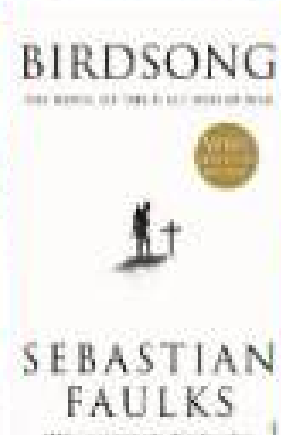
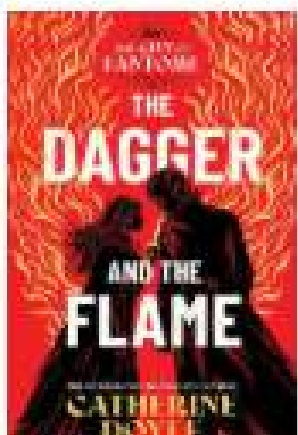
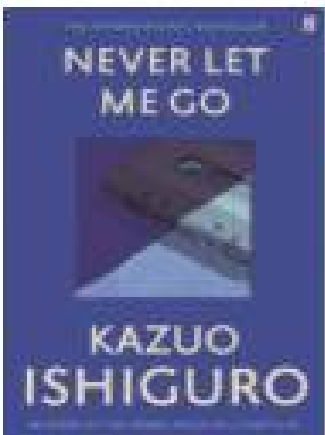
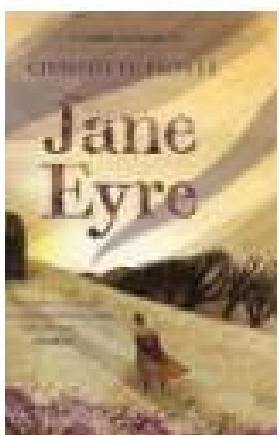
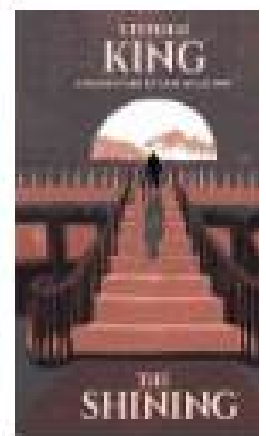
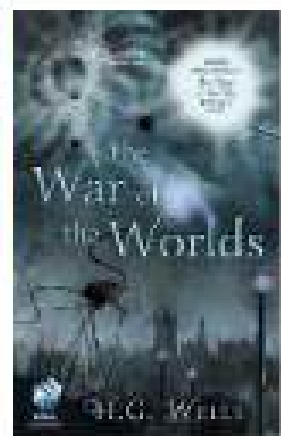
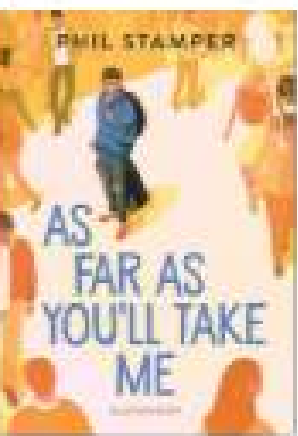
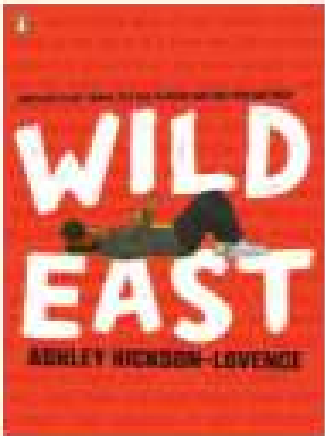
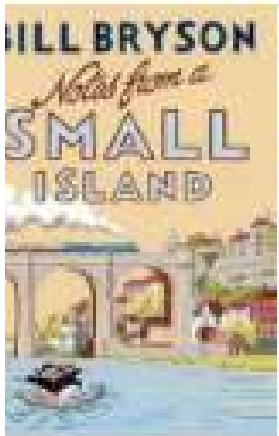
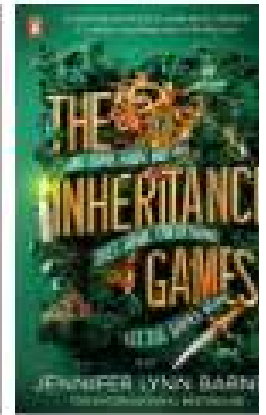
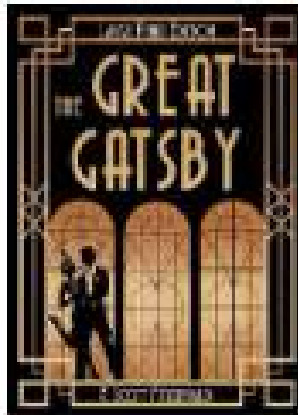
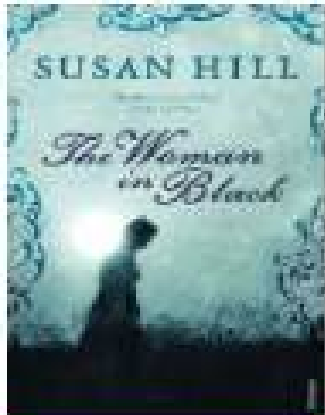
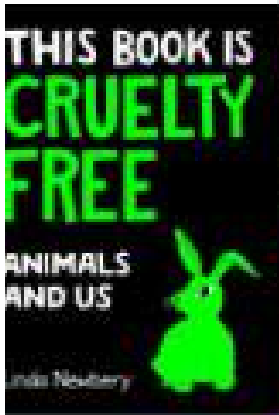


