



# DEER PARK

## newsletter

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HEADTEACHERS HELLO



It has been a busy fortnight at Deer Park! Congratulations to all students for their hard work on recent exams and assessments, especially Year 10 who experienced full exam conditions during their practice exams. We also enjoyed commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day and have had numerous successful trips and events. Read on to find out more and let's hope the lovely weather lasts through half term!

Mr Jones

Meet Mrs Beach



My name is Mrs Beach and I am the new Maths teacher that has joined Mrs Stratton's amazing department. I have loved getting to know the school, staff and students over my first few weeks here.

I am really passionate about maths and want to show students how interesting maths is. Also I want students to understand where maths will help them in their day to day lives and in other subjects too.

In my spare time I enjoy being creative by knitting and crocheting clothes and toys. I also love to read and go on walks in the New Forest.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome over the last few weeks. It has been a fantastic start to this term.



## YEAR 7

This certainly has been a short half-term but a busy one none the less. I have been very proud of how the Year group have tackled their core exams; we deliberately didn't make a big deal of these as we didn't want the students to worry or get stressed but I am pleased to say that they have shown excellent conduct throughout so please congratulate them at home! As I explained to the students in a recent assembly, the exams are more to inform us as teachers which knowledge has 'stuck' and what might need a recap. Our recent assembly was linked to this topic as we examined mental health and looked at strategies / tips to keep us well-balanced and happy - sometimes easier said than done.

Mr Hastings also spoke to the year group regarding the importance of attendance and the link between this and progress (and wellbeing). On the whole, the year group has a good attendance but, as ever, there are areas that can be improved!

Finally, can I say well done and commiserations to our boys football team who lost on penalties in the final of the Southampton Schools Cup. They have had a magical season together and we are very proud of them.

Mr Parnell

## YEAR 8

Another half term almost completed and what a busy one it has been! In our recent assemblies, we've been thinking a lot about success. It's been great to discuss how success isn't just one thing - it looks different for everyone. Whether it's mastering a tricky maths problem, improving your skills in PE, creating a fantastic piece of artwork, or simply being a kind and supportive friend, your achievements are all important. Remember that your personal best is something to be really proud of. Mr Hastings has also been speaking to you about the crucial role of attendance. Being in school regularly makes a huge difference to your learning and how well you can achieve. Every lesson counts, and being present means you don't miss out on important information and opportunities to learn and grow.

We also wanted to acknowledge your efforts during the recent Year 8 exams. We know you put in a lot of work, and while these tests give us a snapshot of where you are, they aren't the only measure of your progress. We've mentioned them, but our main focus remains on your overall learning journey and the progress you're making every day. Well done for approaching them with such maturity!

Now, as we head towards the break, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable time. Come back refreshed and ready for the next part of the year.

Keep up the great work, Year 8!

Mr Colley



## YEAR 9

Another half term almost completed for Year 9, and a real opportunity to reflect on the last few weeks. Firstly, it has been great going into lessons and seeing students completing feedback on their recent mock exams. The cohort approached these admirably, and on the whole, the students tried their absolute best.

With our second report data collection just around the corner, I would encourage parents to analyse their child's performance in these recent exams, specifically looking at the gap between their current level, and their Year 11 target. It is perhaps an opportunity to reflect on how much revision was done at home, and importantly if these revision techniques were effective.

Finally, a massive well done to the Year Group on how sensible and focused they have been in their EL lessons, whilst completing the 'Relationships' topic.

I hope you all enjoy a sunny and well deserved rest over half term.

Thanks,  
Mr Gregory

## YEAR 10

It seems like this ½ term has only just started, and yet we only have one more week until our next break! Despite the short ½ term, it's been incredibly busy for Year 10, who have just completed their two weeks of mock exams. The exams offered a chance for students to see what next year will look like, and having missed out on KS2 SATs at the end of their primary years, it was the first experience of exam conditions for most of the cohort. I'm delighted with the way Year 10 conducted themselves throughout the exams, and I hope the experience supports them with how they feel about the final exams in Year 11.

In addition to the mock exams, Year 10 Media and Technology students had the chance to visit the WB studios, home of Harry Potter. I was lucky enough to be involved with the trip and I know the students had a great day, exploring the sets used in the films and learning about how the film was created. The group were also incredibly lucky to be given a behind-the-scenes lesson by staff at the studios, including a description of props used from the real films. Mr Denman lived out a dream as he stood next to Hagrid's jumper!

We've enjoyed some lovely, warm weather over the past couple of weeks, and it looks like it's here to stay for at least one more week. Let's hope we get some sun in the May ½ term! I wish you and your families an enjoyable rest, and look forward to seeing you all for the final push through Year 10.

Thanks,  
Mr. Smith



## SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: SCIENCE



In the Science Department at Deer Park we continue to learn about the world around us through developing our knowledge and scientific skills in equal measure. Every lesson is committed to embedding knowledge to form a strong foundation which more difficult concepts can be built on and applied both practically and in abstract. Alongside this we offer extra curricular activities including STEM club and our STEM leaders programme.

### YR 7

This half term year 7 are studying the world of acids and alkalis in our chemistry topic allowing them to find out which is the most effective digestion remedy on the market.

They are also looking at the fundamentals of electrical circuits and in biology we are looking at human reproduction and will finish the summer with our ecology topic.

### YR 8

Year 8 will be building electromagnets to lift up paperclips, exploring the world of energy costs, how this affects our lives as adults and how to reduce our energy bills- no excuses for leaving lights left on! Finally, year 8 will be studying the geology topic of the Earth and Atmosphere.

### YR 9

After successfully completing their mock exams the year 9s will be studying communicable disease, the particle model of matter and chemical reactions including acid strength and reactivity. They will conclude the year by looking at radioactivity and bioenergetics.

### YR 10 -

An enormous congratulations to the year 10s for completing three mock exams during a highly challenging practice exam season. As we collate their results we can see there has been a huge amount of success across the cohort- well done! In the remaining part of the year we will continue to work through the courses whilst taking time to support them based on feedback from this process.



## CAREERS INFORMATION



ORGANISATION	OPEN EVENT DATES*	APPLICATION DEADLINE
<u>Richard Taunton 6th Form College</u> <a href="http://www.tauntons.ac.uk">www.tauntons.ac.uk</a>	11th June 2025	No fixed deadline(advised to apply early)
PETA Apprenticeships <a href="http://www.peta.co.uk">www.peta.co.uk</a>	-	<a href="#">Click here for current vacancies</a>
Paragon Skills Apprenticeships <a href="http://www.paragonskills.co.uk">www.paragonskills.co.uk</a>	-	
Steve Willis Training Apprenticeships <a href="http://www.stevewillis.com">www.stevewillis.com</a>	-	<a href="#">Click here for current vacancies</a>
Apprenticeships <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk">www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</a>	-	<a href="#">Click here for current vacancies</a>

RICHARD TAUNTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

6.00 - 8.00pm

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### VE DAY

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May, the History Department and the wider school community have been commemorating in a number of ways.

On Friday 2nd May, 18 Ks3 and Ks4 pupils were selected for their sustained attitude to learning and brilliant engagement in History lessons. Pupils were offered the opportunity to engage in a WW2 Ration Baking workshop, in which they worked in teams to recreate recipes used in WW2. Pupils baked and tested recipes such as Mayonnaise chocolate cake, carrot cookies and vinegar cake.

