



# Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 16 May 2022

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope this bulletin finds you well and that no matter which year group your child(ren) are in, they are making you as proud at home as they are us here. We have had another busy week with students working hard in lessons and equally enjoying the fresh air and space afforded to us by the good weather and having the playing field open for break and lunchtimes. As a PE teacher I have always been an advocate for fresh air and exercise (not that I am always able to follow my own advice, 'could do better', but the intention is certainly always there!).

After a 'quiet' families bulletin last week we are back in full swing this week with some **mentoring support** from the YMCA for young people, some important information about students who bring in **medication** to the school and some notices about the launch of our **Book Clubs** taking place for all year groups from now until the end of term. This is particularly important to us as we move into a new academic year, **Reading** will play a huge part in our continued work to support students with their academic outcomes. Developing confidence and fluency in reading is considered to be one of the most effective ways to support students in their learning. This is particularly important right now as we know nationwide that some students have fallen behind as a result of the pandemic. Of course, reading is crucial to being able to access the curriculum but reading for pleasure can send us to worlds we could otherwise never imagine. Watch this space for more information on our **Reading** strategy over the coming months.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni

**Currently reading:** 'Time to Think', by Nancy Kline

# TIME TO THINK

LISTENING TO IGNITE  
THE HUMAN MIND



"Do not be fooled by the simplicity of this process.  
It will unleash the power of your whole organization."  
*British Telecom*

NANCY KLINE

## School Notices



### Hot Chocolate with the Head

There was a buzz of excitement in Miss Meloni's office this morning as seven more students were nominated for their great work ethic and attitude. Miss Meloni said that it was an absolute delight in particular seeing Enis, a year 13 student who only joined the school in year 12, engaging with the younger students. He shared advice on how to make the most of your revision, setting your ambition high and even how to handle the responsibilities of starting to drive. A fine example of **#TogetherWeAchieve** Well done to each of them.



## Key Dates

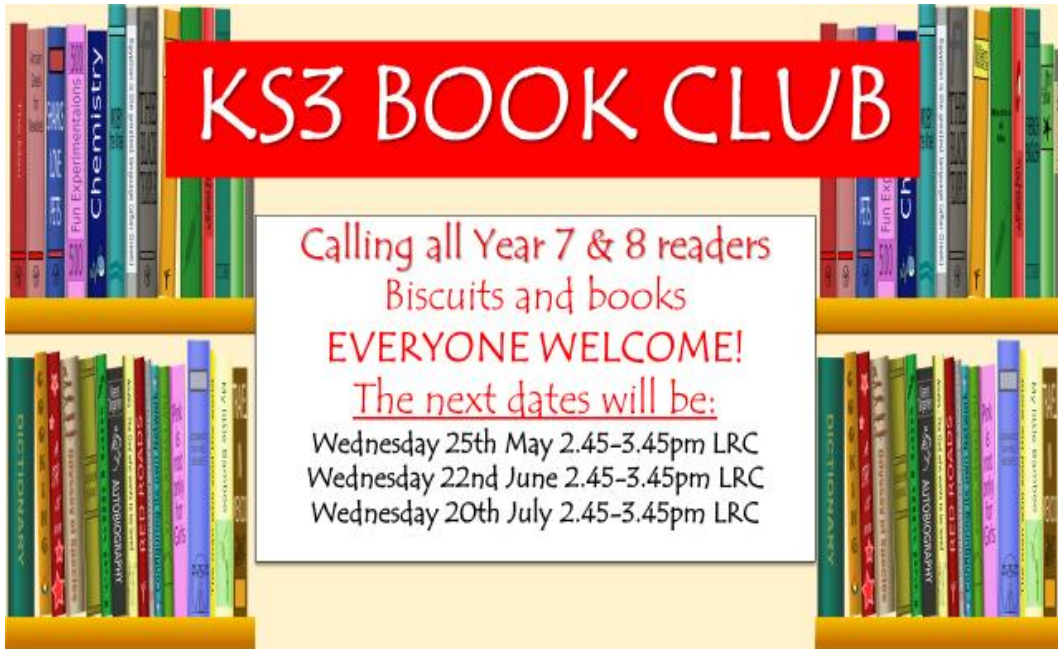
Wednesday 11 May	Last day of year 13 teaching
Thursday 12 May	Year 12 politics trip to secret nuclear bunker
Friday 13 May	Year 9 business and enterprise trip to Drusilla's Year 10 reports issued
Monday 16 May	Public exams begin, 3+2 timetable
Monday 23 May	Y12 philosophy trip to Southampton University
Wednesday 25 May	Year 9 reports issued
<b>Monday 30 May-Friday 3 June</b>	<b>Half-term</b>
Thursday 9 June	Year 12 UCAS & Futures Day
Saturday 11 June	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Actual Expedition

