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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Following each review, I meet one pupil from each tutor group who has been nominated by his/her tutor for routinely always trying his/her best. These pupils have narrowly missed out on a merit trip or commendation, but nonetheless deserve praise and recognition. We are extremely fortunate to have so many such children like this at Broughton.

Pupils recognised following Progress Review 1:

Year 7: Mya Cassidy (7B), Bobby Shorrock (7C), Adam Ahmed (7H), Emilia Campbell (7N), Harry Ferguson (7R), Daniel Connell (7S).

Year 8: Ewan Meacher (8B), Jack Barratt (8C), Daisy Leatherland (8H), Blake Fieldhouse (8N), Anna Lenton (8R), Keira Harrison (8S).

Year 9: George Harrison (9B), Maxwell Jones (9C), Jasmine Wood (9H), Isaac Jones (9N), Hannah Parkinson (9R), Felix Coxon (9S).

Year 10: Dante Bragagnini (10B), Abbey Greaves (10C), Rian Bowes (10H), Beth Millar (10N), Simran Singh (10R), Jodie O'Melia (10S).

Year 11: Charlie Askam (11B), Max Cowell (11C), Jac Isbister (11H), Lucy Pooley (11N), Dylan Lawrenson (11R), Samuel Hyde (11S).



Very well done.

There is a hardly a week goes by without a different piece of research confirming **the importance of reading** in a child's development. Your child was taught to read at primary school and doubtless you supported this process by ensuring they brought home reading books and you listened to them read. Once at secondary school, parental involvement in reading tends to wane and I strongly encourage you to help your son/daughter to read as often and as widely as possible. Here are a few ideas to get your teenager reading again:



- **Keep reading material all over the house**, including the bathroom; wherever there is a captive audience!
- **Model reading.** If your son/daughter sees you reading, conversation naturally follows.
- **Graphic novels** (once dismissed as comics) are now recognised as literature; they may be the key to getting your teenager hooked on books.
- **Merge movies with books.** Offer your son or daughter the print version to read before a big film adaptation comes out on film.
- **Buy them a book as a present.** Any number of websites recommend books for teenagers.

Thank you to all parents of **Year 11** pupils who attended last week's **Parents' Evening**. **Attendance was 93%** which was a further indication of the support we receive and the value of parents and staff working together cannot be emphasised enough.

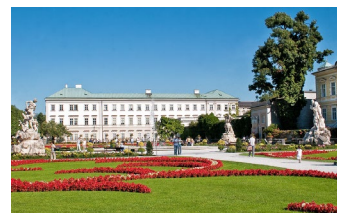
If you are a parent of **Year 7**, please make every effort to attend **the PTFA Family Social Event** being held on **Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm**. A ticket for the social event, which includes a buffet, is only **£5 per family**. We hope you can join us.

As always, if you are happy or unhappy with any aspect of life here at Broughton, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Broughton High School PTFA warmly invite you to their
Year 7 Family Social Event
Join us for a fun night of (easy!) quiz questions
Tickets: **£5 per family** including buffet
Bring the whole family.
The bigger your team, the more chance you have of winning!
Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 6.30pm
Tickets can be purchased from the General Office



Chris Morris, Headteacher



It has been an incredibly busy term in the Music Department. Pupils are currently working hard preparing for both the Carol and school Christmas Concerts which promise to be fantastic events.



The department is also preparing to take a large number of pupils and ensembles to Austria in the summer where they will be able to perform in the famous Mirabell Gardens in Salzburg (as featured in the Sound of Music), on the bandstand by the lake in Zell-am-See and in the piazza in Schladming. Musicians will also be able to visit Mozart's birthplace and sample the famous Mozartkugel chocolates!