On Thursday 8th May all pupils started their day with a VE day themed tutor session. This session introduced our pupils to VE day, and discussed the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by those involved in World War Two. Our atrium was decorated with handmade bunting, made by pupils across Ks3 and Ks4, and our pupils who are members of uniformed organisations outside of school, such as cadets, Scouts or Guides were invited to to wear the uniform of their organisation into school. During break and lunchtime, our fantastic catering team lead by Chef Angie played music from the time period, and adapted our catering offering to reflect the anniversary.

Later on in the day, a selection of Ks3 History pupils were invited to attend a live webinar hosted by the Army. This experience was entitled 'VE Day - Victory in the words of serving soldiers.' and offered the opportunity for pupils to explore a detailed history of WW2, including key turning points and moments such as the evacuation of Dunkirk, and D Day.

On Thursday afternoon, we were lucky enough to be joined by residents of Snowdrop Place Care home, as we enjoyed a VE day celebration. Pupils were able to interview Margaret, John and Iris to better understand their experiences of World War Two, and how the war went on to shape their childhoods and early life. Pupils particularly enjoyed speaking with Iris, who has recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and worked in a munitions factory during the war.

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to, or got involved in our VE day celebrations.





## MAC Drama Trip

Our Key Stage 3 students recently embarked on an enriching trip to the local college to watch a wonderful adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's beloved novel, 'The Butterfly Lion'.

The talented college performers brought Bertie's heartwarming story to life with great skill and imagination. From the vast plains of Africa to the familiar landscapes of England, the students were drawn into the powerful tale of an extraordinary friendship between a young boy and a magnificent white lion.

The performance beautifully explored themes of friendship, memory, and our connection to the natural world, leaving a lasting impression on our students. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience storytelling in a new and engaging way, and the journey home was filled with thoughtful reflections on the play's poignant message. A big thank you to the college for hosting us and for such a memorable theatrical experience!



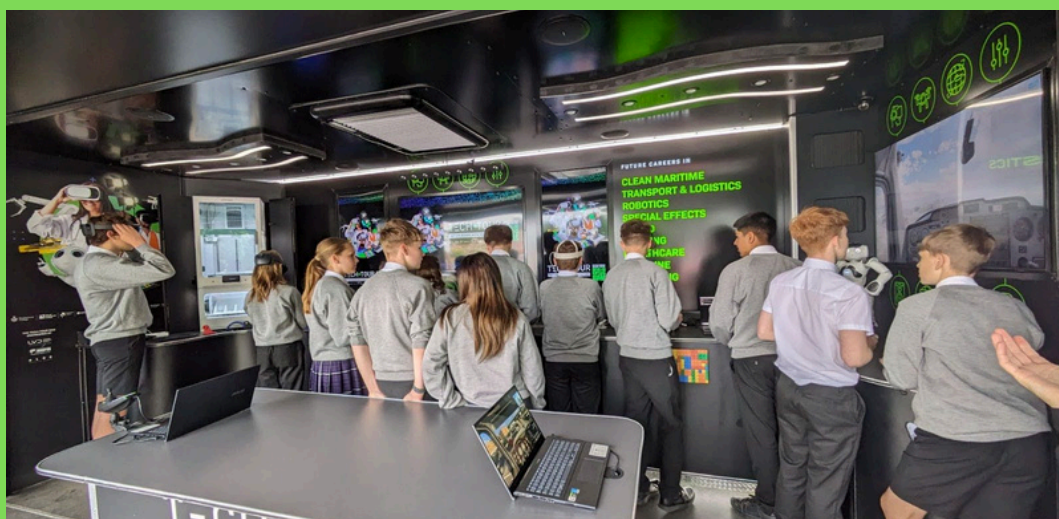
# Tech Truck

TechTruck came to visit us on Tuesday 6th May to show year 9 ICT and Computing students some cool new tech; including the HoloLens, SpheroBOLT and 3D printer.

This gave students a first hand experience of how new technologies work and also linked to their ICT GCSE coursework; where they have to create Augmented Reality apps.

Tech Truck also gave a talk on where IT and Computing could take students post-school. This was very insightful and we have added links to careers to their Google Classrooms for you to look through.

Thank you to everyone involved - there was a huge buzz amongst the students and lots of staff came to visit the truck!







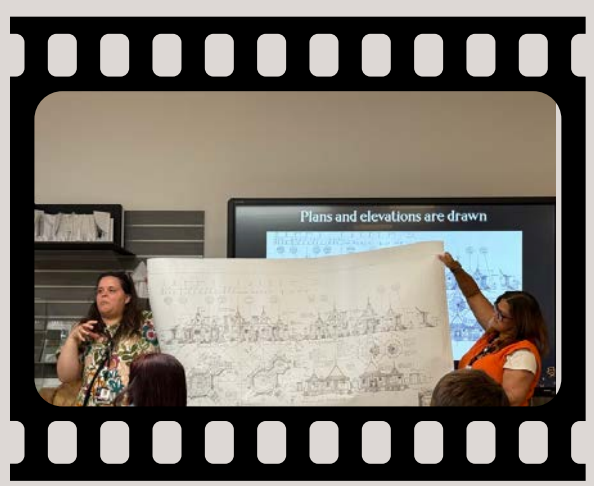
## Maths - mybnk Sessions

On Wednesday this week, Year 7 students were fully engaged in their mybnk session, diving headfirst into the world of budgeting. Armed with the hypothetical challenge of managing a weekly allowance, they thoughtfully navigated the tricky decisions of allocating funds for both essential items and those tempting luxury treats. The room buzzed with discussion as they weighed needs against wants, a valuable first step in understanding financial responsibility.



## Warner Brothers Trip

On Wednesday 7th May we took 55 Year 10 Media and Design and Technology students to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour (Harry Potter World) in London. We were privileged enough to get up close to the props and sets used in the making of the movies. As part of a school trip, we got extra special access to some items that are not part of the main tour. Highlights included Hagrid's head and costume, Voldemort's robes and incredibly detailed copies of the Daily Prophet and Quibbler magazine. The students were fantastic as always and had an amazing time!





# RECOMMENDED READS: KEY STAGE 3

## ADVENTURE, MYSTERY & THRILLERS

THE INHERITANCE GAMES; THE NATURALS (\*) BY J.L. BARNES\*

THE SOUL HUNTERS; BODYGUARD (\*) BY CHRIS BRADFORD

DEADTIME; LOOKING FOR JJ; MOTH GIRLS (\*) BY A. CASSIDY\*

THE RULES; THE TRUTH ABOUT LIES BY TRACY DARNTON\*

MORTAL CHAOS; LIE, KILL, WALK AWAY BY MATT DICKINSON\*

THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY BY SIOBHAN DOWD

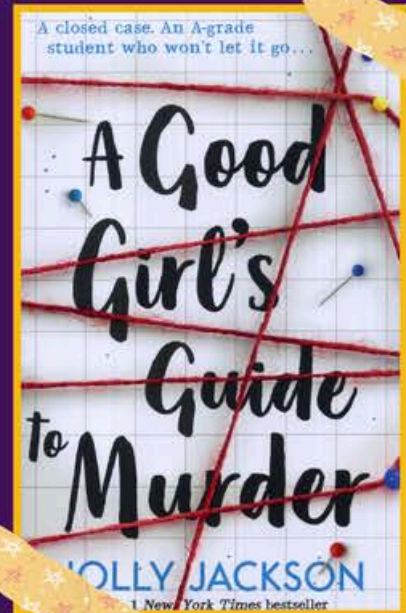
HIDE AND SEEKER; NIGHTMARE KING BY DAKA HERMON

MURDER AT SNOWFALL; WAITING FOR MURDER BY F. HITCHCOCK

A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER (\*) ; FIVE SURVIVE - JACKSON\*

