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There is an Easter egg on each page including this one! They all look the same!

Can you find all our easter eggs?



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# Welcome to The Students' Herald!

## Students' Welcome:

In this newspaper, we have written many articles for you to enjoy and read. On behalf of the Students' Herald, we all hope that you will find an article on here that you will find useful, or interesting! Get reading and have fun!

## Teacher's Welcome:

A tumultuous year so far with so many challenges to meet, so to see a second newspaper be put together this year is so amazing. I host only one meeting a week for our young journalists and the rest they do themselves with very little input. Their ideas, their work, your enjoyment.

Happy Easter to all!

Miss Rogers (English)

If you would like to join the Newspaper club, please message me directly on Teams.

# Top young adult fiction books

Some of my top 5 favourite fiction books to read are:

1. The Book Thief – for anyone 12+ I would recommend this book, it features a lot of information about WW2 but has a heart-breaking storyline – it is based on a true story as well.
2. The Divergent Trilogy – divergent, insurgent and alment are all part of a dystopian trilogy and are know to be better than the films.
3. Five Feet Apart – Once again I preferred the book to the film, this isn't my favourite book but I would still recommend it.
4. They Both Die At The End – an extremely sad book, I would recommend it to older readers.
5. The Hunger Games – This is a trilogy which a lot of people have read but if you haven't I would recommend it as it is more detailed than the films.



According to google the top 10 books in young adult fiction are as follows:

10. To All the Boys I've Loved Before - Jenny Han
9. The Giver - Lois Lowry
8. Divergent - Veronica Roth
7. The Catcher in the Rye - J. D. Salinger
6. The Outsiders - S. E. Hinton
5. The Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky
4. The Book Thief - Arkus Zusak
3. Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda - Becky Albertalli
2. The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas
1. The Fault in our Stars – John Green

Emily Pringle

# Hot cross buns

## Method



- **STEP 1** – Pre-heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. To begin bring the milk to the boil, then remove from the heat and add 50g butter. Then make sure to leave it to cool. Put the bread flour, salt, caster sugar and a sachet of fast-action or easy-blend yeast into a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Pour in the warm milk and butter mixture, then add 1 beaten egg. Using a wooden spoon, mix well, then bring everything together with your hands until you have a sticky dough.
- **STEP 2** – Scatter flour on a surface and knead the dough for 5 mins or until smooth and elastic. Put the dough in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover with oiled cling film and leave to rise in a warm place for 1 hr or until doubled in size and a finger pressed into it leaves a dent.
- **STEP 3** - With the dough still in the bowl, tip in the sultanas, mixed peel, zest of an orange, a finely chopped apple and the ground cinnamon. Knead into the dough, making sure everything is well distributed. Leave to rise for 1 hr more, or until doubled in size, again covered by some well-oiled cling film to stop the dough getting a crust.
- **STEP 4** - Divide the dough into 15 even pieces and roll each piece into a smooth ball on a lightly floured work surface. Arrange the buns on one or two baking trays lined with parchment, leaving enough space for the dough to expand. Cover (but don't wrap) with more oiled cling film, or a clean tea towel, then set aside to prove for 1 hr more.
- **STEP 5** - Mix 75g plain flour with 5 tbsp water to make the paste for the cross – add the water 1 tbsp at a time, so you add just enough for a thick paste. Spoon into a piping bag with a small nozzle. Pipe a line along each row of buns, then repeat in the other direction to create crosses. Bake for 20 mins on the middle shelf of the oven, until golden brown.
- **STEP 6** - Gently heat 3 tbsp of apricot jam to melt, then sieve to get rid of any chunks. While the jam is still warm, brush over the top of the warm buns and leave to cool

## Ingredients

### For the buns

- 300ml milk , plus 2 tbsp more
- 50g butter
- 500g strong bread flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 75g caster sugar
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 7g sachet fast-action or easy-blend yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- 75g sultanas
- 50g mixed peel
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