As a result of the strong support of both the school and parents through attendance to concerts, significant investment has been made since September to the Music Department facilities. 'Music 1' has been transformed into a performance suite with five brand new band rehearsal stations. Through close involvement with Roland, one of the leaders in music technology, each station contains top of the range electronic drum kits, electric pianos, microphones and HS-5 session mixers. We have also purchased three new bass guitars and have had all of our existing electric and bass guitars serviced. The stations will allow up to five bands to rehearse simultaneously and silently. Each pupil is able to control their own 'mix' enabling them to rehearse their own part or rehearse as a band. Each station is connected to the department's PA system so that performances can be shared with group and the session mixers can also record everything the pupils play. All pupils across the school will now have access to this both in lesson time and during break and lunchtimes.



'Music 2' has also had investment with new software that enables pupils to compose with high quality software synthesisers and orchestral instruments. Pupils can also now access 'Focus on Sound' both within and outside of school which is a comprehensive learning platform that caters for all pupils up to KS4.

Congratulations to **Eleanor Grange** (11H) who has been invited by Lancashire Schools' Jazz Orchestra (LSJO) to be the ensemble's lead vocalist. This is a fantastic achievement considering the number of pupils and schools from across Lancashire that are involved. Well done Eleanor!

If any pupil wishes to sign up for instrumental lessons, there are spaces available, particularly on the brass and woodwind timetables. The Music Department has instruments available should pupils wish to borrow an instrument for lessons. Please see Mr Shepherd for a letter.


I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming concerts and thanks, as always, for your support of the Music Department and our pupils. Our **Carol Concert** takes place on **Monday 16th December** at **Fulwood Methodist Church** from **7pm** and is free to attend. On **Tuesday 17th December** at **7.00pm** we have our **school Christmas Concert**, featuring a wide range of ensembles and soloists. **Tickets**, which can be purchased **from the General Office**, are **£5.00 for adults** and **£3.00 for concessions**, raising funds for the department and facilities. Both events promise to get you in the festive spirit!



Mr Shepherd

A to Z for topic...


How to develop deeper thinking and independence within your child



Did you know that creating things dramatically helps your memory skills?

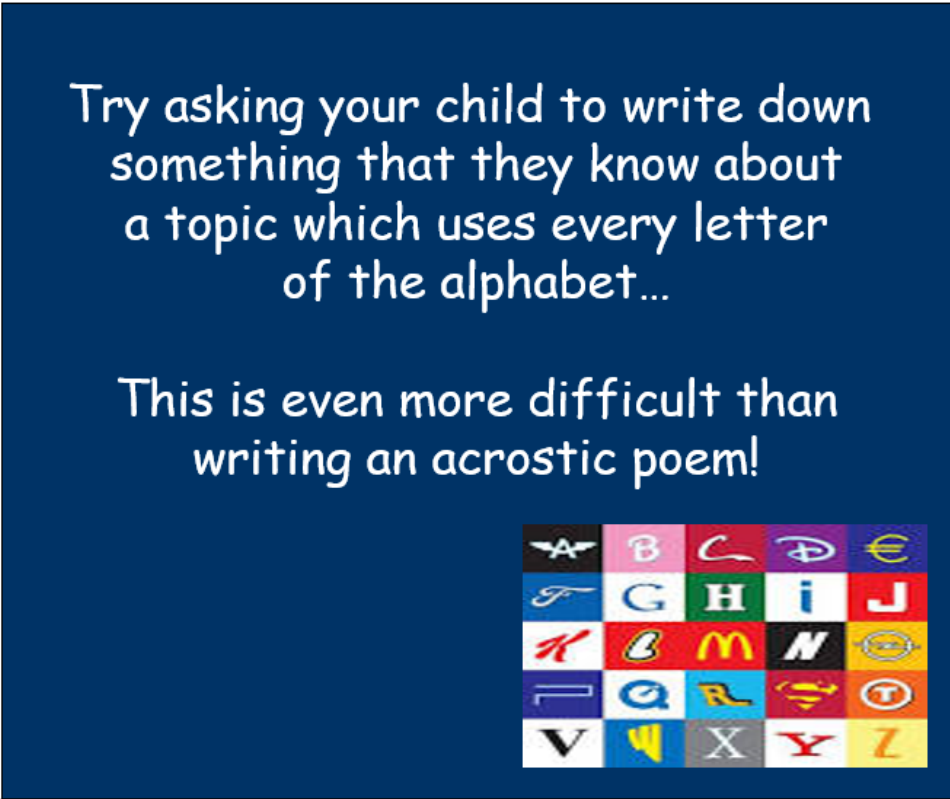

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Word of the Week

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Label it!

