

Bentley Wood High School

Year 7 Newsletter Autumn 2020

Welcome Year 7 to Bentley Wood

I would firstly like to say a massive thank you for your support with the first weeks of your daughter's time at Bentley Wood. Our Year 7 students have settled in so well, immediately taking in their stride our new systems and procedures designed to keep us all safe inside and outside of school. We are very grateful that you have ensured your daughter has a facemask for use whilst moving around the school.



Year 7 have now experienced a wonderful variety of lessons and experiences since the beginning of term. They have learnt to use Microsoft Teams and are able to access learning and upload homework at home to further support their learning.

Many Year 7 students rose to the summer literacy challenge of writing a poem about the Year 6-7 transition and the winners were announced this week during virtual assembly and are featured in our Newsletter. Students also get involved in further literacy challenges by participating in the monthly reading challenge, the first of which has already been launched.

This month is 'Let's Get Laughing', with comedy themed books selected by our fantastic Librarian Ms Mortimer encouraged to get the girls laughing as much as possible whilst reading. Details of this can be found on the Year 7 Team page as well as in this newsletter.

Bentley Wood are very proud of a strong caring community between all students and teachers. We have adapted our ways of continuing this family like support between year groups by utilising Teams. Our year group is already being virtually helped by a Team of Year 11 prefects who have been allocated to each form group and are already offering support to the girls via the form Teams. They have delivered to Year 7 this week a 'Top tips virtual assembly' based on their experiences of Bentley Wood. We are also launching a virtual Year 8 Buddy System which has seen a lot of interest from Year 8 students who want to help Year 7 as much as possible.

We would also like to thank you for your patience as we start to put in place our extracurricular timetable. The safe delivery of clubs and enrichment activities is a priority to us. The PE department are starting with COVID safe, non-contact sports such as Netball and Badminton from Tuesday 6th Oct. Further information on the final programme will be released in the next few weeks.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter which shows you a selection of the amazing things your daughters have been a part of already this term. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss.

Ms Osborn
Head of Year 7



Communication
We expect you to communicate politely and positively and to listen to adults and peers.



Achievement
We expect you to achieve your personal best.



Respect
We expect you to behave with total respect for each other and every member of our community and our environment.



Empathy
We expect you to listen, talk and appreciate how others are feeling.

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Year 7 students first impressions of Bentley Wood

"I was extremely excited and nervous on my first day at Bentley Wood High School. I wore my new school uniform and both my parents walked me into school. As soon as I had stepped onto the Bentley Wood grounds, I knew I would have a fabulous time."

"I met Mr. Curtis who is my form teacher and was told to prepare a speech for one of the roles like school form captain, sports captain, council rep. I knew straight away I wanted to try for the house captain. On Tuesday 8th September, I recited my speech in front of my new form and was ecstatic when I was voted as house captain. I am really looking forward to taking part in the interform dance competition and the other events this term. After my first few days at school I had made a few friends that I could rely



on and I can't wait to make even more friends."

"It has been lovely to walk to school with my older sister. She has guided me and advised me how to be organised for starting secondary school. I enjoy all my subjects and am enthusiastic to start my new chapter at Bentley Wood High School."

Jayna 7JCT

My time in Bentley wood so far has been outstanding I have enjoyed each and every lesson especially geography and science! I have enjoyed geography as Miss Osborn has made each lesson so interesting and made me understand better. Also Miss Gorecka has made my time here in Bentley Wood easier and has made the environment of the class more comfortable. I have also enjoyed science as I love learning



about all the areas of science but specifically living things."

"The most interesting and exciting thing I have learnt in Bentley Wood so far is about Anne Frank's diary. I enjoyed this because it was a topic I have never done before and also I enjoy reading about Anne's past experience of WW II and I am looking forward to discovering more."

"In the months and years coming I hope to make more amazing memories with my class and get to know my fellow classmates and teacher better. I hope to achieve high grades and hope to enhance my knowledge to the best I can."

Iman 7AG

What have you most enjoyed?

"I have had many great impressions of Bentley Wood because of its range of curriculum, activities and achievements. I really enjoy the many activities we do in every lesson, the great space and view of the nature."

Who are your favourite teachers

"All my teachers are great, but my favorite ones are enthusiastic and make learning fun."

