



26th March 2021

Headteacher's Weekly Roundup Newsletter: Week 25

Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all, I want to congratulate our students on their response to settling back into our routines and meeting our high expectations. With undeniable support from you at home they have almost all resolved uniform issues. Thank you for supporting us so very well.

It must also be recognised that we are all doing a really good job of keeping each other safe as is possible in a Covid context in that we have not had to send any bubbles of students home since reopening. I thank you for all your support with the lateral flow testing at home. I know I am still getting used to getting it into my home routine. Whilst no single thing can be attributed to stopping this dreadful virus at every moment possible it is the collection of all the routines that we do such as hands, face, space that together work.

Facemasks

The government are due to release information about this during Easter. As yet I have no further information and do not yet know when the details of expectations will be released. For the first week back we will be continuing in facemasks and I will inform you in my weekly newsletter with any updated information.

Returning to School After Easter Holidays

All students return to school at their relevant **start time and start gate on Monday 12th April 2021**. Students will follow their normal timetable and receive their Summer planners when they have their tutor time. Students must bring their Spring planner to school.

	Start Time	Entrance Gate
Year 13	8.30am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 12	8.30am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 11	8.55am	Bessingby Road – Side Gate
Year 10	8.55am	Top Gate at Reception
Year 9	8.55am	St Johns Avenue – Bottom Gate
Year 8	8.30am	St Johns Avenue – Bottom Gate
Year 7	8.30am	Bessingby Road – Side Gate

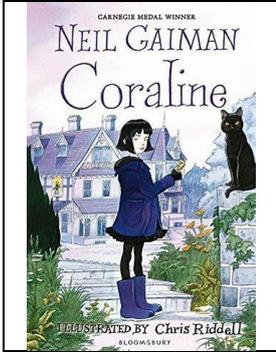
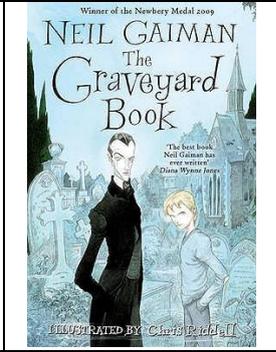
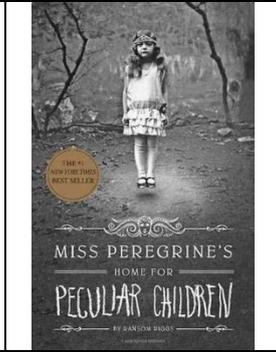
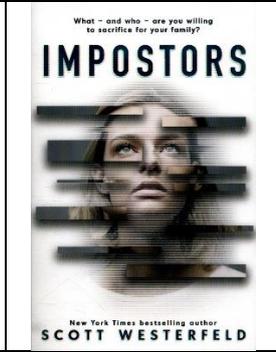
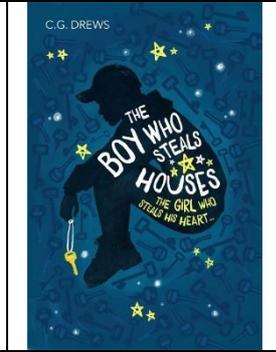
Please do ensure that your child gets into the habit of bringing water to stay hydrated in the Summer months as we return to school. Students are allowed to drink water in class if they ask their teachers permission.



Battle of the Books

I am delighted to announce the results from the students reading book polls

The winners of the Battle of the Books are:

				
Year 7 Coraline	Year 8 The Graveyard Book	Year 9 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Year 10 Imposters	Year 11 The Boy Who Steals Houses

Each student will be gifted their free copy after Easter and we are looking forward to reading these with you!

Teacher Assessed Grades for students who would have been sitting exams this year

I am so proud of how hard our students are working towards their evidence for their teachers to grade. This afternoon the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) published guidance on the process to be followed for awarding grades. Now this has been released, we are expecting exam boards to publish their guidance by the end of March. I will write to you with further details as we return to school in the Summer Term. Year 11 and Year 13 last day at school will be 28th May 2021, the last Friday of half term. A Level Results will be published 10th August 2021 and GCSE Results will be published 12th August 2021.

Free School Meal arrangements

Vouchers for the Easter holiday period will be distributed on Monday 29th March for an amount of £30 per student. These are being sent on behalf of the Local Authority, funded by the Covid Winter Grant. If you have any queries in relation to your vouchers, please email evansh@bridlingtonschool.org.uk

Lateral Flow Tests

Please do **continue to test twice a week through the Easter** holidays too. Remember:

- Report every result to NHS <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If 1st test is void – do another test and email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk or telephone on 01262 607398 to tell us.
- If 2nd is void – self-isolate with household, arrange a PCR test and email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk or telephone on 01262 607398 to tell us.
- If result is positive – self-isolate with household, arrange for a PCR test and email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk or telephone on 01262 607398 to tell us.
- A negative PCR test would override the Lateral Flow result and allows you to stop self-isolating.



What to do if you have COVID-19 symptoms, are waiting for a test or have a test results over Easter?

Should you or any member of your household have symptoms or a COVID-19 test result at any time please do ring the information in to the absence line on 01262 607398 or office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk. This telephone number and email will be monitored once a day at 12 noon over the School Holiday and closed on the bank holiday.

It is really important that you keep your child off school if someone in your household is waiting for a test and your household self-isolates if they have any symptoms of COVID-19:

- A new and continuous cough
- High Temperature
- Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

Have a safe Easter and remember to follow the government guidelines.

As always I would like to thank you for your support and should you have any questions, queries or concerns please do contact us on office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk and we will do all we can to help.

Yours sincerely,



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