Show it!


ClassCharts



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Following a whole school vote, the charity which pupils chose to support for 2019-2020 is the **North West Air Ambulance Charity**.

The North West Air Ambulance Charity takes advanced healthcare to scene; reaching, treating and transferring patients to definitive care as quickly as possible and working collaboratively with its partners to ensure patients are transferred to the best treatment centre thus improving chances of survival and reducing the risk of long term injury.

Just as many critically injured patients would not survive without this service, the North West Air Ambulance Charity would not exist without funding. The service is funded by the generosity of the public through donations, fundraising activity, lottery membership and through its network of retail outlets, who provide vital charitable funding to keep the service flying.

Mr Brady



It is that time of year again when we begin to make preparations for Christmas. Filling a shoebox with gifts for a child less fortunate than ourselves has become part of the Christmas season for some people. Why not continue the tradition, or try it for the first time?

[http://internationalaidtrust.org.uk/
get-involved/shoebox-appeal/](http://internationalaidtrust.org.uk/get-involved/shoebox-appeal/)

Shoeboxes can be delivered to Learning Support from now until Christmas, when they will be delivered to International Aid Trust who arrange delivery of them overseas.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Mrs Hardman

PTFA Year 7 Family Social Evening

Wednesday 11th December, 6.30pm-9.00pm

Carol Service at Fulwood Methodist Church

Monday 16th December, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Christmas Concert at Broughton High School

Tuesday 17th December, 7.00pm

School closes for Christmas

Friday 20th December at 1.00pm

School re-opens

Monday 6th January at 8.40am

Sporting News - Basketball

In recent weeks, the boys began their basketball season, kicking off their Lancashire Cup League games against local opposition.

The **U14 team** hosted Our Lady's, Preston. The beginning of the game was tight in the first quarter, with Our Lady's pulling ahead 8-4 in the first five minutes. After that, Broughton began to play much better as a team and performed the basics in defence very well with **Jacob Barry** scoring freely at the other end. This was a continued trend in the second quarter with **Daniel Blackwell** taking over where Jacob left off. The **final result was Broughton 49 - 16 Our Lady's**. It was a great team performance, especially in defence, that won the game.

The MVP was Jacob Barry with 16 points and **Daniel Blackwell** closely behind with 12.

Harry Harmer, Archie McLeod, Oliver Williams, Charlie Sharkey, James English, Dan Eastham, Adam Alker, Jacob Barry, Daniel Blackwell, Harrison Hall, William Sant, Isaac Jones.

The **U16 team** travelled to Longridge for their first game. This was a very even, competitive game, with the scores staying level throughout all four quarters. At the start of the final quarter of the game, Broughton were losing by two points and needed to close out the opposition. With five minutes to play the scores were level. **Nathan Holmes** gained some valuable free throws after being fouled going to the basket. With two minutes remaining, Broughton went two points up to set up a tense finish to the game. Again, with some expert defending, the boys managed to hold on and keep Longridge out for the quarter. **Final score Broughton 22 - 20 Longridge.**

The MVP was Nathan Holmes.

Archie Turner, Nathan Holmes, Joe Anderson, Aaron Allen, Jack Blackwell, Jack Dunsmuir, Matthew Judge, Sam Kellett, Tyrell Smith.