What is the most exciting thing you have learnt?

"The most exciting thing I learnt was watching in science classes an experiment on the length of a spring with added mass. We used a range of equipment like a clamp stand, spring, ruler and masses. It was interesting as we were able to make predictions and measurements."

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What are you most looking forward to over the next year?

"The thing I am most looking forward to is making great memories with my teachers and friends, conducting experiments and gaining a wide range of knowledge."



Asiyah 7SG

"First of all, going to high school sounds really stressing, well it is but it's a lot of fun since you get to make new friends. Walking into the school shivers went down my spine making me think I wouldn't make any friends nor fit in, but in reality, everyone is a friendly."

"Well anyways I am going to tell you a few things I have enjoyed so far in Bentley Wood, I have enjoyed doing art, Math, computing, Graphics and English. I really enjoy doing these because these relate to my passion of what subjects I really like."

"The most exciting thing I have learnt so far is in science, it is how to use a Bunsen Burner and another exciting thing I have learnt so far is in art and it is how different types of tones can be made with sketching pencils."

"What I am mostly looking forward to next year is meeting new people, getting to know everyone, exploring the school and having an amazing time at Bentley Wood High School."

Maryam 7EV

"Hi my name is Mursal and I'm in 7ER. The first day I was really nervous as I hadn't gone to primary for 6 months and I wasn't returning back to primary school, I was going to High School! When I first stepped in the school grounds, I was amazed! The school was huge and right that instant I knew I was going to get lost."

"When I first entered the main hall, I was greeted with my

form tutor, Ms. Robson and I really was excited to meet her for the first time! After our Headmistress spectacular introduction assembly, I was no longer afraid, in fact, I became even more excited for my future years in Bentleywood."

"I first met Miss Osborn in my Form where she greeted us and further on went to talk about out time capsules. Apparently, to get to know the school a bit better and that's where I paired up with two of my classmates: Nadin and Zulfah. After exploring the school, I got to know my way around and found 2 new friends almost instantly! At break, I was genuinely shocked to find out that 2 of my childhood best friends were also attending this school. Honestly, it was one of the best days of my life."

"In conclusion, I met all my teachers, who are caring! I also made some new friends which was amazing! I honestly love Bentley Wood and I couldn't imagine spending my first day of high school anywhere else."

Mursal 7ER



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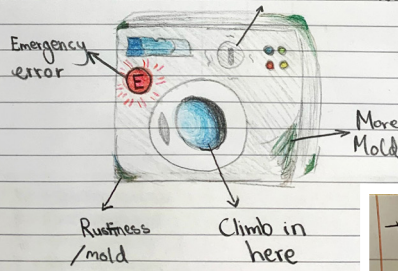
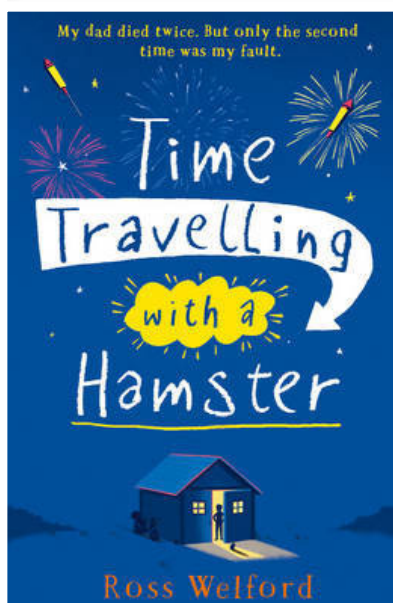
Year 7 time machine challenge

Year 7 students were asked to design their own 'time machine' after reading the book 'Time Travelling with a Hamster.' This is a book being studied by the whole of Year 7. Here are some examples of their work.

Ms Mouskis

For my birthday, I recieved a trip to a theme park. I liked it so much because it is memorable and I had an extremely fun time with family and friends. I saw lots of rides, food, challenges and arcade areas. It was really colourful and exciting for everyone who went. It made my family bond more with each other. Overall, ~~it was an e-~~ * It was an ~~amazing~~ spectacular time for everyone who has there.