HIGH RISE MYSTERY & MUG DROP BY SHARNA JACKSON

I HAVE NO SECRETS; GIRL WHO WASN'T THERE BY P. JOELSON\*



## DYSTOPIA & SCIENCE FICTION

THE INFINITE (\*) BY PATIENCE AGBABI

THE MIDDLEBURY TROOP FRIEND BY KIRSTY APPLEBAUM

NOUGHTS & CROSSES (\*) NOBLE CONFLICT BY M. BLACKMAN\*

ADAM-2; ORION LOST BY ALASTAIR CHISHOLM

CITY OF RUST BY GEMMA FOWLER

HOW I SAVED THE WORLD IN A WEEK BY POLLY HO-YEN

NOWHERE ON EARTH BY NICK LAKE\*

SHOW US WHO YOU ARE BY ELLE MCNICHOLL

THE KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO (\*) - P. NESS\*

RAILHEAD & MORTAL ENGINES (\*) BY P. REEVE

THE BLUE BOOK OF NEBO BY MANON ROS\*

SCYTHE, UNWIND (\*) BY NEAL SHUSTERMAN\*

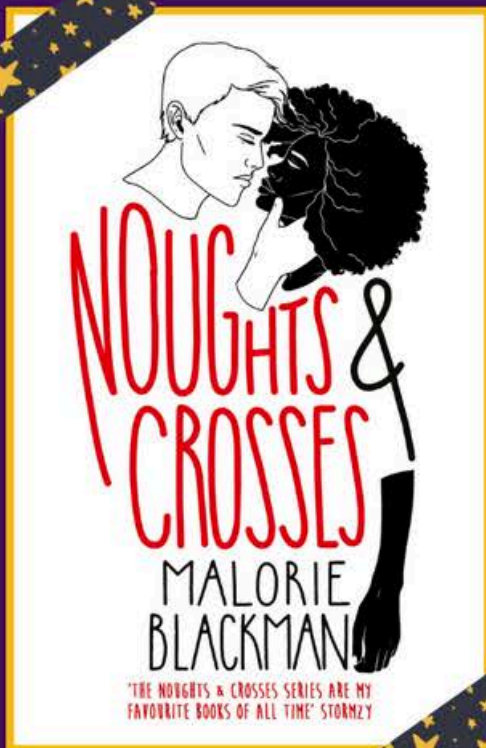
SLICK & SIX BY M.M. VAUGHAN

THE MONKEY WHO FELL FROM THE FUTURE BY ROSS WELFORD

THE PARTIALS (\*) BY DAN WELLS\*

THE EXTINCTION TRIALS; THE INFINITY FILES (\*) BY S.M. WILSON\*

THE 5TH WAVE (\*) BY RICK YANCEY\*





## ANIMAL FICTION

THE TRAVELLING CAT CHRONICLES BY HIRO ARIKAWA\*

THE SHARK CALLER BY ZILLAH BETHELL

CALLING THE WHALES BY JASMINDER BILAN (SR)

THE BOY WHO SAVED A BEAR (\*) BY NIZRANA FAROOK

THE WAY OF THE DOG BY ZANA FRAILLON

THE LAST BEAR; THE LOST WHALE; FINDING BEAR BY H GOLD

A STREET DOG NAMED PUP; GORILLA DAWN BY GILL LEWIS

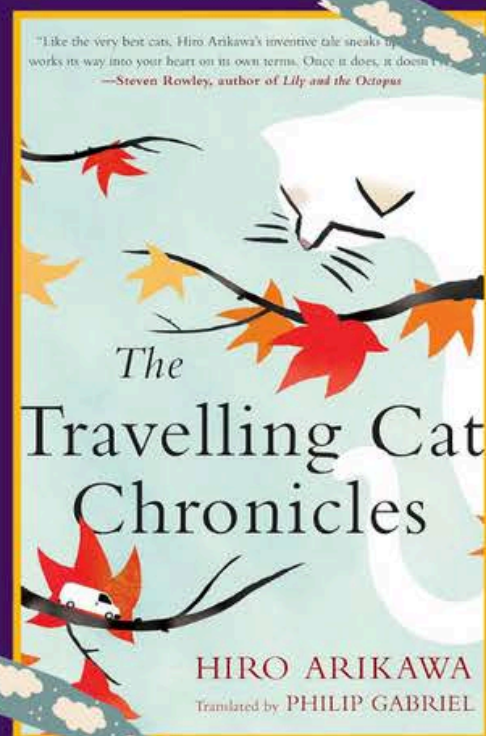
DOGS OF THE DEADLANDS BY ANTHONY MCGOWAN

WAR HORSE; BORN TO RUN; KASPAR BY MICHAEL MORPURGO

I, COSMO BY CARLIE SOROSIAK (DOGS)

THE DOG WHO SAVED THE WORLD BY ROSS WELFORD

TALKING TO ALASKA BY ANNA WOLTZ (DOGS)



## FANTASY, MYTHS, MAGIC REALISM

THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS & GIRL/BEAR BY S ANDERSON

SIX OF CROWS, SHADOW & BONE (\*) BY LEIGH BARDUGO\*

MEDUSA BY JESSIE BURTON\*

CITY OF BRASS (& SEQUELS) BY S.A. CHAKRABORTY\*

ARTEMIS FOWL (\*) BY EOIN COLFER

WHO LET THE GODS OUT (\*) BY MAZ EVANS

ROYAL RANGER; THE OUTCASTS (\*) - JOHN FLANAGAN

THE GILDED ONES (\*) BY NAMINA FORNA\*

RUMAYSA: A FAIRYTALE (\*) RADIYA HAFIZA

GIRL OF INK AND STARS BY KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE\*

SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT (\*) BY DEREK LANDY

REBEL SKIES (\*) BY ANN SEILIN

MIA AND THE LIGHTCASTERS BY JANELLE MCGURDY

ERAGON (\*) BY CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI

NORTHERN LIGHTS (\*) BY PHILLIP PULLMAN\*

MRS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN (\*) - R RIGGS

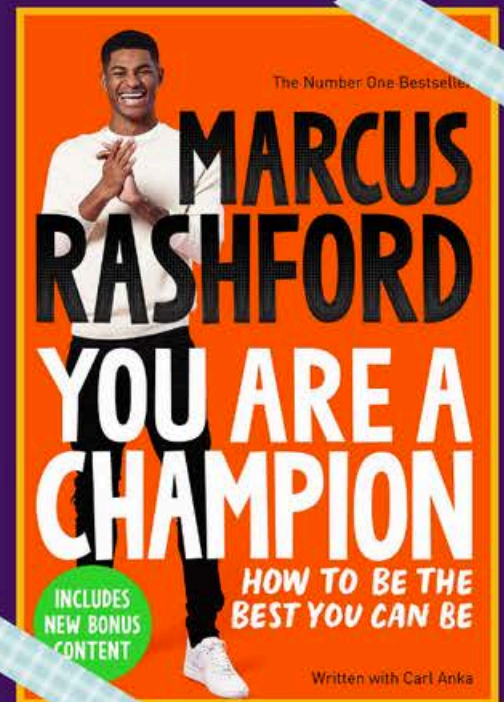






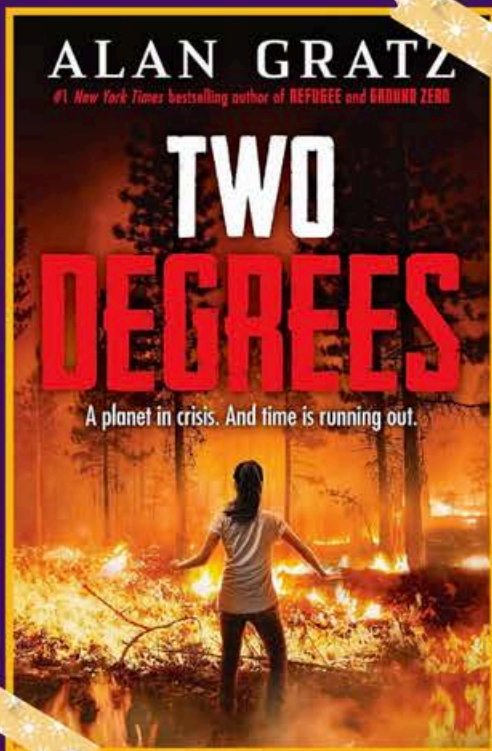
## SPORTS

FINDING HER FEET: KICKING OFF (✱) BY EVE AINSWORTH  
BOOKED, CROSSOVER OR REBOUND BY KWAME ALEXANDER\*  
INSPIRATIONAL SPORTS STORIES FOR KIDS BY BEN BYDE  
UNSTOPPABLE OR THE KICK OFF (✱) BY DAN FREEDMAN  
50 TIMES FOOTBALL CHANGED THE WORLD BY G LINNEKER  
ULTIMATE FOOTBALL HEROES COLLECTION – M&T OLDFIELD  
FOUL PLAY: BLACK OP: COMBAT ZONE (✱) BY TOM PALMER  
BECOMING MUHAMMED ALI BY J PATTERTON & K ALEXANDER  
STARTING ELEVEN: DREAM ON (✱) BY BALI RAI  
YOU ARE A CHAMPION & YOU CAN DO IT BY M RASHFORD  
GHOST, PATINA, SUNNY, LU (TRACK SERIES) BY J REYNOLDS  
MACBETH UNITED: A FOOTBALL TRAGEDY BY MICHAEL ROSEN  
RUGBY SPIRIT: FOOTBALL FIESTA BY GERALD SIGGINS  
STRIKING OUT BY IAN WRIGHT & MUSA OKWONGA



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

EXODUS (✱) BY JULIE BERTAGNA  
WHERE THE RIVER RUNS GOLD BY SITA BRAHMACHARI  
THE DROWNING DAY BY ANNE CASSIDY  
GLOBAL BY EOIN COLFER & ANDREW DONKIN (GN)  
THE SONG THAT SINGS US BY NICOLA DAVIES  
TWO DEGREES BY ALAN GRATZ  
WILD: MELT BY ELE FOUNTAIN  
FLOODWORLD: DUSTROAD: STORMTIDE BY TOM HUDDLESTON  
GREEN RISING BY LAUREN JAMES\*  
SONG OF THE DOLPHIN BOY BY ELIZABETH LAIRD  
THE DOG RUNNER, ACROSS THE RISEN SEA – BREN MACDIBBLE  
BEYOND THE FROZEN HORIZON: BETWEEN SEA & SKY – PENFOLD  
BIG TREE BY BRIAN SELZNICK  
DRY BY NEAL & JARROD SHUSTERMAN\*  
THE SUMMER WE TURNED GREEN BY WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE\*  
THE LAST WHALE BY CHRIS VICK\*





# GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN), VERSE NOVELS (VN), SUPER-READABLES (SR), YOU CHOOSE (YC)

WEREWOLF: MUTANT: KING ARTHUR (\*) BARLOW & SKIDMORE (YC)

YOU SAVE THE WORLD (SELECT SUPERPOWER) - D BLAZE (YC)

GAMER: BULLET CATCHER (\*) BY CHRIS BRADFORD (SR)

INTO THE DUNGEON (\*) BY HARI CONNER (YC)

ONE: TOFFEE: MOONRISE BY SARAH GROSSAN (VN)

NEW KID: CLASS ACT: SCHOOL TRIP BY JERRY CRAFT (GN)

THE DISCONNECT BY KEREN DAVID (SR)

THE MINECRAFT ZOMBIE ADVENTURE BY JOHN DIARY (YC)

GUNPOINT BY JIM ELDRIGE (SR)

DUNGEON OF DOOM BY P FRIEND: YOU SAY WHICH WAY (SR)

THE QUEST OF THESEUS INTERACTIVE MYTHS (\*) B HOENA (YC)

ROLLER GIRL: ALL'S FAIR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL - V JAMIESON (GN)

THE MONSTER MAKER: SOLVE YOUR MYSTERY (\*) - JONES (YC)

AMAZONS, ABOLITIONISTS AND ACTIVISTS - MIKKI KENDALL (GN)

AMULET: THE STONEKEEPER (\*) BY KAZU KIBUISHI (GN)

RAT OR NEEDLE\* BY PATRICE LAWRENCE (SR)

I AM MINOTAUR BY ANTHONY MCGOWAN (SR)

THE GIRL FROM THE SEA BY MOLLY KNOX OSTERTAG (GN)

WHITE BIRD BY RJ PALAGIO (GN)

DOG MAN: CAT KID (\*) BY DAV PILKEY (GN)

PIRATE ISLAND: YOU SAY WHICH WAY (\*) - POTTER & POLLY (YC)

THE GUN: A SUDDEN STORM BY BALI RAI (SR)\*

LONG WAY DOWN BY JASON REYNOLDS (VN, GN)

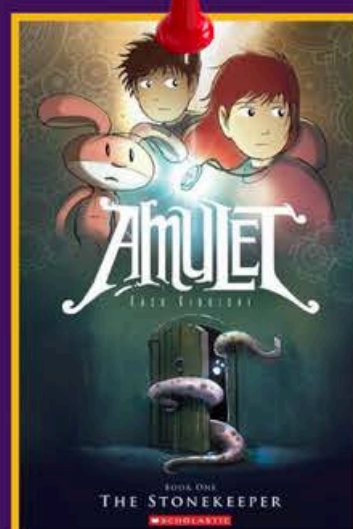
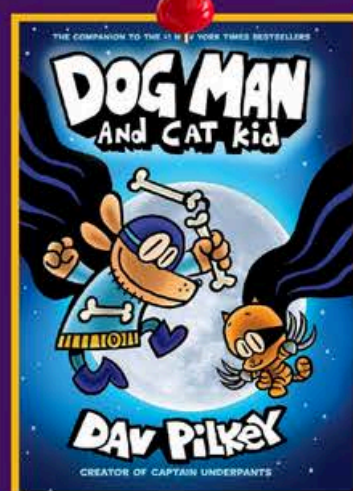
PUMPKIN HEADS BY RAINBOW ROWELL (GN)

DARK PEAK BY MARGUS SEDGWICK (SR)

ESCAPE FROM THE CARNIVAL OF HORRORS (\*) BY RL STINE (YC)

COSMIC CONQUEST: JUSTICE LEAGUE (\*) - L SUTTON (YC)

LOST IN THE JUNGLE OF DOOM (\*) BY TRACEY TURNER (YC)





## INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE & REFUGEES

NO BALLET SHOES IN SYRIA BY CATHERINE BRUTON

EFREN DIVIDED BY ERNESTO CISNEROS

BOY, EVERYWHERE: FIGHT BACK BY A.M. DASSU

THE BONE SPARROW BY ZANA FRAILLON

THE ISLAND BY ARMIN GREDER (PB FOR OLDER READERS)

THE ELEVENTH TRADE BY ALYSSA HOLLINGSWORTH

AMINA'S VOICE (✧) BY HENA KHAN

WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED BY JAMIESON & MOHAMED (GN)