Mr Marquis

Sporting News - Badminton

The **U16 boys' badminton team** have made a great start to the Lancashire Red Rose Cup. On Tuesday, 19th November, both the A and B team beat Hutton 5-2 and 4-3 respectively, then we overcame Penwortham Priory with the A team winning 5-2 and the B team also winning 5-2. We now face Archbishop Temple in a deciding fixture to see who finishes top of the group.



| A team | B Team |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Miles Grandidge | Charlie Howarth |
| William Thomas | Blaine Sandham |
| Joshua Cartwright | Azel-Avez Shahid |
| Joshua Green | Tom Smith |
| Jac Isbister | Sam Horton |

Mr Bailey

Sporting News - Boys' Football

Last Wednesday, the Preston Schools' Year 7 boys' football tournament began at Ashton High School, with ten teams from across the District in attendance. For the first time, Broughton entered three teams into the competition giving thirty boys the opportunity to represent the school.

Broughton A team won all three games of the evening against Longridge B, Longridge A and Eden A.

Broughton B team lost their first game 1-0 against Eden A, and won both their second and third games against Ashton A and Eden B.

Broughton C team drew their first two games against Ashton B and Christ the King A, before winning their final game against Ashton A.



GK Felix Livesey
L/RD Dougie Harmer
CM Pele Smith
WM Antonio-Raul Iglesias-Leeming
D Charles Bray
L/RD Luke Littlechild
M Thomas Sharkey
F Oskar Kacperski
M Ben Bradley
M Bobby Shorrock

GK Guy Jenkinson
CD Isaac Mercer
M Joshua Dawson
WM Bailey Malliband
WM Samuel Judge
M Oliver Heath
F Jack Nelson
LM/F Henry Woodall
M Daniel Connell
WM Andrew Johnston

GK Thomas Astley
D Jed Anderson
M/D Elliot Bamber
M Jamie Baines
F Finlay Clark
M/F Harry Bond
M/D Jacob Barker
GK Dara Taherian
M Leo Watkin
M Sam Jackson
M/D Tushar Rana

Well done to all the boys involved. They were a credit to the school and we have two more nights of competition to find out who qualifies for the finals evening.

Mr Marquis

Sporting News - Girls' Netball

The Year 9 and 10s girls' netball teams played against Archbishop Temple on Thursday 21st November. Fantastic netball was played across the two games even in the cold weather conditions.

Year 10s won their match 27-0.

Despite playing well, the Year 9s lost their match 9-22.

Well done to all the following pupils:

Year 9

Lily Baines, Megan Sloan, Eva Jones, Olivia Kirnon
Charlotte Parkinson, Emily Rankin, Lucy Ayrton, Sarah Reid (player of the match).

Year 10

Emma Bradley, Isabella Finley, Daniella Martin, Emma Mews
Alex Morris, Molly Parkinson, Emma Walsh.

Miss Whittaker-Bryan

Under 14 Football:

The under 14 girls' football team played in the 2nd round of the Lancashire Cup away at Holy Cross in Chorley. It was a tough match, with freezing weather conditions, but the team battled tirelessly and eventually, after many shots on target, were rewarded with a goal from **Grace Jemson** in the last two minutes of the game. The game finished 1-0 therefore we qualify to the third round of the cup. Well done to the team.

**Macy Darley, Grace Jemson, Sarah Reid, Monae Smith, Alice Smithies,
Eve Burrow, Phoebe Connolly, Phoebe Glynn, Madelyn Clements,
Jessica Anderson, Humaira Yasmin, Molly Kelly-Barker.**

Under 12 Football:

The under 12 girls' football team played in their first week of the Preston Schools' football league. They worked extremely well as a team, with great leadership from **Natasha Holden**. Well done to **Annie Park** and **Elise Rawson** for receiving player of the match. We lost 2-0 to Ashton, won 4-0 against Moor Park and won 3-2 against Christ the King.

Goal scorers were **Elise Rawson** x 4, **Annie Park** x 1, **Natasha Holden** x 1 and **Matilda Macleod** x 1. Well done to the team.