My Time Machine * Machine
My time is a ~~WASHING~~ Machine. Its old and rusty but it transforms into a sleek, clean and modern version when you twist the secret button that changes the speed. Turn it ~~as slow as~~ slower than nothing, it will take you back. Turn it faster than ever before, it will take you forward. Warning: ONE SPEED ONLY, BEWARE! Changes may be permanent turn to activate

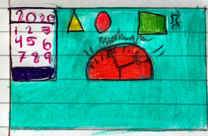



Tuesday 29th September 2020

Time Travelling With a Hamster

The best present I have ever received was a trip to Afghanistan (Where I'm from) from my dad to meet my Grandma and Grandpa and all my other family. It was really fun as it was summer and my aunts had a huge house with a swimming pool so we would swim there with our cousins.

My Time Travelling machine is a box with numbers, so you can press which year you want to go to and it would automatically take you there but there is one step you have to do before you do anything else and that is to drink a water that is called 'Time Water' and that can only be found in a special ruler box named 'Crystal' where the first time machine was found and created there.



1. Instruction on how to use: Drink The Time water.
2. Press the numbers to for time travel.
3. Pull the lever.

Time Travelling with a Hamster Ross Welford


On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life. A story that crosses time and generations, for adventure-loving readers young and old.

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Time travelling with a hamster.

My best present was a money. This was my best present because I could do whatever I wanted and whatever I wanted to buy with it. In addition to that I really like the valuable money because I could use it to help people. However, my worst present was a board game, which I got on my 8th birthday. I didn't enjoy this present because it was 4+ and this game didn't have any excitement to it.

My time machine is a pen with a dial on a clicker. When you use the dial it lets you choose which era you could go to and then the clicker will make you travel to a different era. Also this is light-weight and it is easy to use and you can take it almost anywhere you.



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Year 7 learn how to 'vary your veg' during Healthy Eating Week

Food and Nutrition students celebrated Healthy Eating Week this week during their lessons. The British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week ran from 28 September to 4 October. The aim of the Week is to bring the UK together for a dedicated Week, focusing on key health messages and promoting healthy habits. This year's health challenges are:

- Eat more wholegrains (Monday);
- Vary your veg (Tuesday);
- Drink plenty (Wednesday);
- Move more (Thursday);
- Be mind kind (Friday);
- Get active together* (Saturday);
- Eat together* (Sunday).

Tuesday's health challenge was to 'Vary your Veg', students taste-tested more unusual types of veggies and herbs such as fennel and radish! They are also going to be recording the number of wholegrains and new veggies they try over the next week.

Ms Williams



Find out more here:
www.foodafactoflife.org.uk



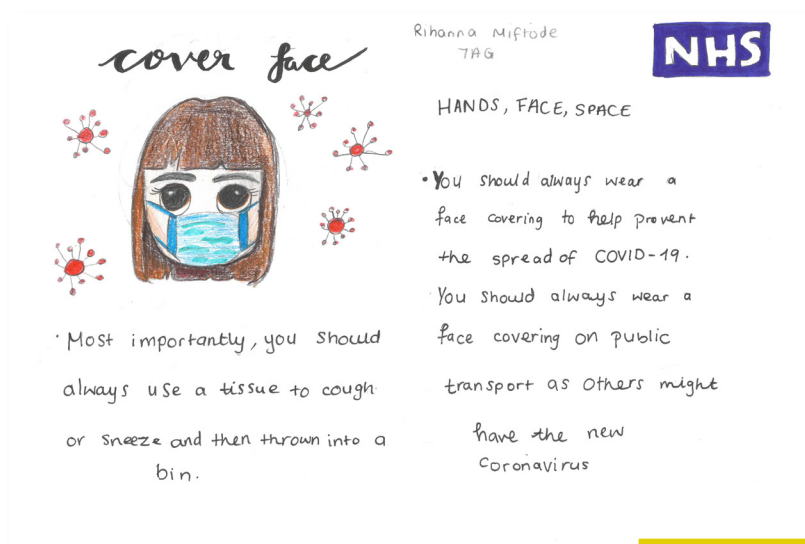
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Sunflowers and safety Year 7 get creative

7AG have been very creative in Art and PHSE classes creating their own versions of Hand Face Space posters.



