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WELCOME BACK

Welcome to our first edition of The Griffin of 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all of your family a belated “Happy New Year”. The term here at TLA School has started really well; students have settled back into school and have really embraced our increased Covid protection measures. I am very grateful to all of the students who have complied with these requests as it is really helping to keep us all safe in school, which means we can all continue to be here as much as possible!

Covid remains our biggest challenge and the impact it is currently having on our school means that on a daily basis about 10% of our students are missing their lessons; we have always had a drive on ensuring our students’ attendance is as high as it can be. We know there is a strong link between students achieving their best possible results and growing into well-rounded young people, when they attend school regularly. I urge you to continue to encourage all of our young people to attend school as often as they can and to follow the most up to date guidance about when they should isolate to prevent further spread of this virus.



I would also like to thank all parents and carers who have ensured that their children return to school wearing the full school uniform; generally speaking students are very smartly dressed and require very few reminders. We are working closely with a small number of students who need to further improve their uniform.

We continue to firmly believe that the relationship between, home, students and the school is vitally important in ensuring we deliver great education to our young people. If you ever have any information that will help us with your child or you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email your child’s Year Team. (Email addresses take the form: year7@tla.school for children in Year 7)

So returning to where I started this message, I am excited about 2022 and all that it will bring for our school and all of its community.

Best wishes
Mr S Essex
Headteacher

NATIONAL TEEN BOOK CLUB

The National Teen Book Club is launching its fourth cycle and the sign up process is now open!

The Book Club will take place on **Wednesdays, 3.30-4.30pm, between 19th January and 9th February.**

What is it?

14-19 year olds participate by attending four weekly sessions held online, either joining from home or via broadcast in school. They will read a book and discuss it with students from across the UK, work on a piece of creative writing that will be published in our virtual library, and hear from inspirational leading figures from the literary world, including:



Kit De Waal, award-winning author and champion of working class writers

- **Jo Unwin**, literary agent to Charlie Brooker and Richard Ayoade
- **Jon Day**, who has judged the Booker Prize, is the lead fiction critic for the *Financial Times*, and teaches English and Creative Writing and Kings College London.

Benefits for students include:

- Developing English reading and writing skills.
- Raising their aspirations and **gaining experience for their CV.**
- **Insights into careers** in the creative industries.
- A heavily discounted copy of the book we'll read together: *My Name is Leon* by Kit de Waal.

79% of young people who attended the last National Teen Book Club said they thought they would read more often for pleasure as a result of participating, and 48% of young people who attended said they would borrow more books from their school library.

If you're interested in getting involved:

- Students can sign up to attend independently here.
- If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at NTBC@speakersforschools.org.

If the timing is not quite right for you, we can share access to **recordings of the sessions** each week to watch back at a time that works for you!

The National Teen Book Club team

E SAFETY - UPDATE

The Internet and Young People

As children get older, it gets a little trickier to monitor their time spent online. They may carry a smartphone with them at all times. They probably want – and need – some privacy. This is healthy and normal, as they're becoming more independent from their parents. The Internet can provide a safe "virtual" environment for exploring some newfound freedom if precautions are taken.

Talk about the sites and apps teens use and their online experiences. Discuss the dangers of interacting with strangers online and remind them that people online don't always tell the truth. Explain that passwords are there to protect against things like identity theft. They should never share them with anyone, even a boyfriend, girlfriend, or best friend.

Taking an active role in your kids' Internet activities helps ensure that they benefit from them without being exposed to the potential dangers.

ESSEX POLICE

Essex Police has asked all schools to contact parents/carers to bring a really important research project to their attention. Please see the details below:

Sexual harassment takes many forms. All of them need to be stopped.

Our charity has commissioned a major piece of research, working in partnership with the University of Suffolk Centre for Abuse Research, launching with our anonymous survey: 'Safe in public: understanding how sexual harassment affects people's use of public space'.

The aim of this research is to learn more about people's experiences of sexual harassment in public spaces, how people think we should talk about these behaviours, and how people think we should respond to these behaviours to make public spaces safe and accessible.

The findings from this research will become the cornerstone of a national campaign our charity will run later this year, focusing on challenging perpetrator behaviour and working to take a stand against sexual harassment in all its forms.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 2nd February:
Year 10 Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd March (TBC):
Year 11 Parents Evening

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 17th January				
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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CATERING - Week Beginning 24th January				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger <i>(Wheat Gluten Milk)</i>	Fresh Chicken Pie <i>(Wheat Milk Gluten)</i>	Roast of the Day	Sausage Roll <i>(Gluten Soya Wheat Egg)</i>	Fish n Batter <i>(Fish Milk Gluten)</i>
Lasagne V <i>(Wheat Gluten Barley Soya Gluten)</i>	Quiche V <i>(Wheat , Gluten Egg, Milk)</i>	Roast Potatoes	Baked Fresh Cajun Wedges <i>(Celery Gluten Wheat)</i>	Chips
Baked Fresh Potato Wedges	Creamed Potatoes <i>(Milk)</i>	Peas	Baked Beans	Peas
Sweetcorn	Carrots	Lentil Curry V <i>(Wheat Gluten Milk)</i>	Macaroni Cheese <i>(Milk Wheat Gluten)</i>	Vegan Nuggets <i>(Wheat Soya)</i>
Assorted Paninis	Assorted Paninis	Donuts <i>(Wheat Gluten Soya Sesame Milk)</i>	Assorted Paninis	Assorted Paninis
Pasta Pots	Pasta Pots	Assorted Paninis	Pasta Pot	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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