**Elise Rawson, Natasha Holden, Bethan Sloan, Annie Park, Matilda Macleod,
Amber Robson, Aimee Tilley, Leila Noyon, Caitlin Blinkhorn, Sophie Jones.**

Under 16 Football:

On Friday afternoon, we travelled to Dallam School in the Lake District for the third round of the English Schools Cup. As predicted, it was a tough match but the team performed exceptionally well. They worked hard as a team to produce scoring opportunities and even after hitting the crossbar twice in a row they managed to find the back of the net with a fantastic dribble through and shot on goal from Daisy Mason and a superb free kick from Fran Lyons finding the top corner. We look forward to the next round in the coming weeks.

Well done to all the girls for their tremendous efforts.

**Anna Tsimboykas, Fran Lyons, Megan Vaughan, Ellie Vaughan, Daisy Mason, Emma Kelly,
Molly Capps, Poppy Leatherland, Cara Astley, Jessica Greaves, Katy Redmond, Emma Walsh.**

Miss Lupton

Reverse Advent Calendar Christmas Appeal - Collection for Local Children in Need



As the holidays approach, we are taking time to think about those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. As a school, we are undertaking a Reverse Advent Calendar. Every day, for the next two weeks, pupils will be allocated a day on which we would like them to bring in a food/toiletry item that we will donate to the Preston Food Bank run by the charity *Luv Preston*. The donations will be taken to the depot in the last week of term and distributed to those in need of extra help over the Christmas period. Any item will be welcome as long as it is in date. Thank you all in advance for your support.

Mrs Boardman



FIND Newsletter Winter Issue 2019

The latest issue of the FIND Newsletter is available on the school website:

[FIND Newsletter - Winter 2019](#)



Book Buzz is a reading programme from the Book Trust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in Year 7 and 8 pupils.

Pupils are given the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles selected by a panel of experts. This year fifty of our pupils across Years 7 and 8 took part. The group met earlier this term to consider and select which titles they wanted and, on Friday morning, we met up again to hand out the books and enjoy some juice, toast and quality reading time.



As always, there was a great selection of stories on offer (from mystery and comedy to drama and sci-fi) and our pupils found it very difficult to make a choice. We will therefore be holding a book swap next term where members of our Book Buzz group may swap books with each other should they wish. There will also be opportunities throughout the year to win other titles from the list in our library competitions and all titles will be available to borrow from the library. An enjoyable morning was had by all and thanks go to Mr Webster for his help.

Mrs Whitlock

Learn it CHALLENGE

German

1. Germany celebrate **3rd October** as their day of **reunification**.
2. Oktoberfest starts in **mid-September**.
3. Haribo stands for **Hans Riegel Bonn** (**Hans Riegel**, the founder and **Bonn**, the city where it was founded).
4. Germany has **16 states**.
5. **Austria, Belgium, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Switzerland** all have German as one of their official languages.
6. The following are famous German writers: **Bach and Beethoven**.
7. **Händel and Wagner** are both famous German composers.
8. **Angela Merkel** is the current German chancellor.
9. **Maibaum** is a **decorated tree, or tree trunk**, erected on 1st May.
10. Berliner Mauer was a **guarded concrete border between the former East and West Germany**.

Success for Tom Burrow, ex Broughton Pupil

On leaving Broughton in 2018, Tom began a plastering apprenticeship with Preston's College and gained employment with a local firm. The opportunities for him to undertake plastering with that firm were limited and therefore, over the summer of this year, Tom decided to make the move to a local firm specialising in plastering.

During the summer term at College, Tom was entered into the Regional Skill Build competition in Bolton. He competed in the plastering section and, having scored one of the highest marks, he progressed to the national stage of the competition which took place in November at Birmingham's NEC. The competition involved three long days requiring candidates to display a multitude of skills. Tom came third and was awarded the bronze medal, which is a fantastic achievement, especially as he has only been plastering on a daily basis since September 2019. The gold and silver medalists, both in their twenties, have been plastering for over ten years.