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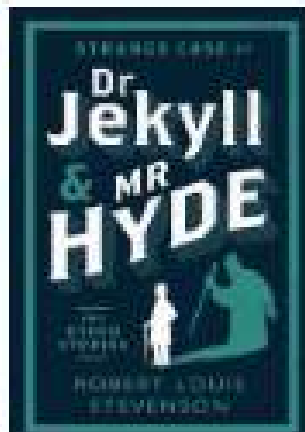
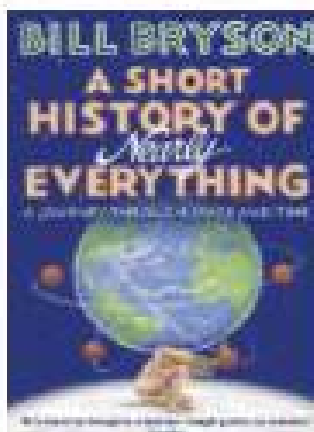
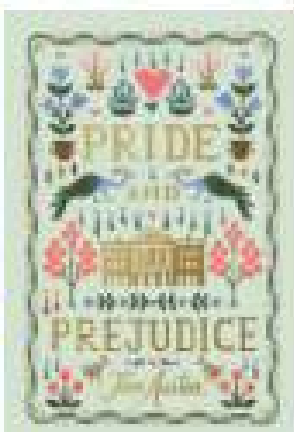
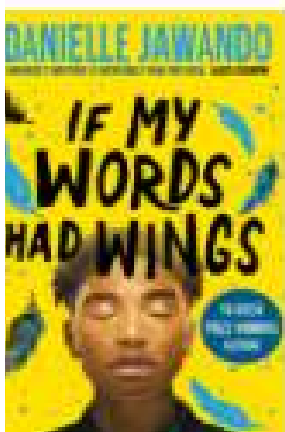
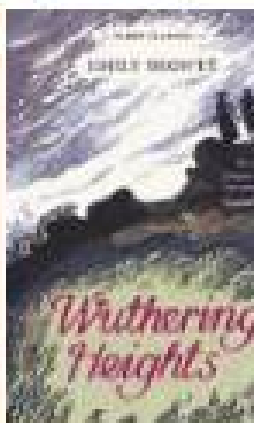
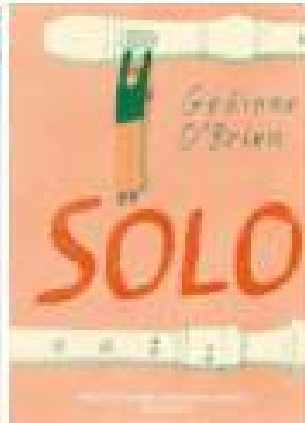
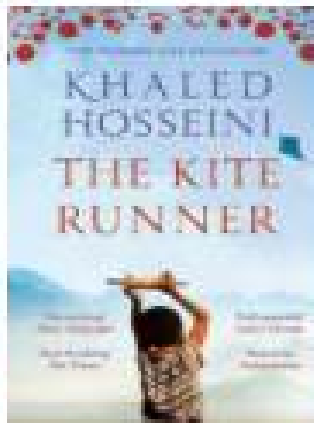
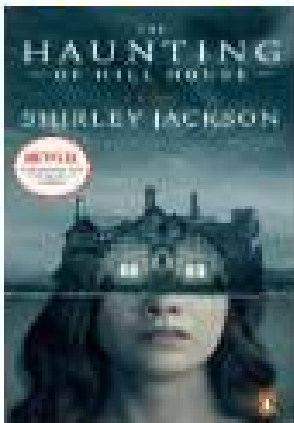
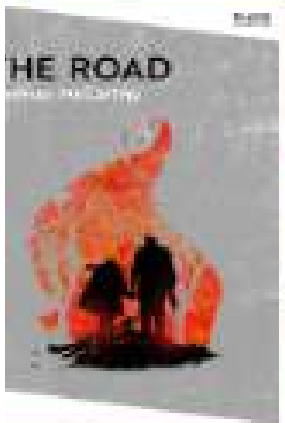
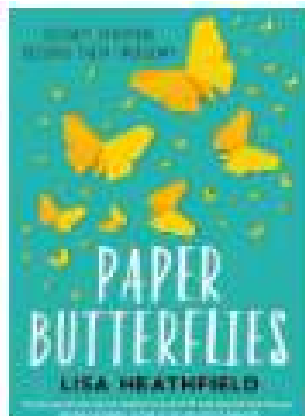
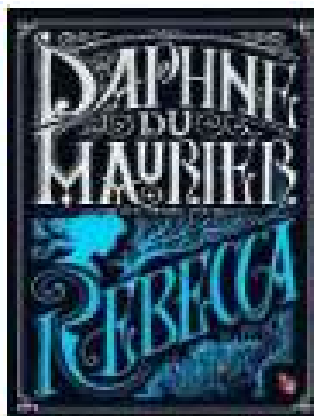
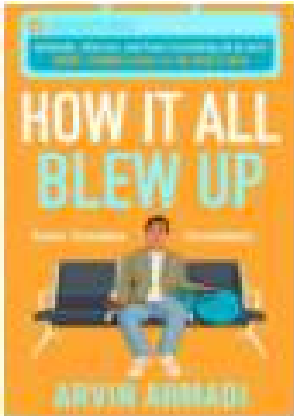