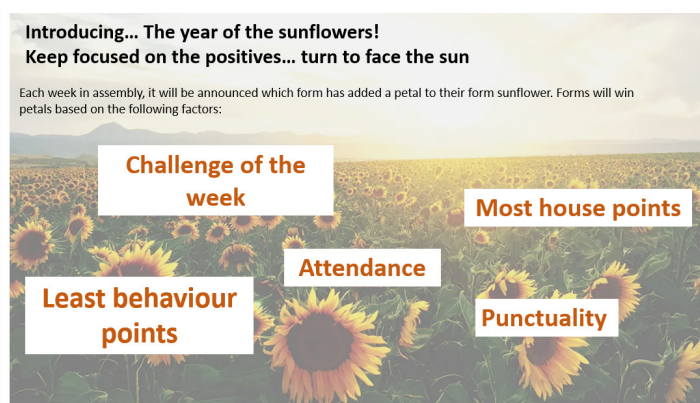
Hana



Rihana

Interform Sunflower Competition

Each week form's will win another petal to be added to their sunflower. At the beginning of this week the current form winners are 7SAS with 3 petals:



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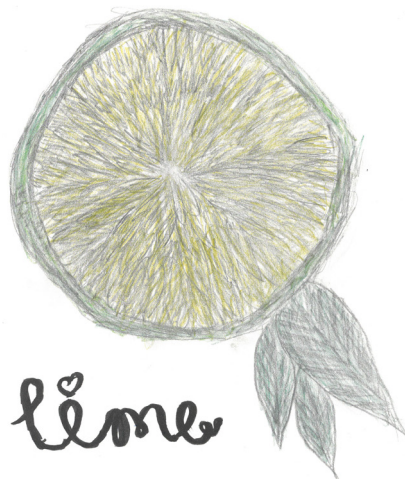
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Natural Patterns



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BY: HADIA TAG

Hadia

COVID 19!!!
KEEP THE WORLD A SAFE PLACE!

Hands

Use hand sanitizers at regular intervals, and wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds! Stop handshakes, use other noncontact methods of greeting.



Cough and sneeze INTO YOUR SLEEVE!

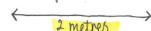
Face

Wear a face mask as much as you can to stop the spread of COVID 19!



Space

Stay 2 metres apart always!



STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, SAVE LIVES

ONLY YOU CAN HELP TO STOP THE SPREAD!

Aleena Azhan (TAG)

Aleena

Covid-19 Safety Poster



Hands!

Wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

If you cannot wash your hands use hand sanitiser regularly until soap and water are available

Catch It! Bin It! Kill It!

Use a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze

Throw it in the bin and immediately wash or sanitise your hands!

How many cases and deaths have there been in the UK?

There have been approximately 439k cases and 42k deaths in the UK. This means we have to be very careful and stay safe

What to do if you have symptoms of Covid-19!

If you have Covid symptoms contact NHS on 119 or go online to book a test as soon as possible
Stay home until you get your results
If a test is unavailable, you should self isolate for 14 days from the first day your symptoms began
Anyone who lives with you should also stay home



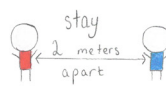
Face!

Always wear a face covering on the way to school and home

Walking Cycling Bus



Wear masks in corridors and enclosed areas and when you cannot social distance



Space!

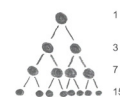
Always try to keep a 2 metre distance from other people

Stop the Spread!

Imagine how quickly the virus can spread if we don't follow the

Safety Rules!

● = 1 person



First there is one person and that person infects two people and those two people infect two other people and so on

Sophie

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Year 7 poetry Competition

Back when our new Year 7s were still in their transition Summer between Year 6 and Year 7, we held their first Bentley Wood competition.

Students were asked to write a poem about how they felt about starting high school. We had so many fantastic entries – deciding on a winner was a challenge! A lot of students spoke about similar feelings in their poems – a mixture of nerves and excitement about the next chapter in their lives.

From seeing how well our Year 7s have settled in, it seems that the excitement has taken over from the nerves.

Congratulations to our winners.

