

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th May 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



I hope you have had a pleasant week.

At this key time, we wish our **Year 11 students** all the very best as they begin their GCSE exams next week. They have had plenty of guidance from their teachers and our learning mentor about effective revision for each subject and managing stress successfully. We also wish our **Year 12s** who have external exams every success.

We have launched our annual '**Summer of Reading**' for students. **Please encourage and support your son/daughter to read for at least twenty minutes per day.** Research continues to show that reading regularly for pleasure brings immense benefits for students:

- As we read, our minds create new circuits and connections; as our reading skills grow, these connections in the brain become more substantial and complex;
- Reading helps to build the softer skill of empathy and seeing the world from different perspectives, which is key to a teenager's developing brain;
- Gaining a wider vocabulary from reading lightens the load on working and short-term memory;
- Reading can help to boost mental health: it can be relaxing and develop mindfulness, providing a distraction from real life - and it helps to give teenagers a break from their phones!

Please kindly take a few minutes to look through the Summer of Reading booklet with your son/daughter where you will see the reading log that will require signing from home. If you are looking for reading ideas, there is a Reading tab on SharePoint with many reading lists as well as recommendations from teachers within the booklet.

All of our staff are role models for reading and will be encouraging students to read for twenty minutes each day and we know that as parents/carers you will be doing the same. Towards the end of this term we are really looking forward to celebrating the students' commitment and effort with reading.

Please can you kindly ensure that your son/daughter brings **sufficient water** to last them the school day. (It may be an idea to bring two water bottles now that the weather is improving). Given the very large numbers of students we have in school, it is not viable for students to fill up water bottles during the day. Thank you.

Today we did an **evacuation of the school building**- something we would have to do in the event of a fire for example. It was truly impressive and an inspiring sight to behold 1447 Year 7-13 students standing in lines cooperatively as a headcount was taken. Students' behaviour was very good overall and all arrangements went according to plan.

Have an enjoyable weekend, hopefully watching Chelsea win the FA Cup!

Best wishes,

Headteacher



28,404



28,520



27,035

BULLETIN BOARD

All Years

Update from the Department for Education on COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds

The in-school COVID-19 vaccination programme ended on Friday 1 April. 12 to 15 year olds are still able to access the vaccine outside of schools at a vaccination centre, pharmacy or walk-in centre.

Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are also now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres.

It remains important that those most at risk from COVID-19 are protected with vaccinations. For more information, we have updated our blog on vaccinations for clinically vulnerable children and young people.

For all 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year old vaccinations, please signpost parents to where they can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site, to get vaccinated without needing an appointment. Parents should also have received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get their child vaccinated.

Year 11

John's Hair Design, Nuneaton are looking for a school leaver who is interested in a hair dressing apprenticeship with them.

Please call the salon on 02476 374988 and ask for Sara or Chris if you are interested in this post or visit their website, www.jhdhairdressers.co.uk/ and email them for further information and a trial.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th May

Year 12 Student Progress Evening

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Half Term Holiday

Thursday 9th June

Year 9 Student Progress Evening

[SCHOOL TIMINGS WILL CHANGE - CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Saturday 18th June – Sunday 19th June

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Weekend

Wednesday 22nd June – Friday 24th June

Year 12 Work Experience

BOOK OF THE WEEK

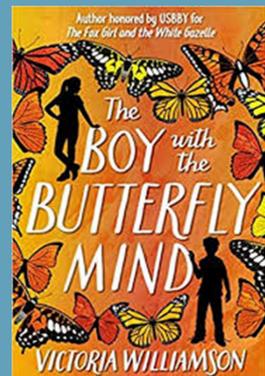
The Boy with the Butterfly Mind by Victoria Williamson

Jamie Lee just wants to be normal but his ADHD isn't making it easy. If only he could control his butterfly mind then he'd have friends, be able to keep out of trouble, live with his mum and not be sent to stay with his dad.

Elin Watts just wants to be perfect. If she could be the best student and daughter possible, then maybe her dad would leave his new family and come back to Glasgow to live with Elin and her mum, happily ever after.

When Jamie and Elin's families blend, the polar opposites of chaotic Jamie and ordered Elin collide. As their lives spiral out of control, Jamie and Elin discover that they're actually more alike than they'd admit. Maybe there's no such thing as normal, or perfect. And perhaps, just like families, happy-ever-afters come in all shapes and sizes.

Uplifting and moving, The Boy with the Butterfly Mind is an inspiring story of acceptance, blended families, and discovering that in the end, being yourself is more than enough.



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