Remember you can see the full parents' calendar [here](#).

## Book Club!

After school Book Clubs will be taking place in the LRC between 2.45pm and 3.45pm, on selected dates. Please refer to the information below to find out the correct dates for your child's key stage.

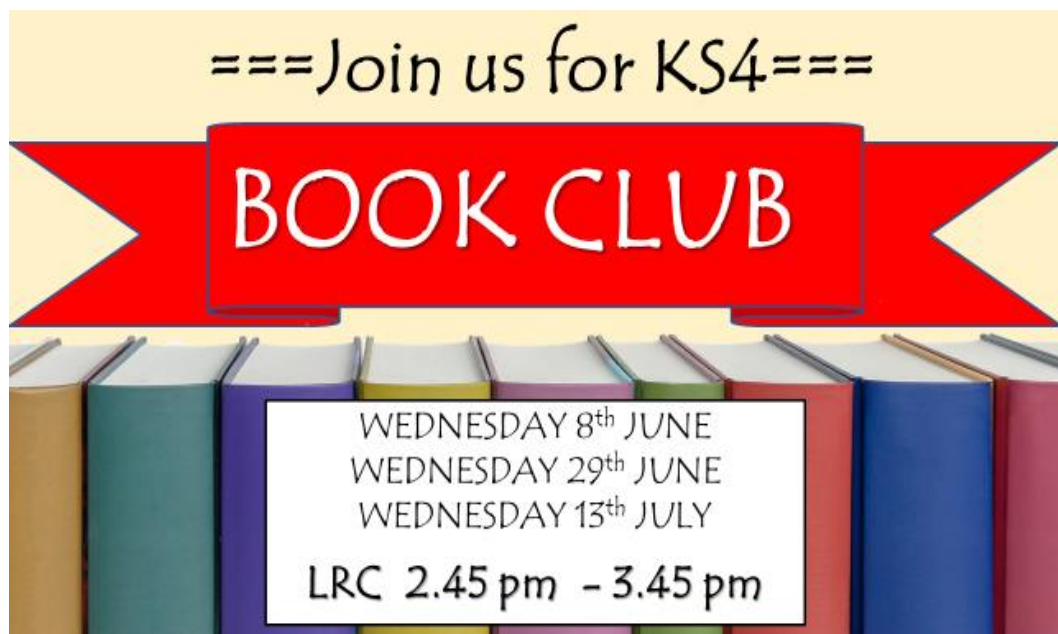
### KS3

A poster for the KS3 Book Club. At the top, a red banner with white text reads "KS3 BOOK CLUB". Below this, a white box with a black border contains the following text: "Calling all Year 7 & 8 readers", "Biscuits and books", "EVERYONE WELCOME!", "The next dates will be:", "Wednesday 25th May 2.45-3.45pm LRC", "Wednesday 22nd June 2.45-3.45pm LRC", and "Wednesday 20th July 2.45-3.45pm LRC". The background of the poster shows two shelves of colorful books.