### For the cross

- 75g plain flour

### For the glaze

- 3 tbsp apricot jam

# How to manage homework deadlines

By Isabel Dixon

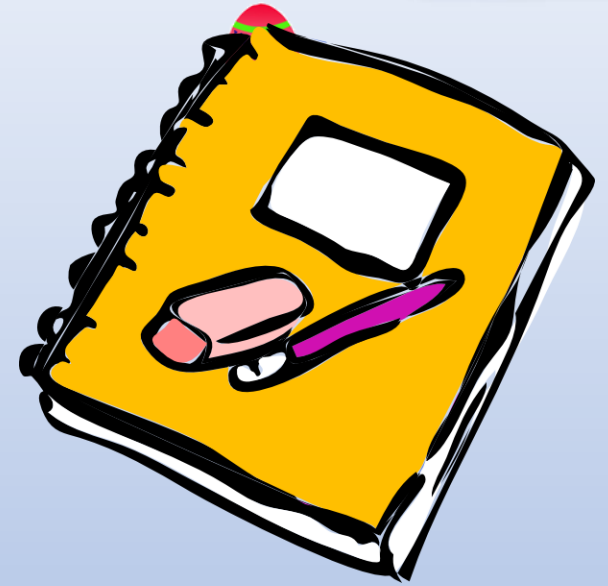


1) Write out what you need to do and when you need to do it in your homework planner. This helps you to see how much homework you have in one place.

2) Do your homework as soon as you receive it. This sounds simple but can make a big impact on your workload.

3) Take your time. If you do so, it makes sure your work is at the standard of your best ability. You will also make fewer mistakes and be able to spot them if you do make any..

4) Hand in your homework as soon as you have finished if it is on teams, or hand it in to your teacher in your next lesson. However, make sure you have checked and double checked your piece to avoid any silly mistakes



# Red Nose Day

By Will Weston



This year, Red Nose Day took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. This year, Thomas Adams went digital. Many of us took photos of ourselves and sent them to Miss Turner in ICT who put Red noses on us and made it into a Video. If you would like to see the video, Click the link below. Otherwise, take a look at some facts about Red Nose Day.

- Red Nose Day is a day to use comedy to raise funds for the charity comic relief.
- The first Red Nose Day raised £15 million on Christmas Day in 1985.
- 2015 saw the first ever Red Nose Day held in America, raising \$29 million (£23 million) from USA.
- Comic Relief has raised over \$1.29 billion (£1 billion) since it started in 1985.

Overall Red Nose Day is a day where everyone can have fun, everyone can have a laugh together and raise funds for a great and helpful cause



The Red Nose Day video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwTDEJK5sEA>



# Good things that have come out of Lockdown

By Will Weston



So many of you may think, what good things have come out of lockdown. You may not think it but many things have come out of lockdown which are very good. Such as improved relationships with your family and friends. I made a list on what I think has been a positive outcomes from lockdown.

1. Improved relationships with family and friends - Seeing as we had to stay inside, you may have put a lot more effort into having fun and relaxing with your family.
2. Cooking from home - A lot more people are eating healthier, seeing as not many fast food restaurants were open you couldn't just pick something up that easily. Also people have realised that doing your own cooking can be a lot more healthier then just picking up a McDonalds meal.
3. Reflection on the past and changing- When your stuck at home, there isn't much to do. Some of you may have reflected on the past and wanted to start making time for other things such as checking up on friends and family you haven't spoken to. Or maybe you attempted to do some cross stitching and you went back to it.

These are the many things I think that have come out of lockdown which are very good.



# The Most Popular songs in 2021

By Will Weston



Over this year, so many songs have been released and have been so popular. Here is the list of the most popular songs in 2021.

1. Wellerman- Nathan Evans
2. Lets Go Home Together – Ella Henderson and Tom Grennan
3. Drivers Licence – Olivia Rodrigo
4. Without You – The Kid Laroi
5. Get Out My Head – Shane Codd
6. Arcade – Duncan Laurance
7. Blinding Lights – The Weekend
8. Don't Play- Anne Marie, KSI.
9. Bed – Joel Corry, Raye and David Guetta
10. My Head and My Heart – Ava Max

# Gaming Guru For You

Are you looking for some fun and popular games to try out and play with your friends, family, or on you own? Then you have come to the right slide! In this small article I will list the top ten best games to play! Five of these are away from screens and the other five are on screens.



A lot of people may already know what this game is, but for those who don't, Fortnite Battle Royale is a free to play online shooter game that has become a huge hit for many people, from young children to adults, everybody plays it! This game is for phones and computers/laptops! Check your parents are happy to play this.



Among Us! This game is a superb game to play with anybody, because it is involving and requires problem solving and teamwork to find out who is secretly the murderer out of 10 people! This game is free to play on phones and computers/laptops!



The next recommended game is Clash Of Clans and it is a mobile strategy game to play solo, or with friends. The aim of the game is to collect resources, earn coins and build the best base. You can attack other people's bases and join a clan with all of your friends to become the best player on the app. Are you up for a challenge?



