

...It is great to have you back!



After weeks of quiet corridors and empty classrooms, it is a real pleasure for all of us to welcome students back to school. During lockdown, students put fantastic effort and energy into their remote learning, especially into engaging with the new live lessons we introduced in January. Now it's time to settle back into our familiar routines and get everyone back in to positive learning habits. We are here to support you all the way.

...Testing, Testing, 123

A massive thank you to all our students and their parents for the overwhelming support with the testing programme as students returned to school this week. This has been a massive undertaking for the school to complete but was made so much easier by the impeccable behaviour and support of our students. By the end of this week students participating will have completed their second test and next week will receive training during their third test before moving to completing tests at home. More information on home testing kits for students will be provided in an information letter – please remember that these home test kits will be for use by FHS students only. But don't forget that families with school-age students are also able to access home test kits now – there are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect two packs of seven tests
- by ordering a home test kit online (<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirusrapid-lateral-flow-tests>) – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

...World Book Day

Last Thursday 4 March was World Book Day. Although we weren't in school to celebrate, KS3 students used their English lessons to get creative in responding to books that they've been reading. Students produced a wide range of responses, including baking cakes linked to characters, writing letters to authors, producing newspaper reports about narrative events and modelling scenes. It was great to see so many fabulous ideas and engagement with reading. Well done to all involved!

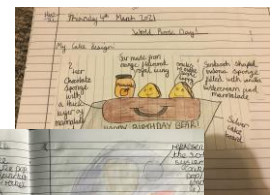
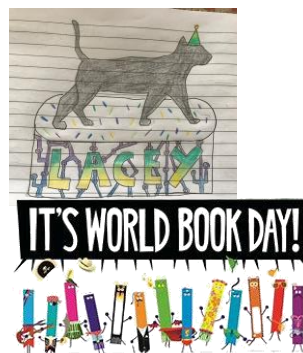
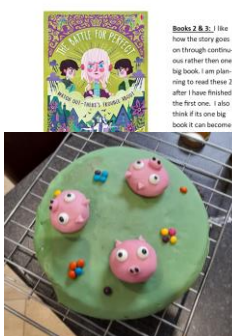


A Place Called Perfect

This book, I would definitely recommend. It has mystery and adventure, even an element of comedy. One of the reasons I like reading this book is because it's so appealing, you just want to read more. I have not finished it yet but from what I have read so far it is very enjoyable.

Brief summary:

A girl named Violet is forced to move to a town called Perfect due to her father's job. When the family arrives they are greeted by the archer brothers and one of their weird concoctions they called magic tea. After that Violet and her family begin to go blind within 24 hours of being there. That was then she knew something wasn't right. Violet and her sleepless nights worrying about the brothers and their little scheme led to her dropping a pencil in class on her first day, and getting in trouble for it. But then to her surprise her mother agreed with the school and said it was wrong, her father no where to be seen. Violet wants to get out of this mess, but who will help her?



...Make Your Mark!

Our Librarian, Mrs Ambrose, is running her annual 'Design a Bookmark' competition for Year 7 students. In the recent years there have been some incredibly creative winners so get your creative juices flowing Year 7 and design your bookmark around the theme of 'Springtime'. Entries to be given to Mrs Ambrose before 26 March for a chance to win a book token! Over the last half term holiday, our English Department challenged Year 7s to raise funds for the 'Read for Good' programme (which provides



books to children in hospital) by reading as much as they can and generating sponsorship. This is a final call as the deadline is today (Friday 12 March)... there is still time! Please ensure your sponsorship money is paid via ParentPay and watch this space for news on how much you all raised for such a great cause!



...FHSXtra



We are kicking off our extra-curricular activities next week and want to encourage all students to get involved in at least one of the many activities that will be on offer. Details will be sent to students on Class Charts and will be available shortly on the school website. In order for us to ensure that activities are

planned in the appropriate way under current restrictions, it is imperative that students sign up in advance for any activity they wish to join. Check Class Charts now for more information and...get involved!

...Year 11 Practice Interviews

We offer all Year 11 students the opportunity to take part in a 1:1 practice interview with a volunteer 'professional'. Practice application forms provide background information on each student and a stimulus for formal interview-style questions and feedback at the end of the process. This year, the event will take place over a socially distant two days. We have engaged a number of local professionals to meet students and provide high quality interview experience. All Year 11 students must ensure their application form is complete and returned to Mrs MacDunne as soon as possible.



...We are here for you!

Finally, we want students and parent to know that support is always available; if you have any concerns regarding well-being, please speak with us. We can discuss the support needed and signpost the most appropriate help. We would also like to remind you about the tremendous support offered by Sefton School Health and the amazing team of School Nurses – please take the

time to watch [their short video](#) about what help they can provide. [Kooth.com](#) also has a wealth of information and resources to support students and families around mental health and well-being. We are here for you and with you – speak up if you need support!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y7 FOR Subject Consultation Evening – 18 Mar
- ★ Y11 Practice Interviews – 24 Mar
- ★ Y7 MBYH Subject Consultation Evening – 25 Mar
- ★ Y11 Practice Interviews – 26 Mar
- ★ Easter Holidays – 29 Mar to 9 Apr