Ms Mortimer

It's Time For a New Start

*The first day of High School,
can be really hard.
Part of you feels excited,
part of you feels sad.
The joy of making new friends
and the friendships you left behind
just tears you up inside.
It's time to step into a new atmosphere
and put behind all of your fears.
The corridors are packed with confused people all around
As the bell goes it makes an ear-piercing sound.
Pupils rushing around everywhere,
and the new ones just stand and stare.
Registration will begin, lessons will go one by one
and by the time you know it,
Play time will have already begun.
Eating with new faces, could feel really strange,
it will take you a lot of time for things to change.
After lunchtime has come to an end
You might have already found a new friend.
The first day of High School
can be really hard
It's sadly time to end the day
and time to put everything away.*

Ariana Year 7

Ariana's Poem

Moving to year seven

Moving to year 7,
A new chapter begun.
Like opening a storybook,
That sounds like fun.

Leaving my primary school,
As I walked through those gates.
Feeling sad but excited,
As a new adventure awaits.

I'm sad to be leaving my friends,
But they'll always be in my heart.
Forever and beyond,
We will never be apart.

Preparing for a new start,
With my school bag ready to go.
Filled with books and stationary,
Dressed in my uniform from head to toe.

I've got butterflies in my tummy,
Not knowing what to expect.
But I've got my older sister,
Whose there to protect.

Feelings, friends and more,
Clutter up my mind.
But I know that I'll settle in straight away,
With lovely memories left behind.

Jayna's Poem



Congratulation to the winners of the
Year 6 Transition to Year 7
Poetry Competition
Jayna 7JCT and Ariana 7SG

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Year 7 Reading and Short Story competitions

Year 7 monthly Reading Challenge

The theme for this month's reading challenge is comedy. Ms Mortimer has put together a list of 15 hilarious books, so let's get laughing! The person that reads the most books will win the overall prize. We've got a great selection of books, with big names such as Holly Smale, Ross Welford and Eva Ibbotson, alongside brand new authors. Get ready to meet some seriously awkward teenagers, some bossy Gods and a gang of ghosts who love to prank!



Tabitha Osborn 22/09 14:31

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Let's get Laughing!!!

Year 7 Welcome to your first monthly Reading Challenge!!!

What is a monthly Reading Challenge?

The wonderful Miss Fiona Mortimer has put together a list of 15 hilarious books!! You have a month to read as many as possible! The person that reads the most amount of books will win the overall prize, but there will also be rewards if you read 3 of the books and then an even more exciting prize if you read 6 of the books. You will have to wait until the end of this challenge to find out what the prizes are!

How do I show that I have read the books?

You need to speak to either myself or your form tutors and tell them one thing you liked about the book and one thing you didn't. We will then add this to our records so we know how many you have read!

Please see the document below for a list of the books... some of these books are available from the library (some are about to be ordered!):

P.s. the winners of the poetry competition are going to be announced next week in assembly!

[See less](#)



Reading Challenge 1 Lets Get Laughing.docx



Please hand in or email your entry to Ms Mortimer in the library (fmortimer@bentleywood.harrow.sch.uk) by Monday 12th October. Get creative and win prizes!

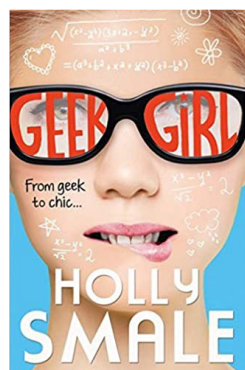


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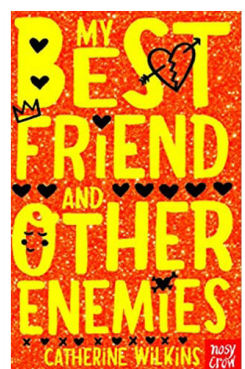
Year 7 Monthly Reading Challenge

Lets get
laughing!



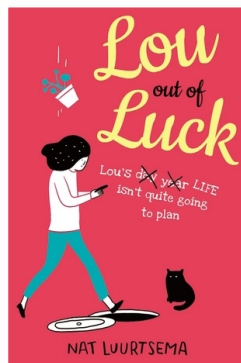
Geek Girl,
Holly Smale

Harriet Manners knows a lot of things. She knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. What she isn't quite so sure about is why nobody at school seems to like her very much. So when she's spotted by a top model agent, Harriet grabs the chance to reinvent herself.