The 4<sup>th</sup> game on this list is an amazing game called Rocket League! Rocket League is a online or solo game where you play football, but in cars! It is very fun and unique, but you can only play it on computers or consoles as it hasn't been released on mobile yet.



This last, but not least tech-based game is called Fall Guys. It is very funny and intense at the same time because you have a small bean-shaped character competing against other compute/console players in a huge agility course tournament!



Now onto the offline based games to play at home that don't require any computers! The first game on the list is a popular, well-known game called chess. It is a strategy, board-based game that involves moving your pieces on a chequered board in a turn-based pattern. You can play this with anybody, so have fun playing!



The next game that is incredibly fun to play is called Jenga. It is very famous for the fun it beholds whilst playing it. The aim of the game is to build a brick tower and then each person playing takes it in turn to try and get a piece out of the tower. However, don't knock it over or you lose!



Monopoly! Monopoly is another board/card-based game in which you must travel round the board (map) and earn as much money as possible!. There are many ways to play it and how to win, so sit down with your family and friends and enjoy money making!



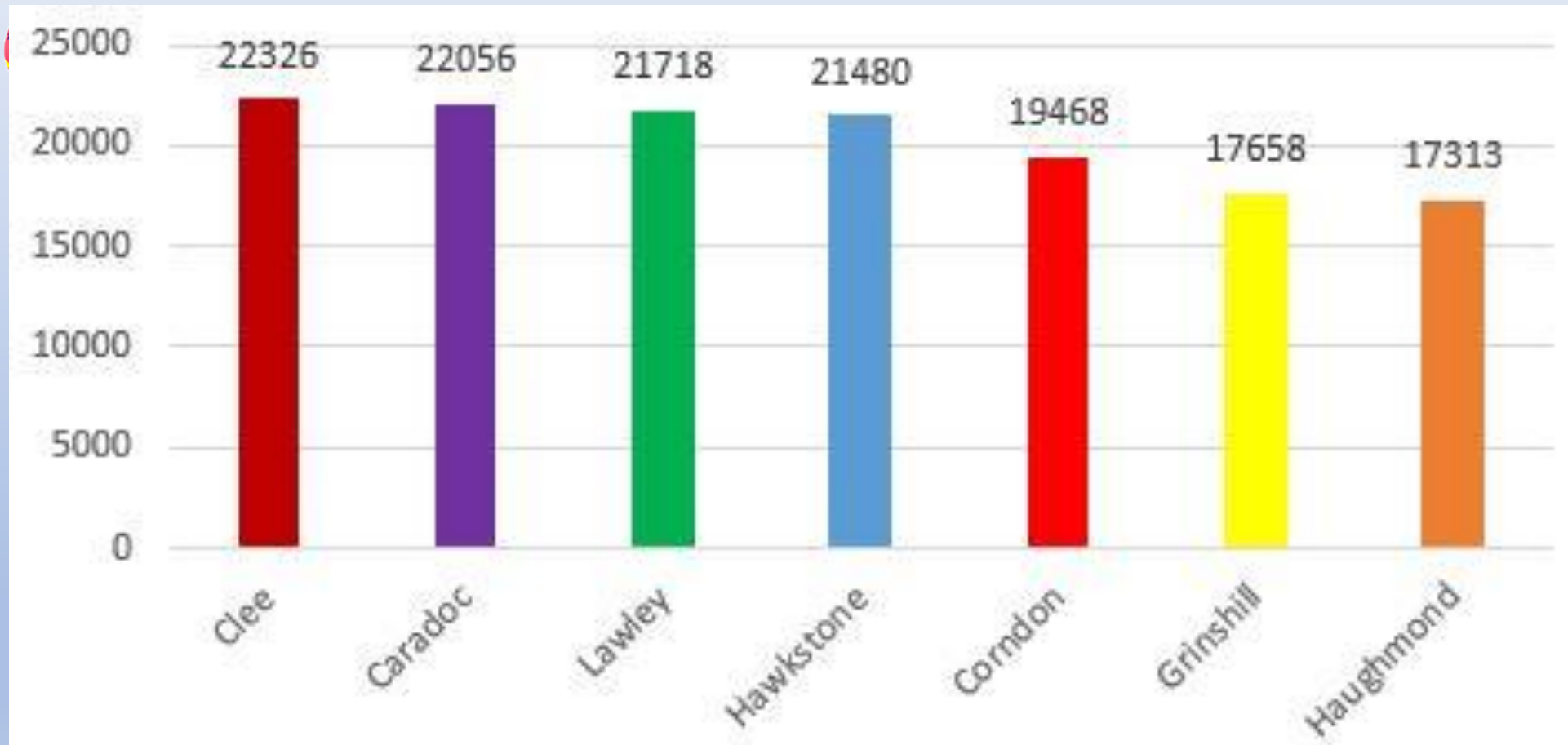
The Post It Note Game! This game is incredibly easy to set up, all you need is a few post-it-notes and a pen. The way you play is by writing anything that you want and post it on somebody's forehead! That person then has to guess their item within a certain amount of questions (only yes or no questions!).



