



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



The month of June brings with it many things. For our hard-working Year 11s, their external exams have drawn to a close and they look ahead to their next journey at the Sixth form. For the rest of the school, we have been busy completing end of year exams and looking forward to our end of year events. This year, June also sees the start of the European Championships. With football on our screens every-day at the moment, how could I not mention it! Football is a popular sport with our students and we have lots of keen players who spend many hours a week practising their skills in an aim to be the best they can be. So what will give England's team the greatest chance of success in this tournament? If they want a Headteacher's perspective: teamwork. The players must feel that they are a part of a community and that each member of the team is willing to support the others. The England players spend a lot of time together and will have learnt about each other's strengths and weaknesses. It strikes me that this is key to success. Structures and processes are hugely important, but it is ultimately what you are willing to do for others as a result of that shared sense of being that pushes you to the highest level in team sport. It is true of communities anywhere, including schools. I firmly believe that the key to the future success of our school is how much we are willing to work together and strive to continue to improve our community. There are plenty of opportunities to be a part of the team during the summer term with Sports day, House events and charity events, and I trust that all of us will play a part in developing our team spirit.

## First Give charity events



Special mention must go this week to 8U for their fantastic efforts in their charity event, the car wash! They really enjoyed the chance to cool down in the hot weather and I think some cars managed to get some water on them too! Well done 8U and Mr Bacalor.



## Subject in the Spotlight!

This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Geography with Senior Vice Principal and Acting Head of Geography, Ms Quinton



This week in Geography we have been :

**Year 7:** Learning how rivers change as they flow from source to mouth, shaping the land as they go. It's a great introduction to important processes that will recur across topics in the geography course, such as erosion, transportation and deposition. This week we have been revising the causes and impacts of the 2010 floods in Cumbria, a key case study, ahead of the assessment!

**Year 8:** Understanding how a country's level of development and income drastically determines the level of damage that it suffers from tectonic hazards, such as earthquakes. Students have been investigating how buildings are designed, and the public trained in Japan, to minimise damage when disaster strikes.

**Year 9:** Exploring the world's different biomes, from the tropical rainforest and the savannah, to the northern-most tundra, as we started the GCSE course this term. Year 9 have looked at the challenges of protecting these vibrant and sensitive ecosystems from human activities and exploitation, whilst balancing the need for economic growth, in what remain some of the world's poorest regions.

**Year 10:** Preparing for GCSE Paper two by exploring our city, London! We've recently finished the 'human landscape' unit, which studied London's journey over the last 80 years through deindustrialisation and decline, to rebranding and regeneration in recent years. It has been interesting to discuss the impact of coronavirus on so many of the ways in which we live and work.

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## Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in their online lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leader boards:

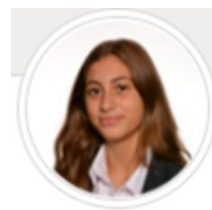
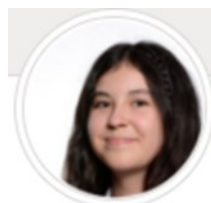
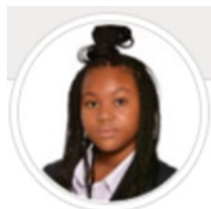
Top of the leader board for **Hegarty Maths** this term are:

Year 7: Aaliyah

Year 8: Alfred

Year 9: Alexia

Year 10: Elisabetta



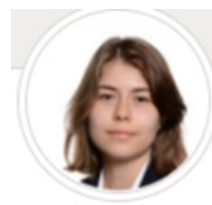
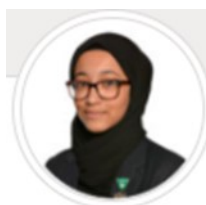
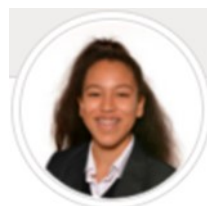
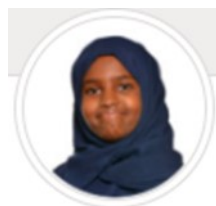
The following students are top of the **Educake science** leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 7: Khadijah