INSIDE OUT AND BACK AGAIN BY THANHHA LAI (VN)

THE CROSSING BY MANJEET MANN (VN)\*

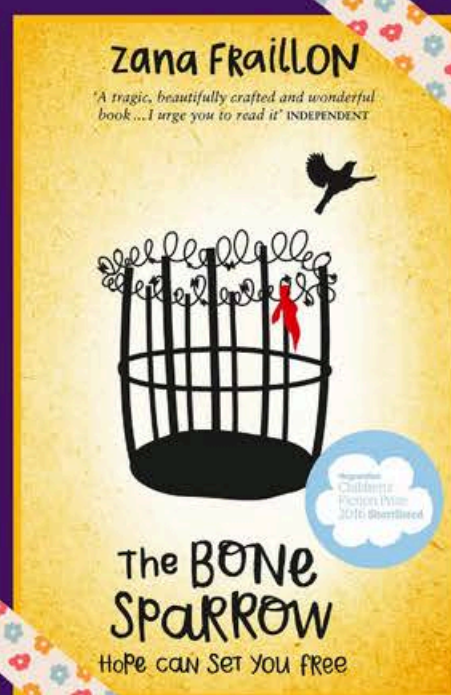
A LONG WALK TO WATER: PRAIRIE LOTUS BY LINDA SUE PARK

THE ARRIVAL BY SHAUN TAN (PB FOR OLDER READERS)

OTHER WORDS FOR HOME BY JASMINE WARGA (VN)

FRONT DESK (✧): FINALLY SEEN BY KELLY YANG

THE WINDRUSH CHILD OR REFUGEE BOY? - B ZEPHANIAH



## HORROR AND GHOST

DOLL BONES BY HOLLY BLACK

JON FOR SHORT BY MALORIE BLACKMAN

THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS (✧) BY YVETTE FIELDING

CORALINE BY NEIL GAIMAN (ALSO GN)

SPIRIT HUNTERS: HARU: ZOMBIE DOG HERO BY ELLEN OH

LAST ONE TO DIE BY CYNTHIA MURPHY

TALES OF TERROR, MISTER GREECHER - CHRIS PRIESTLEY

THE HOUSE TRAP BY EMMA READ

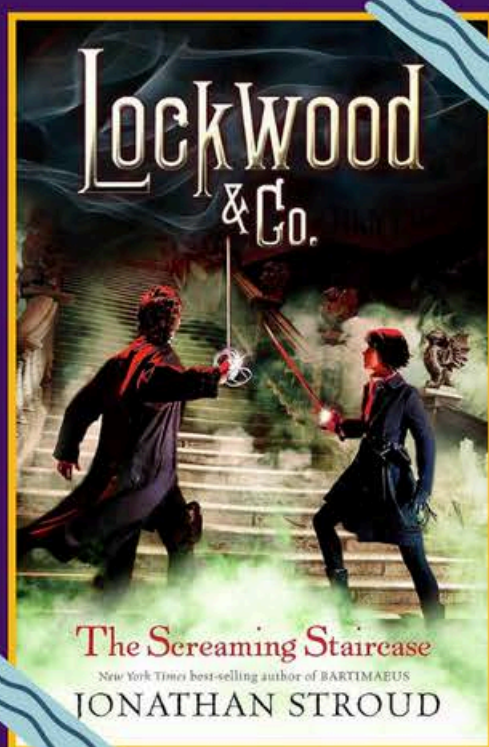
ZOM-B OR CIRQUE DU FREAK (& SEQUELS) BY D. SHAN

FULL TILT BY NEAL SHUSTERMAN\*

THUNDERSTRUCK BY ALI SPARKES

THE SCREAMING STAIRCASE (✧) BY JONATHAN STROUD

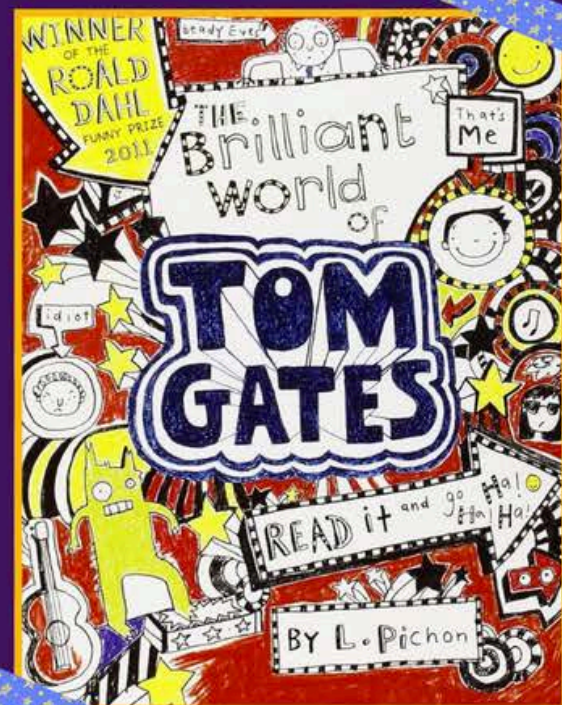
SLAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU: PARTY GAMES (✧) BY R.L. STINE





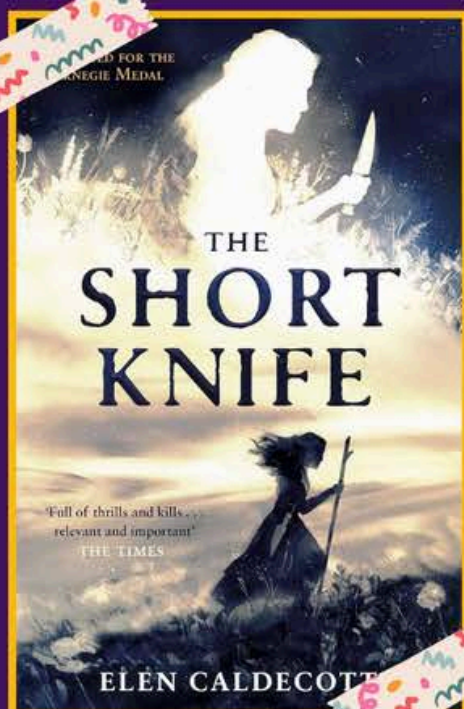
## HUMOUR & COMEDY

**WORST WEEK EVER! MONDAY (\*) BY AMORES & COSGROVE**  
**LITTLE BADMAN & [...] KILLER AUNTIES - HUMZA ARSHAD**  
**THE TERRIBLE TWO, MAG B KID SPY (\*) BY MAG BARNETT**  
**THE WONDER BROTHERS, COSMIC OR BROCCOLI BOY - FG BOYCE**  
**THE LAST KIDS ON EARTH (\*) BY MAX BRALLIER**  
**THE 13-STOREY TREEHOUSE (\*) BY A GRIFFITHS**  
**HOW TO SURVIVE WITHOUT GROWNUPS (\*) BY LARRY HAYES**  
**COOKIE & THE MOST ANNOYING BOY (\*) BY KONNIE HUQ**  
**DISASTER DIARIES: ZOMBIES (\*) - R MCGEDDON**  
**THE DAY THAT ALIENS ATE OUR BRAINS (\*) TOM MCLAUGHLIN**  
**MAY CONTAIN NUTS (\*) BY JONATHON MERES**  
**ACCIDENTAL TROUBLE MAGNET (\*) BY ZANIB MIAN**  
**MISTAKES WERE MADE (\*) BY STEPHAN PASTIS**  
**SUPER-MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF FREDDIE YATES - PEARSON**  
**THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH (\*) BY HELEN RUTTER**  
**BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES (\*) BY LIZ PICHON**  
**SOMETHING I SAID BY BEN BAILEY SMITH**  
**LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO BEING GOOD (\*) BY L STOWELL**  
**FROM THE TOP: BIG NATE (\*) BY LINCOLN PEIRCE (SR)**