This very last game on our list is a popular board game called Cluedo. This game is a murder mystery game where you have to work together to figure out which character is the murderer. Can you find out who it is?

# House Point Totals

By Will Weston



House Point Totals so far. Very close competition with Clee in 1<sup>st</sup>, Caradoc in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Lawley in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to everyone who is putting the effort in and getting house points for their house!

# Why you shouldn't wait any longer to join The THOMAS ADAMS FILM CLUB



BY Marcie Turner

This is film club and here we talk about films which is a bit obvious but what I really want you to know is the deep deep tea of what goes on!

Most of the films that are recommended are so good that you wonder why you haven't seen them before but of course not all the films will be your favourite. If you're wondering what to watch and your mind just seems blank, this club will truly help in all those boring nightly occasions! You can recommend what you thought was a mildly memorable performance or what really shook your brain with amazement. Talk about films and what you found most admiring about them and see who couldn't agree with you more about your favourite movies and shows and present your own movie pitches when the people around you don't have the same interests. Really, it's just relaxing and nice to have your own personal film recommendations that you can read at whatever time of the day.

# A film pitch by George Cuss

It's great, isn't it? Wow! If that was a film I would be watching it right now and im telling you, not being in film club means you are missing out on a lot!

Here is another film pitch I've been thinking of for months, a reboot of the many batman films; The Bat of Gotham Bruce Wayne has been Batman for three and a half years, his adopted son, Jason Todd – otherwise known as Robin, has been dead for nine months, this put a weight on his shoulders throughout the film. The plot revolves around Bruce investigating various crimes and robberies (Mostly on his own tech company). The trail leads him to Arkham Asylum, where he meets an inmate who has been kept secretly, all evidence of his existence gone. The inmates name is Basil Carlo, who can manipulate and rearrange his body into a clay-like substance, allowing him to repair his body after injuries. Bruce learns that he was a struggling actor who was forced to turn to crime, only to be covered by a vat of chemicals which gave him his abilities. Bruce learns that that Basil or 'Clayface' was experimented on and tortured by high-ranking scientist, Dr Hugo Strange. In an attempt to free Basil, Bruce and the police commissioner, Jim Gordon, engage in a fight with multiple guards and loose inmates, which results in Dr Strange's death. During the fight, Bruce's mask is cracked and removed, revealing his identity to Clayface who blames him for funding the laboratory where he got his powers and being trapped in the asylum for three years. After a short fight, Bruce is able to escape, conflicted between whether Carlo is right about him or not. Learning of Carlos plan to pull of one last heist so that he can leave Gotham, Bruce recruits the vigilante, spoiler, to help him who he would meet in the beginning scene. During the final fight, Carlo turns into a clay-like monster to attack Bruce, the fight only ends when Bruce is able to attach a freeze grenade to him, causing him to fall down and shatter, however the camera will show clay oozing through a drain, showing Carlo's survival. Skip to Post credit scene and text appears on the bottom left of the screen, it reads Nanda Parbat, a youngish man (in his twenties) is sitting beside a mysterious looking pool, a man (hidden in shadows and a cloak) approaches him. He says (slowly) It is time. Time for you to leave. The first person says: Why Should I go back? The second man replies: Because (pause), I think that Mr. Wayne would be very happy to see you (pause) Jason. Cut to Black



# The Falcon and the Winter Soldier: A review

By George Cuss



If Disney has shown us anything during the last year, it's that it's not impossible to be the world's largest film company if you have one tool by your side, and in this example, it's Disney plus. Becoming an instant success, it didn't take long for the house of mouse to start pumping the content to our screens like water. There were multiple films released only on the streaming service since the pandemic began, these include; Artemis Fowl, Mulan, Raya and the last dragon, and soon – Black Widow. However, the biggest hits are the exclusive TV shows, mostly based off beloved franchises, and the most recent one – The Falcon and the Winter Soldier.