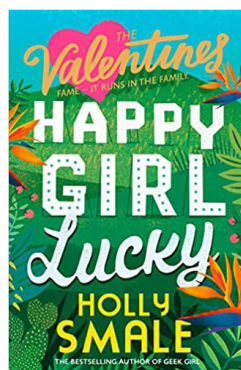
My Best Friend and Other Enemies,
Catherine Wilkins

The first children's book from comedian Catherine Wilkins is told from the point of view of 11-year-old Jessica, whose best friend Natalie may have just become her worst enemy.



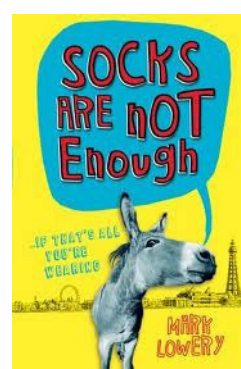
Lou out of Luck,
Nat Luurtsema

Lou's life is not going to plan: both of her parents are out of work (with awful consequences for her packed lunch), Luckily, she has a new, second-best friend, with a disturbing fashion sense and a taste for taxidermy. What else could go wrong? As it turns out, a lot...



Happy Girl Lucky,
Holly Smale

Introducing The Valentines. Fame - It Runs in the Family! Sisters Hope, Faith and Mercy have everything: fame, success, money and beauty. But what Hope wants most of all is love, and it doesn't matter how far she has to go to find it. Except real-life isn't like the movies. Even if you're a Valentine...



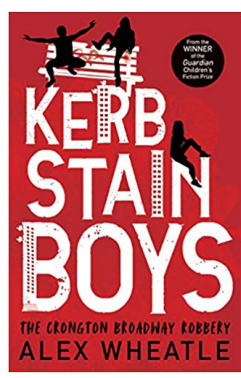
Socks are not Enough,
Michael Swarbrick

Mike Swarbrick's life couldn't get any worse. His pervy best friend gets him embroiled in a scandal involving the girls' changing rooms, his idiot of an older brother is snogging the girl of his dreams and he's just come home early from school to discover his parents are secret nudists... but they're ready to go public!



Pretty Funny,
Rebecca Elliott

Haylah hates being teased, and would love to be a stand-up comedian. But how can she make that happen when everyone, even gorgeous Leo, just sees her weight when they look at her?

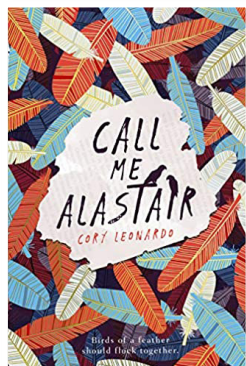


**Kerb Stain Boys- The Croughton
Broadway Robbery, Alex Wheatle**

Briggsy, his best friend Terror and the love of Terror's life, Caldonia, are 14 year olds living on the wrong side of the tracks. Soon, their vague fantasy of robbing a post office descends into farce. A hilarious, thrilling and uplifting read that's a breath of fresh air.

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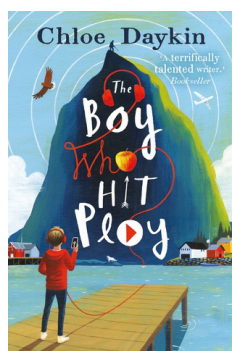
Call Me Alastair, **Cory Leonardo**

Alastair the parrot poet dreams of freedom, blue skies and palm trees. His sister Aggie yearns to go home with animal-loving Fritz. Can their different wishes be reconciled? Heartwarming, heartbreaking, eccentric, original and stunningly good.



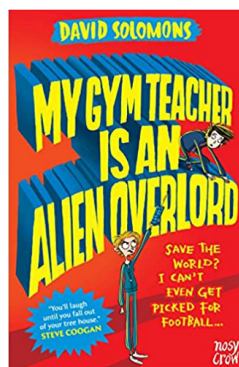
The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone, **Jaldyn Moriarty**

A wild quest sends Bronte through a magical, whimsical world. Slowly, she discovers how high the stakes are. This book really has everything: skillfully-spun plot, humour and charm, unforgettable characters and poetry in its language.