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Players for the 25/26 Junior Season

Weekly Training Days & Times

U16s (School Years 10 & 11)

as of Sept 2025

Wednesdays

@ Hope Park, BD5 8HB

7:30-9:15 pm

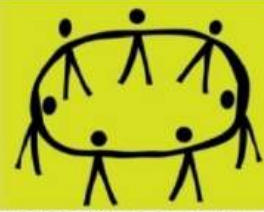
We are looking for players to join our existing U16 squads for next season competing in the West Yorkshire Junior Netball League

Matches played Sundays across West Yorkshire

email birkenshawbells@outlook.com to sign up



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PCAN Cuppa and Chat 2026

If you are a parent or carer of a child with SEND come and join us for a casual get-together and a cuppa at the following places and times.

Come and meet people who 'get it'. Share your stories and hear from others, have a good natter and a laugh. Swap your tales of disaster and success and maybe pick up some useful information along the way.

Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, HD9 3JH

6pm-8pm

Monday 12th January
Monday 9th February
Monday 9th March
Monday 13th April
Monday 11th May
Monday 15th June
Monday 13th July

Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, HD9 6HF

5pm-7pm

Wednesday 7th January
Wednesday 4th February
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 3rd June
Wednesday 1st July

Sensory World, Old Westgate, Dewsbury, WF13 1NB

9.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday 21st January
Wednesday 25th February
Wednesday 18th Marc
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 20th May
Wednesday 24th June
Wednesday 15th July

Soothill Community Centre,

10 Broomdale Rd, Batley Wf17 6NL

9.30am-12pm

Thursday 8th January
Thursday 12th February

The Zone, St Andrew's Road, Huddersfield HD1 6PT

9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 15th January
Thursday 12th February
Thursday 12th March
Thursday 16th April
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 18th June
Thursday 2nd July

Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road,

Cleckheaton, BD19 3DX

4pm-6pm

Thursday 15th January
Thursday 12th February
Thursday 12th March
Thursday 16th April
Thursday 14th May
Thursday 11th June
Thursday 9th July

Slaithwaite Library, Town Hall, Cross Street, HD7 5AF

9.15am-12.15pm

Thursday 22nd January
Thursday 26th February
Thursday 19th March
Thursday 23rd April
Thursday 21st May
Thursday 25th June
Thursday 16th July

**Children
Welcome**



**PCAN has exclusive access to the Play Gym at the Zone
and the Play Area at Sensory World, at a cost of £2 per child**

For more information please contact : info@pcankirklees.org



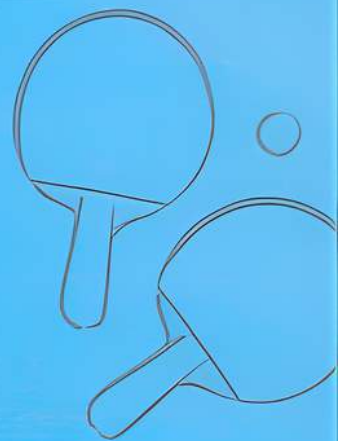
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Fraudsters are clever, but you're smarter



Suspect a scam message?

- Slow down
- Think it through
- Overcheck
- Pass it by someone you trust

General signs of a scam are:

- If It's too good to be true, then it probably is!
- Act now! - pressure or urgency to share details
- An unfamiliar company or logo
- Unusual URL links e.g.bit/inst123
- Misspelt words

3 Steps to protect your personal information

Organisations who help victims

- Your bank (they never ask you to share passwords or one-time passcodes)
- Your mobile phone provider
- 'Report Fraud' is the website for reporting all fraud to the police
- Cifas (offers a Protective Registration for victims of fraud for a fee)
- Victim Support

1

Use a strong password
Short phrase or three random words. Mix letters, characters and numbers

2

Use different passwords
Fraudsters try using stolen passwords across different accounts.

3

Set up multi factor authentication
Secure accounts with biometrics and a passcode sent via an email or text