Year 8: Rudainah

Year 9: Anais

Year 10: Julia

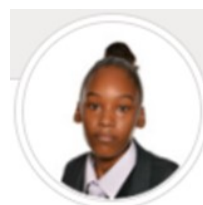
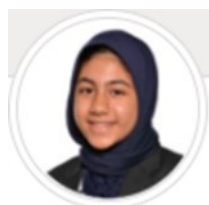


The following students are top of the **Accelerated Reader** leader board this week for most points achieved from reading quizzes:

Year 7: Misha

Year 8: Helena

Year 9: Aaliyah



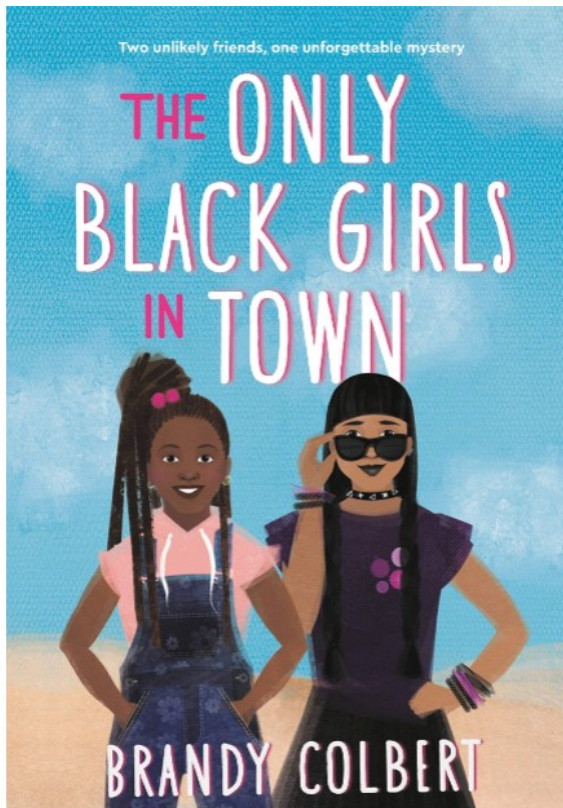
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## Books of the week– New Books in the library!



KS3 book of the week!

### The Only Black Girls In Town

Beach-loving surfer Alberta has been the only black girl in town for years. Alberta's best friend, Laramie, is the closest thing she has to a sister, but there are some things even Laramie can't understand. When the bed and breakfast across the street finds new owners, Alberta is ecstatic to learn the family is black-and they have a 12-year-old daughter just like her.

Alberta is positive she and the new girl, Edie, will be fast friends. But while Alberta loves being a California girl, Edie misses her native Brooklyn and finds it hard to adapt to small-town living.

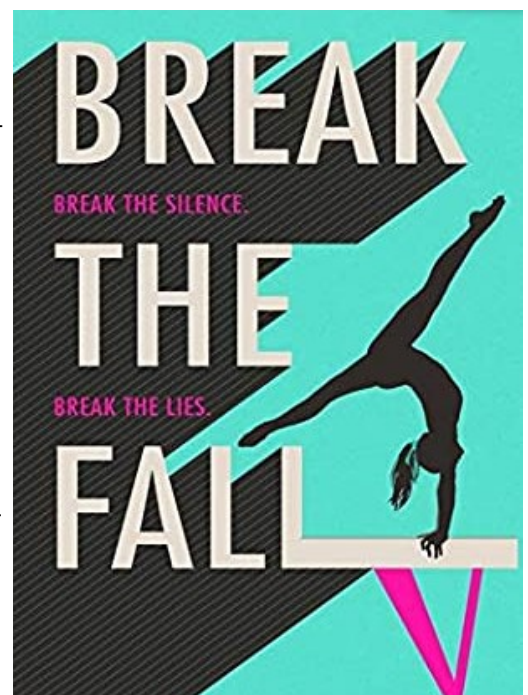
When the girls discover a box of old journals in Edie's attic, they team up to figure out exactly who's behind them and why they got left behind. Soon they discover shocking and painful secrets of the past and learn that nothing is quite what it seems.