## HISTORY, WAR & CONFLICT

**THE DOOR OF NO RETURN BY KWAME ALEXANDER (VN)\***  
**RASPUTIN DAGGER: REMEMBRANCE BY THERESA BRESLIN\***  
**BROTHERS OF THE BUFFALO; CODE TALKER; GERONIMO - BRUGHAG**  
**THE SHORT KNIFE BY ELEN CALDECOTT\***  
**WOLF CHILDREN, RED SHADOW, ELEVEN ELEVEN - DOWSWELL**  
**COPPER SUN; FIRE FROM THE ROCK BY SHARON DRAPER\***  
**THE LAST PAPER CRANE BY KERRY DREWERY**  
**WHEN THE SKY FALLS; UNTIL THE ROAD ENDS -- PHIL EARLE**  
**UNDER A WAR-TORN SKY; WALLS; SUSPECT RED - L.M. ELLIOTT\***  
**HIDE AND SEEK; SWEET SKIES BY ROBIN SCOTT-ELLIOT**  
**CALL OF THE TITANIC; DARWIN'S DRAGONS BY LINDSAY GALVIN**  
**NEVER FORGET YOU; CORAM BOY BY JAMILA GAVIN\***  
**ONCE (\*) BY MORRIS GLEITZMAN**  
**BONE TALK; WILD SONG BY CANDY GOURLAY**  
**CODE NAMED VERITY (\*) ; LAST HAWK; STATELESS BY E WEIN\***  
**CANE WARRIORS BY ALEX WHEATLE\***  
**THE BOOK THIEF BY MARGUS ZUSAK\***







## RELATIONSHIPS & TOUGH SITUATIONS

OCTOBER, OCTOBER: LIGHT IN EVERYTHING BY KATJA BALEN

BOY UNDERWATER BY ADAM BARON

WHEN SHADOWS FALL: ARTICHOKE HEARTS - S. BRAHMACHARI<sup>2</sup>

DANNY CHUNG DOES NOT DO MATHS BY MAISIE CHAN

ME, MY DAD AND THE END OF THE RAINBOW BY B DEAN

TRUTH BE TOLD & GUARD YOUR HEART BY SUE DIVIN<sup>2</sup>

STELLA BY STARLIGHT OR COPPER SUN BY SHARON DRAPER

READ BETWEEN THE LIES BY MALCOLM DUFFY<sup>2</sup>

RUNNING ON EMPTY: TALKING TO THE MOON BY S.E. DURRANT

THE MANY WORLDS OF ALBIE BRIGHT - CHRIS EDGE

MOCKINGBIRD BY KATHRYN ERSKINE

LENNY'S BOOK OF EVERYTHING BY KAREN FOXLEE

CHECK MATES: CAN YOU FEEL THE NOISE BY S FOSTER

ONE CRAZY SUMMER (+) BY RITA WILLIAMS-GARCIA

FOCUSED: TAKING UP SPACE: BRACED BY ALYSON GERBER

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MANGOES: IF YOU READ THIS - GETTEN

GEORGE: RICK: ALEX AUSTIN LIVED HERE BY ALEX GINO

TALL STORY OR SHINE BY CANDY GOURLAY

PROUD OF ME: JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE BY S HAGGER-HOLT

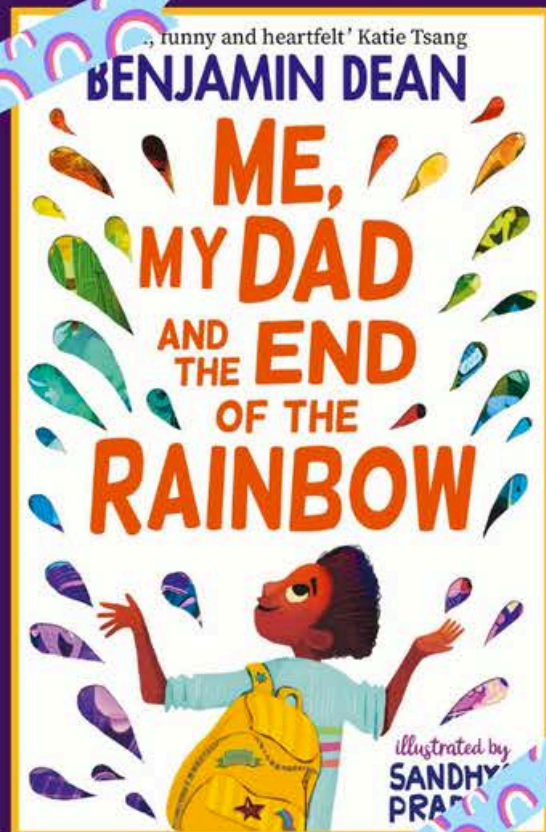
JULIA AND THE SHARK BY KM HARGRAVE

AFTER THE FIRE BY WILL HILL<sup>2</sup>

FISH IN A TREE: SHOUTING AT THE RAIN BY LYNDAM HUNT

⊕ = SEQUELS/OTHER BOOKS IN THE SERIES AVAILABLE

° = CONTENT IS MORE MATURE (12/13+)



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## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT UPDATE

### GCSE PE

Quick fire questions to support learning

Year 9 - Name three types of training and their benefits

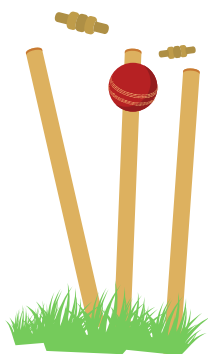
Year 10 - What is the recommended water consumption for male and female athletes?

Challenge - What is the difference between an isometric and isotonic muscle contraction?

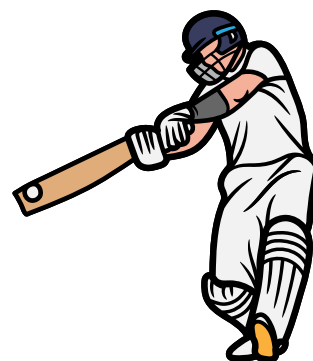
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### FIXTURES

U13 Cricket Cup v Brookfield - Deer Park batting first posted 95 and bowled the opposition out for 55 in round 1 of the state school county cup. The team put some tremendous effort in and welcomed several new players from year 7 on debut.



U15 Cricket League v Wildern  
DP 130-4 , Wildern 72-6



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### CLUBS

Our extra curricular summer sports are now available via Edulink to book. These include cricket, athletics and rounders as well as the continuation of flag football, an alternative invasion game, with a mix of tag rugby and American football. See below days;

Sports Clubs Summer 1	
Monday	Cricket Matches - U13/15 (Mr Hughes/Mr Colley)
Tuesday	Staff Meetings Break 1 Year 7 Get Active - Sports Hall (Cricket) Yr10 PE Prefects JEM Tennis - TBC Outlet Basketball - External Booking
Wednesday	Multi-Rounders - Miss Parker & Miss Andrews Flag Football - Solent University - Astro Break 1 - Year 8 Get Active - Sports Hall
Thursday	Athletics - PE Department Cricket Training - Mr Hughes Break 1 - Year 9 Get Active - Sports Hall
Friday	Break 1 - Year 10 Get Active - Sports Hall

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Ambition  
Community  
Excellence



## SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES

Ofcom has introduced 40 new, practical measures for technology firms to ensure they meet their duties under the Online Safety Act. These steps include preventing children from easily accessing harmful content related to suicide, self-harm, eating disorders, and pornography. Additionally, online services must work to protect children from content that is misogynistic, violent, hateful or abusive, online bullying, and dangerous 'challenges' or 'trends'.