This month, Tom will find out whether he scored highly enough in the national competition to gain him an invitation to represent Great Britain at the World Skill Build Competition, which will take place in 2021 in Shanghai.



Mr Morris

Equalities Officer

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5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), usually including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship in vehicle body and paint. You can take a college course in Accident Repair Paint or Vehicle Accident Repair Paint Principles which normally requires some GCSEs. You may be able to apply for jobs directly if you have past experience.



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Year 11 GCSE Drama

'The Crucible'

Over the last two weeks in the Drama Studio the Year 11 Drama GCSE pupils have transported their audiences to the 1692 Salem Witch Trials through powerful performances in Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'.

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Abigail Williams | Maddy Taylor and Amy Comiskey |
| John Proctor | Lucas Dewhurst and Stanley Mason |
| Elizabeth Proctor | Hannah Rawcliffe and Ashleigh Panter |
| Rev Samuel Parris | Eli Thomson |
| Mary Warren | Jenna Court and Katie Adamson |
| Reverend John Hale | Emma Kelly and Chloe Fisher |
| Deputy Governor Danforth | Scarlett Allison |
| Judge Hathorne | Thomas Parker |
| Ezekiel Cheever | Luke Suffolk |
| Thomas Putnam | Chris Grindrod |
| Anne Putnam | Eleanor Jones |
| Betty Parris | Ellen Panasiewicz |
| Tituba | Karina Kaur Singh |
| Mercy Lewis | Abby Taylor |
| Susannah Walcott | Emma Jones |
| Giles Corey | Felix Hammond |
| Martha Corey | Holly Jemson |
| Rebecca Nurse | Keeva Melaugh |

Everyone involved gave contributions of which they could be extremely proud and we thoroughly appreciated the support that the audience gave the GCSE pupils. Pupils were excited to be able to open up the new folding doors in the studio to extend their performance space and were delighted with this fabulous new facility.

Mrs Fahey



Directed by **Keeva Melaugh**

Artwork by **Stanley Mason**

Special thanks to
Kieran McNulty for standing
in at the last minute.



Year 11 GCSE Drama

'The Crucible'



Why not give the gift of reading this Christmas?



KS3

Top Marks for Murder by Robin Stevens

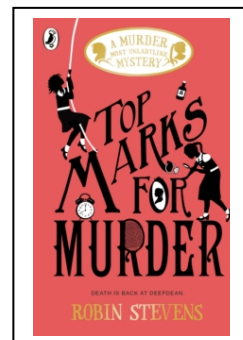
(The latest in the 'A murder most unladylike' mystery series.)

Daisy and Hazel are finally back at Deepdean, and the school is preparing for a most exciting event: the fiftieth Anniversary. Plans for a weekend of celebrations are in full swing. But all is not well, for in the detectives' long absence, Deepdean has changed...

... then the girls witness a shocking incident in the woods close by - a crime that they're sure is linked to the Anniversary.

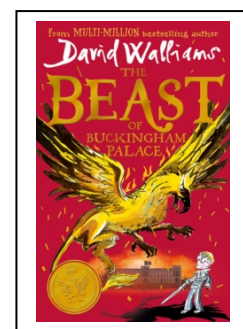
As parents descend upon Deepdean, decades-old grudges, rivalries and secrets begin to surface, and soon Deepdean's future is at stake. Can the girls solve the case - and save their home?

'This is that rare thing - a series that gets better with each book' *Telegraph*



The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams

It is 2120 and London is in ruins. The young Prince Alfred has never known a life outside Buckingham Palace - but when strange goings-on breach its walls and stalk the corridors in the dead of night, he is thrust into a world of mystery, adventure and monsters. And when his mother, the Queen, is dragged away to the Tower of London, Alfred must screw up his courage and battle to save her, himself ... and the entire city.



The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Shortlisted for Carnegie Medal 2019, Waterstones Children's book prize 2019 and the Blue Peter Book awards 2019

Marinka dreams of a normal life, but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...