KS4 book of the week!

A year ago, Audrey could barely do a push up as she recovered from a spine surgery, one that could have paralyzed her. And now? She's made the United States' gymnastics team with her best friend, Emma, just like they both dreamed about since they were kids. She's on top of the world.

The pressure for perfection is higher than ever when horrifying news rips the team apart. Audrey is desperate to advocate for her teammate who has been hurt by the one person they trusted most—but not all the gymnasts are as supportive.

With the team on the verge of collapse, the one bright spot in training is Leo, her new coach's ridiculously cute son. And while Audrey probably (okay, definitely) shouldn't date him until after the games, would it really be the end of the world?



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## House competitions

On Tuesday Year 9 took part in House Rowing. It was a gorgeous day, and with the music blaring from the speakers, Year 9 did not disappoint. Aequitas who have been steamrolling events recently, continued their fine form and rowed a whopping 4121m in 20 minutes. They were closely followed by Veritas who scored 4020m, and last (but not least) were Caritas (3910m) and Unitas (3499m). The difference between 1<sup>st</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is roughly just less than two pupils! So, why not do your part for your House and row for one minute next Tuesday!?



Miss O'Reilly was determined to make amends at the next competition, which was a football dribbling course on Wednesday lunch time. Both she and Miss Ahmed had rallied the troops for this event, and it once again proved to be a close two-horse race between Aequitas and Veritas. Pupils were required to dribble through three gates, around a cone at the end of the course, and then back through the same gates. In the heat, it was quite something. But, with the FIFA 21 soundtrack playing, pupils were inspired to work hard! Big shout outs to Larry, Ali, Arian, Elsie, Nyet, Jayden, Anis, and Abdullah, for constantly representing their House. Results were...Aequitas in 1<sup>st</sup> place, closely followed by Veritas, and then Unitas and Caritas in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Look out for the events next week!



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| This week | 200 | 225 | 350 | 225 |
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## Lunch menu 1 w/c 21.06.21

|                       | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>MAIN MEAL #ONE</b> | 50% Plant Based Bolognese, Garlic Bread & Salad | Marinated Chicken Pieces, Wings & Sides   | Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy.                                 | Delhi Tikka Chicken Masala, Rice and Sides         | Battered Fish, Chips, Peas, Lemon & Tartare Sauce |
| <b>MAIN MEAL #TWO</b> | Quorn Mince Ragu                                | Spicy Bean Burger, Sweet Chilli & Lettuce | Vegetarian Sausages With trimmings                              | Mughlai Vegetable Korma, Rice & Sides              | Fajita Spiced Vegetable Fajitas                   |
| <b>HANDHELD</b>       | Pepperoni Pizza Slice<br>Triple Cheese Panini   | Cheese Panini<br>BBQ Chicken flatbread    | Margherita Pizza Slice<br>Chicken Fillet Burger, salsa & cheese | Triple Cheese Panini<br>Tandoori Chicken flatbread | Fish Finger Ciabatta, lettuce & mayo              |
| <b>BOWLED OVER</b>    | Vegan Rice Bowl                                 | Pasta Kitchen                             | Noodle Street   | Pasta Kitchen                                      | Pasta Kitchen                                     |
| <b>DESSERTS</b>       | Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie                    | Peach Upside Down cake                    | Toffee Apple Crumble  | Lemon Drizzle                                      | Jam & Coconut Sponge                              |

## Key dates for week beginning 21/06/21

| Description            | Date                                    | Time        |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Year 7– 10 assessments | 14 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> June | 08:00-15:00 |



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