What to expect from these measures:

**Safer feeds:** Platforms must filter harmful content from children's personalised feeds, especially if their recommendation systems pose a medium or high risk.

**Effective age checks:** Risky services need strong age assurance to protect children from harmful material while allowing adult access to legal content. Services with minimum age requirements but weak checks must assume younger users and provide age-appropriate experiences.

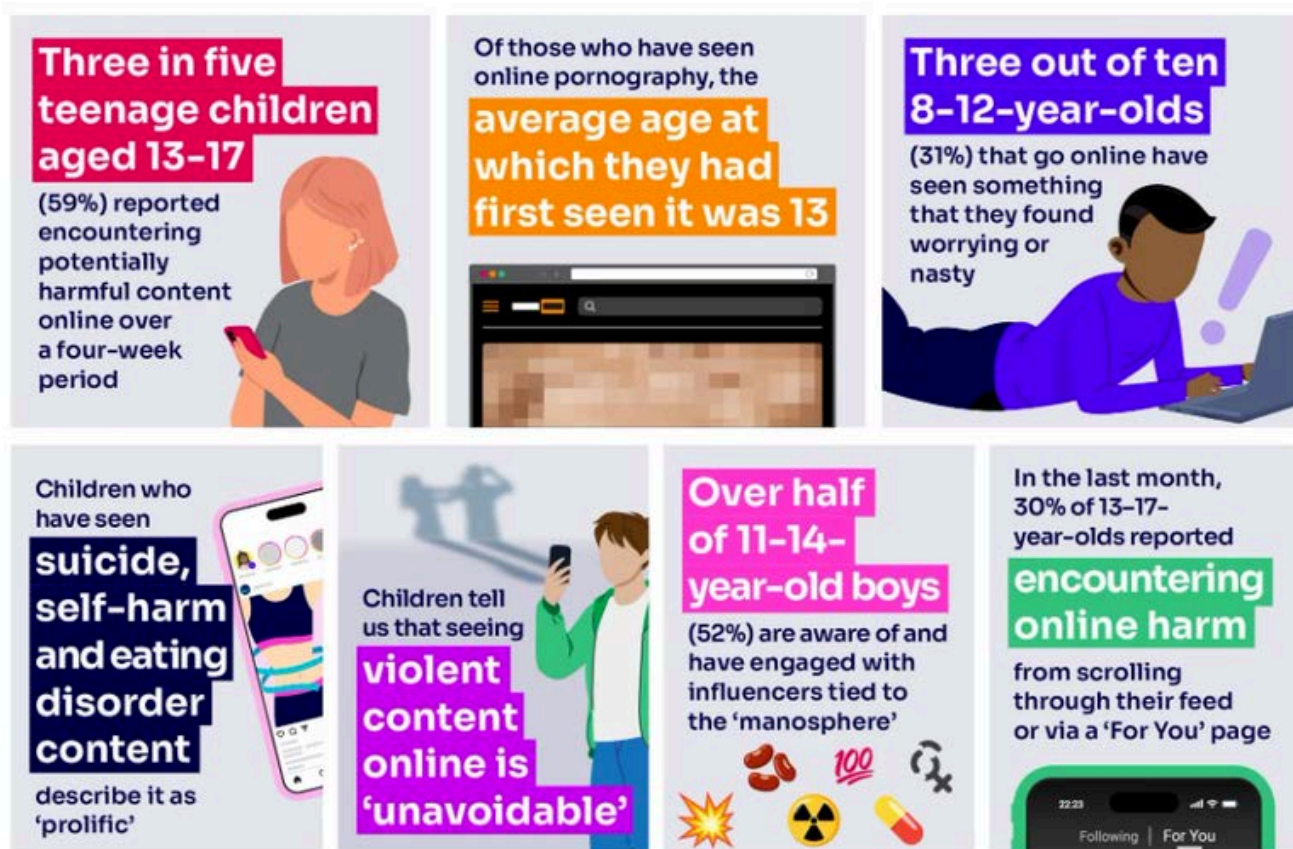
**Fast action:** All platforms must have processes to quickly review, assess, and address harmful content upon discovery.

**More choice and support for children:** Children need more control over their online experience (e.g., disliking content, managing chats, blocking accounts, disabling comments) and access to supportive information regarding harmful content.

**Easier reporting and complaints:** Platforms must make it easy for children to report issues and complain, respond appropriately, and provide clear terms of service.

**Strong governance:** Services must designate an accountable person for children's safety, and a senior body should annually review risk management for children.

Firms have until 24th of July to record their assessment of risk towards children.



Sources: Ofcom, Office of Children's Commissioner for England, Vodafone. See Children's Register of Risks for full source information.



## UNIFORM:

As the weather is getting hotter, the students have been advised that they can now wear black tailored shorts should they wish. Students are free to remove jumpers in the warmer weather and will be advised by the teachers when they can take their ties off during the lesson.

A polite reminder that under no circumstances are leggings allowed as part of the main school uniform.



# Extra Curricular

## TIME TABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 1	*Poetry (004) *Drama Club (KS3)	*Get Active (SH) Year 7 *Maths Drop-in (117 & 118) *French Support Drop in (103/104/105) *Gardening Club (Meet in AS)	*Get Active (SH) Year 8 *Dominoes Club (AS) *French Support Drop in (103/104/105) *KS4 Intervention (Maths/Science) (117) *KS4 History Support B week (110) *Year 9 & 10 Art Catch-up (203)	*Get Active (SH) Year 9 *English Drop In - 007 (EJL) Year 10	*Get Active (SH) Year 10 *ICT Drop in (101 & 102)
BREAK 2		*Global Affairs Club (108) *IT and Coding Club (102) *French Support Drop in (103/104/105) *Chess club (114) *Bronze Arts Award Year 8's (121)	*Debate Club (year 9/10) (003) *Puzzle club (119) *French Support Drop in (103/104/105) *KS4 History Support A week (110) *Year 9 & 10 Art Catch-up (203) *KS4 Geography Support A week (106)	*ICT Drop in (101 & 102) *Guitar ensemble (008 - all guitarists welcome!)	
AFTER SCHOOL	U13/15 Cricket Fixtures Mr Hughes/Mr Colley  Girls Football (Astro) Rugby (Grass Pitches) Self study club (LRC)  Flower Arranging - For Students and Staff Art Club (203)	*Outlet Basketball Club External booking (paid sessions) *Percussion ensemble (008) *Self study club (LRC)	*MultiRounders E Andrews *Flag Football (Astro) Solent Uni Start - 5th March *STEM Club (211) *Book Club (002) *History Film Club (109) WEEK A only *Self study club (LRC) *Fantasy Games club (Atrium) *English Drop in - AMW - (004)	*Athletics - PE Dept Cricket Training Mr Hughes (SH) *Mathletes (118) *Spanish Club (104) *Deer Park Magazine *Self study club (LRC) *Cooking Club (208) year 8s Mrs Marshall *English Drop in - JNT - 006	*Self study club (LRC)





# UPCOMING DATES

Date	Activity	Year Group
Wednesday 21st May	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Whole School
Friday 23rd May	Residential Trip to Paris, France	Year 9 & Year 10 GCSE French students
Friday 23rd May	Last Day of Half Term	All Years
Monday 2nd June	Summer Term 2 Starts	All Years
Thursday 5th June	Swanage Geography Fieldwork Trip	Year 10
Friday 6th June	Skern Lodge Trip Departs	

TERM DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#)



**Polite reminder:** All meal deals are £3.20 and served at break 2. The daily limit to spend is £7.50 unless you have asked us to cap this. Hot food is also available at break 1. If you receive the FSM allowance of £3.20, this does not get reset from break 1 and is to be used across the day. If your child does fall into a negative balance a red slip will be issued at the office and a phone call home will be made to ask to top up the account. We can no longer allow purchases on overdrawn accounts. many thanks.