Flight Tips for Flightless Birds by Kelly McCaughrain

Twins Finch and Birdie Franconi are stars of the flying trapeze.

But when Birdie suffers a terrifying accident, Finch must team up with the geeky new kid, Hector Hazzard, to form an all-boys double act and save the family circus school.

Together they learn to walk the high-wire of teen life and juggle the demands of friends, family, first love and facing up to who they are - all served up with a dash of circus-showbiz magic.



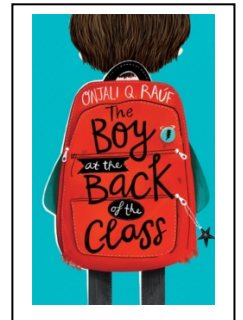
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Childrens Book Prize 2019

The publisher says: 'Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense. There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange.

He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite! But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all.

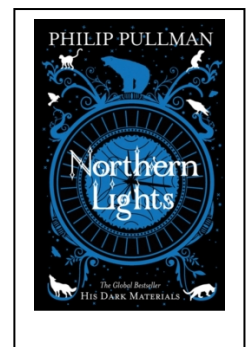
He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help. That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan.'



Northern Lights (his Dark Materials Trilogy) by Philip Pullman

The first volume in Philip Pullman's **HIS DARK MATERIALS** trilogy, **now a thrilling, critically acclaimed BBC/HBO television series.**

Book Trust say 'This extraordinary fantasy is the first book in Philip Pullman's multi-award-winning *His Dark Materials* trilogy. Exciting, original and enormously powerful it is an incredible feat of imagination, and one of the classics of 20th century children's literature.'

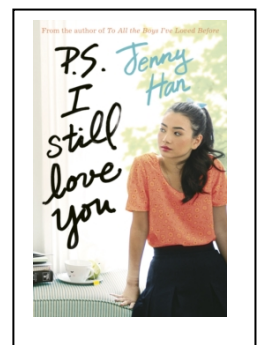


YA BOOKS/KS4

P.S I still love you by Jenny Han

(Sequel to the best-selling 'To all the boys I've loved before')

Lara Jean and her love letters are back in this sequel to 'To All The Boys I've Loved Before.' Lara Jean didn't expect to really fall for Peter. But suddenly they are together for real - and it's far more complicated than when they were pretending! Only one thing is certain: falling in love is just the easy part!



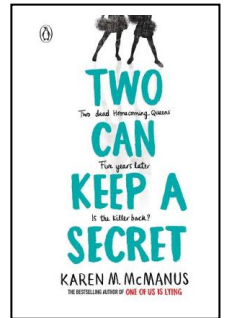
Look out for the Netflix original movie starring Lana Condor and Noah Centineo in 2020!



Two can keep a secret by Karen McManus

(From the author of the best-selling 'One of us is lying')

Echo Ridge is small-town America. Ellery's never been there, but she's heard all about it. Her aunt went missing there at age seventeen. And only five years ago, a homecoming queen put the town on the map when she was killed. Now Ellery has to move there to live with a grandmother she barely knows.



The town is picture-perfect, but it's hiding secrets. And before school even begins for Ellery, someone has declared open season on homecoming, promising to make it as dangerous as it was five years ago. Then, almost as if to prove it, another girl goes missing.....

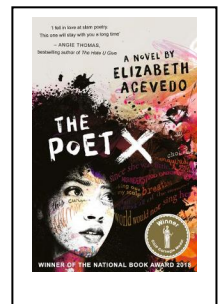
Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Winner of the CILIP Carnegie medal 2019

Shortlisted for the Waterstones children's book prize 2019

'Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking.

But X has secrets – her feelings for a boy in her bio class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. And a slam poetry club that will pull those secrets into the spotlight.



Because in spite of a world that might not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to stay silent.

The publisher says 'A novel about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in, no matter how hard it is to say. Brave, bold and beautifully written - dealing with issues of race, feminism and faith.'

