



Principal's Bulletin

28th March 2025

Launching a New Library

We are thrilled to announce our school is in the process of creating a high-profile, custom-built library that will serve as a vibrant hub for literacy and exploration.

The library should be the beating heart of the school and pupil literacy acts as the golden thread in helping pupils thrive across the school curriculum.

The library will feature a carefully curated selection of books that are age and stage appropriate, covering a wide range of themes and genres. To ensure that our collection reflects the interests and preferences of our students, we will soon be sharing a survey for pupils to express their thoughts on what types of books they would like to see in the library. Your support in encouraging your child to participate is greatly appreciated!

In addition to providing access to a diverse range of literature, we are committed to teaching our students how to navigate and utilise the library effectively. Our aim is to empower them with the skills they need to become confident and independent readers.

We are excited to offer students the chance to take on the role of librarian, fostering leadership skills and responsibility. This initiative encourages our pupils to engage with their peers and take an active role in our school community.

Recognising that some students may face challenges in reading, we will also implement targeted literacy interventions in the library. Our goal is to provide additional support for those who need it, ensuring that every child can thrive in their reading journey. It also means all pupils can enjoy and delve deeply into their subject curriculums as they can access them and therefore thrive within them.

We believe that reading is a fundamental skill that supports all subjects. Our teachers will work together to help students "Read Like a Subject Specialist," nurturing the next generation of experts and leaders in various fields—perhaps even inspiring future icons like Sir David Attenborough!

We will be working closely with our pupils on developing this space.

As we embark on this exciting journey, we look forward to your continued support.

Together, we can create a rich literary environment that will benefit all our students.

Read like a... MATHEMATICIAN



Look for the key command words, functions, units and values

What exactly are you being asked to do? Which functions will you need? What values are you working with? What units are you working with?



Read formulae carefully and make links with things you already know

Have you done something like this before? Can you use a similar method?



Interpret data, graphs and charts carefully

What is the data showing? What can you infer from the data? Are there any trends or anomalies?



Look again at your answer to check that it makes sense

Does the answer you have make sense when you read it back? Are the units, decimals, values etc correct?

Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations or algorithms: it is about understanding!
- William Paul Thurston



Read like a... GEOGRAPHER



Look for key geographical vocabulary

Do you know what all the key terms and concepts mean? How can you improve your understanding?



Interpret data, illustrations and charts carefully

What is the data showing? What can you infer from the data? Is it what you would expect based on your geographical knowledge? Is it reliable?



Look for the key command words

What are you being asked to do? What order should you do things in? How should you present your answer?



Look for links with things you already know

Where have you heard these words or concepts before? What prior knowledge do you need to fully understand this?

Geography explains the past, illuminates the present and prepares us for the future. What could be more important than that?
- Maria Curie



WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word of the week is:

Heredity

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We may have all come on different ships, but we are all in the same boat now

Martin Luther King Jr

DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd April

International Children's Book Day

7th April

Start of Easter Break

23rd April

Return to school

Y11 will receive the Easter Revision Plan by close of play on Monday 31 March.

★ Pupil G.R.E.A.T ★

Bella Kemp Y9

"For constantly and consistently displaying the GREAT values in all she does."

(Mr Byrne and Mr Cooper)