## CAR PARK

For the safety and security of all students and staff, please be reminded that the school car park is reserved exclusively for those who hold a valid car park pass or a Blue Badge . We kindly request that you do not use the car park for general drop-offs or collections (Unless you are collecting your child during the day for an appointment).

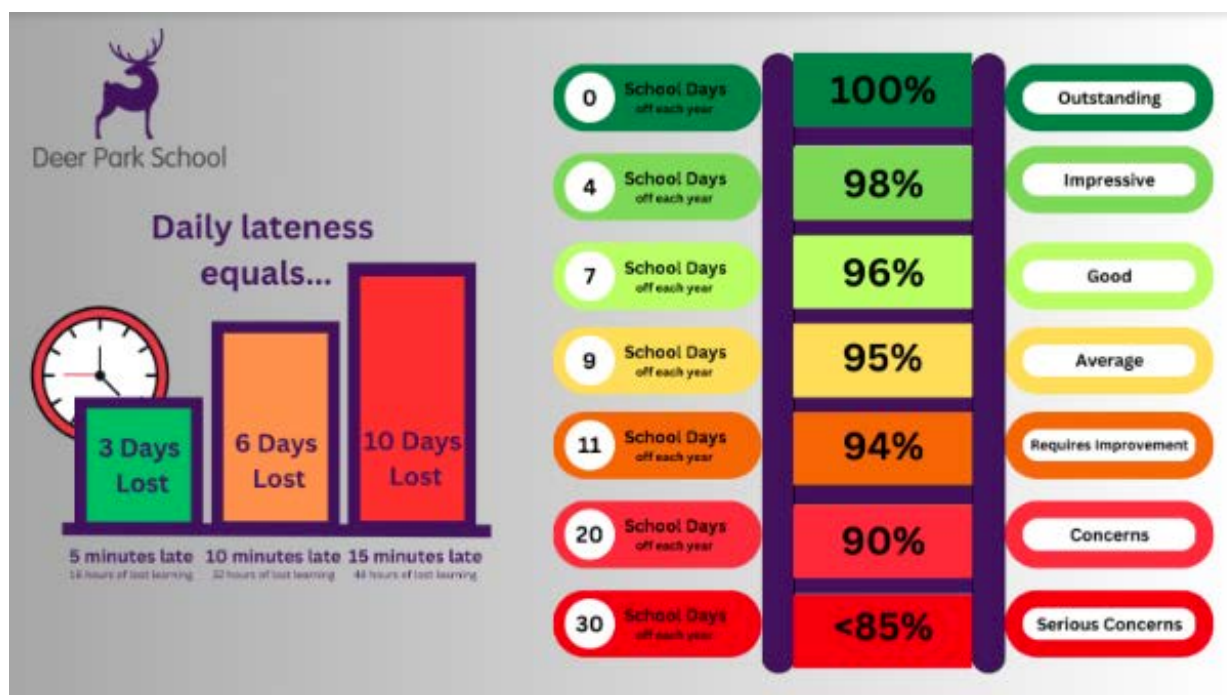
To ensure a smooth and safe drop-off and pick-up process, please utilize the designated drop-off points available on Sika Avenue.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping us maintain a secure environment for everyone.



## ABSENCES

Please, where possible, could you contact us before 8.30am if your child is unable to attend school. Absences can be recorded via Edulink or by e-mailing [absence@deeparksecondary.org](mailto:absence@deeparksecondary.org). Alternatively please call the school on 01489 351100 and select option 1 to report your child absent.



## HOLIDAY FORMS

If you need to request an authorised absence from school, for example for holidays, attending family funerals, etc Parents will now need to complete an online google form. This should make it easier for parents to complete. The link for the form is [here](#).

## Lost Property

All lost property is kept in the Library (LRC). If your child(ren) has lost anything, please ask them to collect anything that belongs to them. Items will be kept for 3 weeks and then donated. Please help us to get items back to your child by clearly labeling items.

Thank you.





## SPORTS KIT SPONSORSHIP

We are reaching out to our wonderful school community to see if any individuals or businesses would be interested in sponsoring new kits for our talented young athletes in Football, Cricket, Netball, or Athletics.

Providing our students with smart, high-quality kits fosters team spirit, boosts their confidence, and allows them to represent our school with pride. Sponsorship would directly contribute to the cost of these essential items.

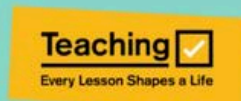
If you or a business you know would be keen to explore this opportunity and make a real difference to our students' sporting experiences, we would love to hear from you. Please email the school office at [deerpark@deerparksecondary.org](mailto:deerpark@deerparksecondary.org) with the subject line "Sports Kit Sponsorship" to express your interest or to ask for more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and its students.



**Want to know more about  
a career in teaching?**

Portsmouth Guildhall  
Tuesday 20 May 2025  
5pm - 8pm



Come and see the i2i team at the Get Into Teaching event in Portsmouth on the 20th May. We will be on hand to answer your questions about our training opportunities and the DfE will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have about the application process!

These free events are a great opportunity to:  
Get expert advice on funding and your application  
Talk to teachers and course providers  
Connect with other people that are also considering a career in teaching

### Get Into Teaching event: South East

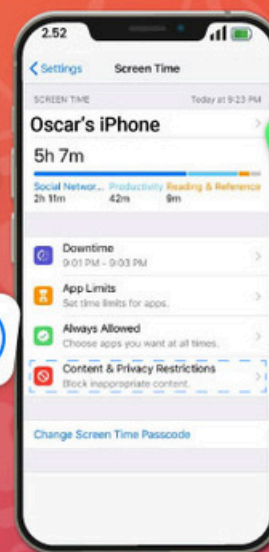
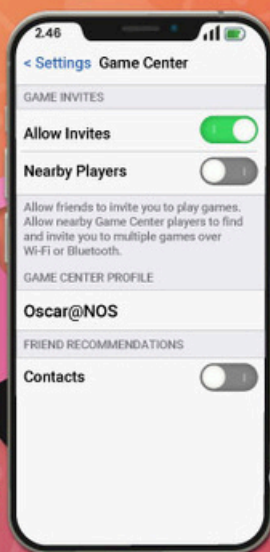
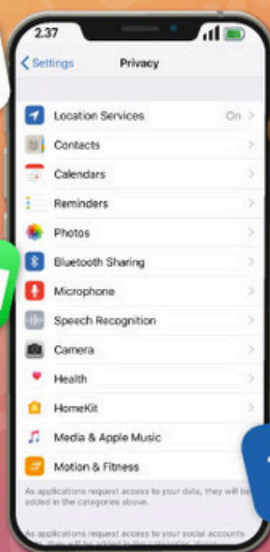
Get expert advice, talk to teachers and connect with people like you considering teaching in the South East of England at an in-person Get Into Teaching event.

Get Into Teaching / May 20



# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



## How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

## How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

## How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