Crossfire by Malorie Blackman

Crossfire is the long-awaited new novel in legendary author Malorie Blackman's ground-breaking **Noughts and Crosses** series.

'Thirty-four years have passed since Sephy Hadley - a Cross - first met Callum McGregor - a nought. Their love was forbidden, powerful - and deadly. Life is seemingly very different now for Noughts and Crosses - including for Sephy and Callum's families. But old wounds from the past are hard to heal, and when you're playing a game as dangerous as they are, it won't be long before someone gets caught in the crossfire' - *LoveReading4kids*



'The Noughts & Crosses series are still my favourite books of all time and showed me just how amazing story-telling could be' - *Stormzy*



Online Safety Newsletter: December 2019

Online Chatting/Cyberbullying

What is your child saying online?

Children can communicate online through lots of different apps, social media and games (WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA, Fortnite for example) so it's important to talk to your child about how they behave and communicate online. It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face. This is a useful article including tips on how to help your child be kind to others online:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/safer-internet-day-2019-how-to-help-your-child-be-kind-to-others-online>

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or sees something that worries them) then they should not reply to them or engage, they should instead tell an adult that they trust.

We always recommend regularly talking to your child about what they are doing online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/cyberbullying>

PlayStation Now

PlayStation Now is a game subscription service (charged monthly) that gives the subscriber access to more than 700 games either by streaming instantly to their PS4/ Windows PC or downloading direct to their PS4 console.

PlayStation Now is only available to account holders **who are aged 18 and over**. Once set up, Child account holders can then access age-appropriate content (using the Family Manager's Primary PS4 system). It is important that appropriate parental controls are set up as some of the games included within the subscription may not be age appropriate for your child, for example, Grand Theft Auto V has a PEGI rating of 18. More information about setting up family accounts is available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/explore/playstation-network/family-accounts/>

Are you guilty of Sharenting?

'Sharenting' is when we post too much information about our children online, such as photos, funny moments or key milestones. This useful article discusses the top six things parents should be thinking about before they post such as what information you include when you upload photographs (child's school, age or location). We tell our children to think before they post but maybe as parents, we need to too. Read the article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/CDT1p7qHZxjrGLsw1xh7Pg/sharenting-six-things-parents-should-think-about-before-hitting-post-on-social-media>

Age ratings

The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) has launched new digital age rating symbols designed for digital streaming platforms such as Netflix. More and more children are choosing what they watch, so talk to your child about the different ratings so they can make the right decision about what to watch.

More information available here:

<https://bbfc.co.uk/about-bbfc/media-centre/don't-call-us-boring-'generation-conscious'-want-make-better-decisions-ever>

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare

The latest game in the Call of Duty franchise, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare was released in October. This game has been rated 18 by PEGI, which means **it should only be played by those over 18**. This is a very realistic game that includes **intense violence**. You should also be aware of:

In-game purchases

As with any game that allows in-game purchases, ensure you have set up passwords and/or limits on any payment details stored within the device. There have been reports of children spending a lot of money using their parent's stored payment details.

Chat facility

You should be aware that this game does have a chat feature so players may be exposed to **inappropriate language or content that is unsuitable** for them to hear.



What is Stadia?

Google has launched a new platform called Stadia, it is a game streaming service, which means you can play video games on devices that you may already own such as a smart TV or PC using Chrome. Stadia works with existing game controllers/keyboards but they have also launched a new controller specific to Stadia. A Stadia Pro subscription costs £8.99 a month. You need to be aware that some of the games may not be age appropriate for your child; for example, Assassin's Creed Odyssey has a PEGI rating of 18 so it is important that you set up appropriate controls to ensure your child is accessing age appropriate content. As parents, you have access to additional controls and privacy settings that allows you to set which games your child can play and who they can play with.

More information is available here:

https://support.google.com/stadia/answer/9575790?hl=en&ref_topic=9495322