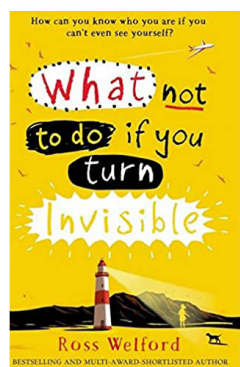
The Boy Who Hit Play, **Chloe Daykin**

A funny, life-affirming quest for identity that sees 12-year old Elvis Crampton Lucas and his adoptive dad racing across Norway, pursued by a shadowy villain. Captivating and thought-provoking.



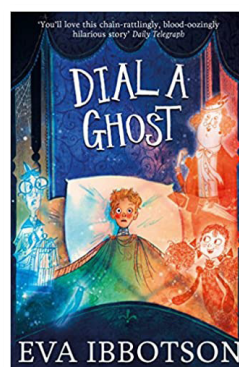
My Gym Teacher is an Evil Overlord, **David Solomons**

Ever had that funny feeling your gym teacher is an alien hell-bent on destruction? Well, so has 11-year-old Luke. This is a funny, sweet, surreal and madcap adventure, full of laughs and thrills.



What Not to do If You Turn Invisible, **Ross Welford**

Thirteen-year-old Ethel absolutely hates having acne, and will go to some pretty drastic measures to cure it - but she didn't imagine she'd turn invisible. Full of pathos and moral dilemma, this book is a great parable for the emotional turmoil of puberty.



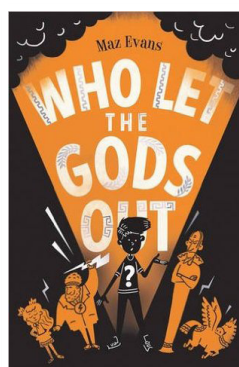
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Spellslinger, **Sebastien de Castell**

Kellen is moments away from facing his first mage's duel and the start of four trials that will make him a spellcaster. There's just one problem: his magic is gone.



Who Let the Gods Out? **Maz Evans**

These gods are used to getting their own way and they're more than capable of creating a little chaos themselves. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

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Parent to School App

An exciting new service is now available for parents to ensure communication between the school and yourselves is easier and more effective. The app is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow) and you'll be able to see information for your children.

What do I need to do now? Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address on our school database to ensure you can use the new app as soon as it is available. Forms are available from the school office to check and update your details or simply email them to the school. You'll need to make sure you keep these details up to date in future to maintain access to the service.

What happens next? Download The Xpressions app onto your phone. The app will go through a step by step registration with you. You will be asked to enter your email address and your mobile number. You must ensure the details you enter at registration are the same as the information we hold on the school database. When you have entered details correctly you will receive a text message to your mobile phone containing a 6 digit code. Enter the code and login.

More information on registering can be found at

<http://parents.groupcall.com/setup/account-registration/>

Once installed and set up you will be able to see some or all of the following information.

- Attendance records and absences.
- Achievement records.
- Behaviour incidents – eg lack of homework.

If you have any problems with registering it will be likely the details we have on our school database do not match to the details you are entering. You would need to inform the school immediately of these changes.

Please let the school know your up to date: email address, Mobile Phone number

Digital School

Microsoft Teams alongside other Office 365 applications provide a platform for teaching and learning and communication to continue in an online environment. Microsoft Teams is the tool utilised as the central teaching

and learning hub for all interactions. All our current Year 7s have been trained on Teams as part of the induction process.

Year 7 and 8 students who use this weekly as a part of their regular Computing curriculum. New students and staff to the school including all Year 7 receive training on core elements and features of Teams. Ongoing training on the use of specific elements as well as the sharing of best practice of Teams is part of the core training.

Although Bentley Wood students have returned to full face to face teaching in September, new Teams for each class have been created including pastoral Form Teams which continue to share digital assemblies and PSHCE content.

It is highly recommended to download the desktop, tablet or smartphone app rather than using a web browser online version as it is more robust.

This can be downloaded from:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

Upcoming Dates for Year 7

October 5th 2020

PE lessons need PE kit

October 22nd 2020

Meet the Tutor Event

October 14th 2020

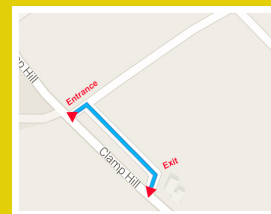
Parent Voice Meeting

October 30th 2020

Clubs start for Year 7

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