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CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS!

The last 18 months have been hard, particularly for students with school closures, isolation and general disruption to their education.

Young Writers invites all students at TLA to write a poem for Empowered, and take back some control over their lives. Empowered helps you find and use your voice to express yourself through poetry.

Being able to voice a concern, an opinion or a point of view is so important, especially when students' interacting with peers has been restricted or even removed over the last academic year, reducing the opportunities to discuss what matters to you and your friends.

What you need to do: In order to enter this Young Writers poetry competition you will need to write a poem about something you are passionate about. It could be equal rights, identity or your hopes, dreams and ambitions.

How to enter: You can enter your poem via the Young Writers website OR you can see Miss Churchward in C11 to get a student entry form and even get advice and ideas for your poem.

What happens after you enter: Once your poem is submitted to Young Writers they will pick their favourite entries from around the country and publish your work in a poetry anthology which your parents/carers can order to keep. You will also receive a certificate and bookmark.

The closing date for this competition is Friday 11th February 2022 so get involved now!

Miss Churchward
English Department



VAPING AGE RESTRICTIONS

We have become aware that a few students have been seen in possession of vaping materials. You must be 18 or over to buy e-cigarettes or e-liquids in the UK. Our approach, like any other prohibited item, is to confiscate the item from the students and inform them that a parent/carer will be asked to collect it from school. Any student caught using vaping materials in school, will be dealt with in line with our behaviour policy.

E SAFETY - UPDATE

Having a safe password - It is so important to have a strong password to protect yourself from hackers. Ensure that the password you use is not one that can easily be guessed by others. Consider putting extra things like capital letters or numbers in to make it stronger and less easy for someone else to discover and always keep it private.

FACE COVERINGS AT TLA

Unfortunately, despite all that we are doing in school the daily number of positive cases continues to rise. This does appear to also be the case in other Colchester schools. We will continue to review the situation every Monday and Thursday following the latest biweekly LFD tests being taken at home. For now, students are expected to wear face coverings, if they are not exempt, at all times when inside the school building. This will continue to be the case until further notice, but as soon as we can relax this expectations we will.

Mr S Essex,
Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 3rd February:
Year 10 Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd March:
Year 11 Parents Evening

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CLUBS TIMETABLE		
	Before School / Lunch Time	After School
Monday	<p>Before School:</p> <p>Fitness Club / Boxing Club 07:30 - 08:00</p> <p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Multi Sports Club</p>	<p>Rugby Club Lower Field 15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Drone Club D4 15:10 - 16:00</p> <p>Music Tech Club MU1 15:10 - 16:10</p> <p>Fitness Club</p> <p>English P6 - Year 11 C12</p>
Tuesday	<p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Drama Club - Years 10 -11 Drama Studio</p> <p>Girls Basketball Sports Hall</p>	See everyday clubs
Wednesday	<p>Before School:</p> <p>Fitness Club / Boxing Club 07:30 - 08:00</p> <p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Creative Writing - Years 7-9 CO3</p> <p>Girls Basketball Sports Hall</p> <p>Maths Club - Years 7-8 D3</p>	<p>Maths P6 - Year 11 With individual Maths teachers</p> <p>Football Club - Year 7 - 8 Sports Hall 15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Rock School MU1 15:10 - 16:10</p> <p>STEM Club E01 15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Musical Club Drama Studio</p> <p>Netball Club</p>

CLUBS TIMETABLE CONTINUED		
	Before School / Lunch Time	After School
Thursday	<p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Boys Basketball Club Sports Hall</p> <p>Ukulele Club MU1</p> <p>Boys Basketball / Multi Sports Club Year 8 - 9</p> <p>Drama Club - Years 7 -9</p>	<p>Football Club - Year 9 Sports Hall 15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Textiles Club - Year 8 & 9 F4 15:15 - 16:15</p> <p>Art Club A1 15:10 - 16:10</p>
Friday	<p>Before School:</p> <p>Fitness Club / Boxing Club 07:30 - 08:00</p> <p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Choir MU1</p> <p>Chess Club C12</p> <p>Tech Club - Years 7-9 F2</p> <p>Fitness Club - Year 11</p> <p>Textiles Club - Year 7 F4</p>	<p>Football Club - Year 9 Sports Hall 15:15 - 16:15</p>
Every Day	<p>Lunch Time:</p> <p>Film and Pokemon Club D4</p> <p>Homework Club C14</p> <p>Ozone Club E03</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 15:10 - 16:00</p>

CATERING - Week Beginning 31st January				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Battered Chicken Burger <i>(Wheat Gluten Celery)</i>	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Brown Rice	Roast of the Day	Cottage Pie <i>(Soya Barley Wheat Milk Gluten)</i>	Chicken Nuggets <i>(Wheat Egg Milk Gluten)</i>
Tomato Pasta Bake <i>(Wheat Gluten)</i>	Spaghetti	Roast Potatoes	Lyonnais Potatoes	Chips
Wedges	Bolognese V <i>(Egg Wheat Barley Gluten)</i>	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas
Steamed Sweet Corn	Peas	Hotdog in a Roll (V) <i>(Egg Gluten Wheat Soybeans)</i>	Quorn Chilli & Rice <i>(Wheat Soya Egg Gluten)</i>	Vegetable Bake <i>(Gluten Milk Wheat Egg)</i>
Assorted Paninis	Assorted Paninis	Donuts	Assorted Paninis	Assorted Paninis
Pasta Pots	Pasta Pots	Assorted Paninis	Pasta Pots	Pasta Pots
Baked Potato & Beans	Baked Potato & Beans	Pasta Pots	Baked Potato & Beans	Baked Potato & Beans
Fruit bags	Fruit bags	Baked Potato & Beans	Fruit bags	Fruit bags
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CATERING - Week Beginning 7th February				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fresh Pizza <i>(Wheat Gluten Milk Egg)</i>	Lasagne & Garlic Bread <i>(Wheat Milk Gluten)</i>	Roast of the Day	Chicken Curry &	All Day
Cottage Pie V <i>(Wheat Gluten Barley Soya)</i>	Cauliflower Cheese V <i>(Wheat Milk)</i>	Roast Potatoes	Brown Rice <i>(Gluten Soya Wheat, Mustard Milk)</i>	Breakfast <i>(Wheat Egg Milk Gluten)</i>
Baked Fresh Potato Wedges	Parsley Potato	Steamed Carrots	Sauté Potatoes	Hash Browns
Peas	Sweetcorn	Peas	Tandoori Quorn Pieces & Rice <i>(Milk Egg Celery)</i>	Baked Beans
Fruit Bags	Fruit Bags	Lentil Curry V <i>(Wheat Gluten Milk Mustard Soya)</i>	Fruit Bags	Vegan Vegetable Bake <i>(Gluten Wheat)</i>
Assorted Paninis	Assorted Paninis	Donuts <i>(Wheat Gluten Soya Milk Egg Sesame)</i>	Assorted Paninis	Fruit Bags
Pasta Pots	Pasta Pots	Fruit Bags	Pasta pots	Assorted Paninis
Baked Potato & Beans	Baked Potato & Beans	Assorted Paninis	Baked Potato & Beans	Pasta Pots
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