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### KS4

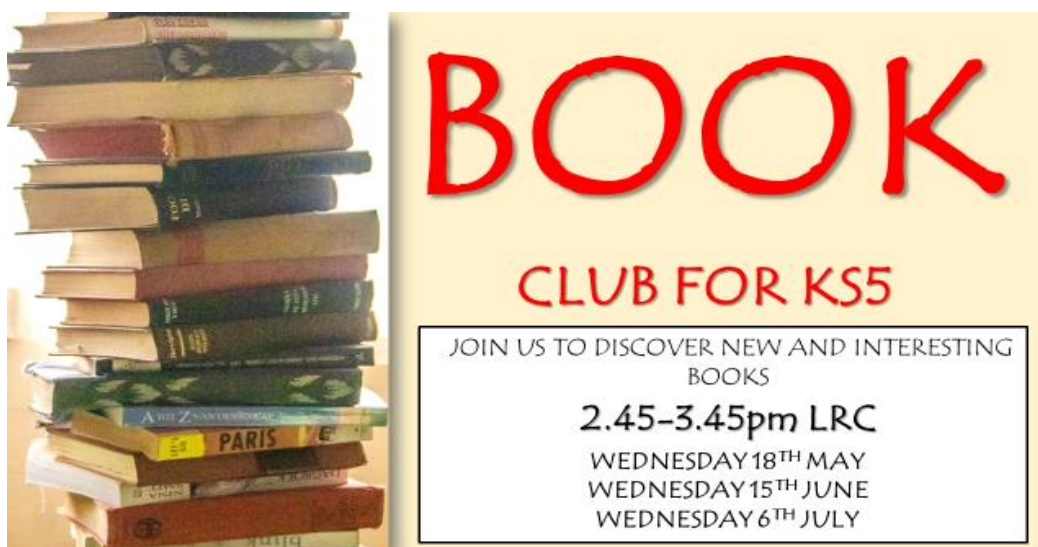
A poster for the KS4 Book Club. At the top, the text "===Join us for KS4===" is written in a black, handwritten-style font. Below this, a large red banner with white text reads "BOOK CLUB". At the bottom, a white box with a black border contains the following text: "WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE", "WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE", "WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY", and "LRC 2.45 pm - 3.45 pm". The background of the poster shows a row of colorful books.

===Join us for KS4===

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## KS5



## Wellbeing Weekly

Mrs Nibloe writes:-

### Mental Health Awareness Week

It is currently Mental Health Awareness week, concluding Sunday 15th May. The theme this year is **loneliness**, which is pertinent as one in four adults feel lonely at one time. What has this got to do with our mental health? Answer, as the time we feel lonely increases, our risk of experiencing mental health problems does as well. If you are currently experiencing a period of loneliness or know someone else who is, there is an informative site [here](#). I may be showing my age now(!), but as I wrote this I was reminded of an old BT\* advert where Bob Hoskins said "It's good to talk" - remember those that you love and care about are only ever a phone call away. \*Other phone providers are available.

### Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.



**We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.**

## Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.



## Mentoring Support



# YMCA

# Y Impact

Mentoring support for young people aged 11-18 with mild to moderate learning disabilities in Crawley, Horsham and Mid-Sussex

YMCA EAST SURREY

Y Impact provides a safe, fun and informal environment to support young people in group sessions.

Sessions aim to help young people to:

- ▶ Tackle isolation and make new friends
- ▶ Engage in the wider community
- ▶ Improve communication and other life skills
- ▶ Develop more positive relationships

Sessions includes snack / light dinner.

**Tuesdays** | 17:30-19:00

Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School,  
Comptons Lane, Horsham RH13 5NW

**Wednesdays** | 18:00-19:30

The Charis Centre, West Green Drive,  
Crawley, RH11 7ET

**Thursdays** | 17:00 - 18:30

Jubilee Community Centre, Charlwoods Road,  
East Grinstead, RH19 2HL



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