## **What is the Falcon and the Winter Soldier about?**

As the name suggests, the show follows two smaller characters in the vast and expanding franchise –The Falcon and Bucky Barnes (AKA The Winter Soldier). From the pilot episode (which is the only one available at the time of writing this) the show is more down to earth and follows real life issues, such as the struggles of a small family business, money difficulties, racism and mental health, all of which are heavily present in our current society. The plot picks up several months after the events of 'Avengers: Endgame' and shows Sam Wilson's (Falcon) struggles to take up the mantel and shield of Captain America.

## **Who is the cast of the Falcon and the Winter Soldier?**

The show features Anthony Mackie and Sebastian Stan as the title roles (respectably), Emily VanCamp as a rogue secret agent helping the pair, Wyatt Russel is U.S Agent, Captain America's unworthy, government-picked successor. It also features Daniel Brühl as Helmut Zemo, an old foe turned reluctant ally and Erin Kellyman as a mysterious masked member of a criminal organisation (the Flag Smashers) are the villains of the series, though many twists, turns and surprise cameos are to be expected.

## **What's next for Disney plus?**

If you think that after this, Disney are out of ideas, you would be very wrong, during their investors day in mid December last year, many new projects were revealed, paving the way for new films and shows to come, as there are so many, I'll only mention a couple of my favourites; some of the exciting upcoming releases include 'Armour wars' which answers the question of what if some of the most powerful tech fell into the wrong hands, or 'secret invasion' a mixture of shapeshifting aliens and government agents working together, and it stars Samuel. L. Jackson.

Thank for reading. I hope you enjoyed my review!



# Chess Club!

Thea Grundey



What is Chess? You may ask. Well chess is a competitive board game played between two people. The chess boards has two different coloured squares all over the board they are usually black and white along with the pieces see below a picture below:



If you are interested in learning chess, we have just the thing for you: The Thomas Adams Chess Club. We are a club teaches the rules, pieces, and how to play the actual game (otherwise what would we be? The chess rules club) If you would like to join, please message Mr Allen from D&T on chat. We hope you would like to join our club. Have an **AMAZING** rest of your day!

# Things to do over Easter

By Leah Maddocks



You do not have to sit around dribbling and daydreaming because you have nothing to do. This article has ideas to help you make the most of your time this Easter, and perhaps help to make your everyday life that bit more enjoyable. As your Easter starts, you should consider learning a new hobby or taking a bit more time away from technology. They may not all be your favourite activities in the world, but to be perfectly honest the journey of trying something new can be the most exciting part of it all! The idea of a great easter does not have to be a fantasy.

1. Do something arty -water colour, drawing or even just a simple colouring in activity (which will undoubtedly be a masterpiece)

2. Try something relaxing -yoga, meditation, or a slow stroll in the breezy weather of Britain.

3. Being active can make you feel happy (it is true! I thought it was Witchcraft at first but apparently, it is just science) anything from 5 star jumps to 400863925 miles anything that fits you -Although I wouldn't do the second suggestion If I were you!

4. Another thing you can do is to GET A BOOK. It is beneficial in the long term for your health and keeps you from becoming bored and having bored days.

5. Instead of sitting on the couch watching TV all day, you could cook/bake something (see our recipe section). For example, making dinner for the family, in the day and they cook the rest/heat it up later.

6. This is not much of an activity more like a tip for your general wellbeing. It is alright to relax and if you want to it is good to feel bored sometimes, it just shows your body is loose, and you cannot think of anything to do so don't feel depressed you don't know what to do have a nap or just do something from here just don't make it a routine thing to feel bored and remember to exercise each part of your brain regularly!

# A little help to those who are anxious

By Leah Maddocks



1. Connecting with nature is something that makes your body and mind in harmony with each other and your surrounding world. (not to sound Grandma-like, but it is not my fault they are always right; it is the ultimate tip to staying happy and healthy so remember to get that vitamin D)
2. As well as that essential mind time you will find it lovely to spend time with your family and have long conversation time of laughter and something that I find unusually fun is debating about your family passions!
3. If you feel you need to talk to someone online or in school, we have so many people happy to help. We have specific councillors, your head of year and your form tutor! There are so many caring people who would just love to be a helping hand in the happy mindset we all long to have.
4. Technology is something people forget is a stimulus. It really is not great for your eyes, your brain and even how tired you become in the day so remember to take that time away from screens enough to make you feel as bright as the sun for the next day. Also, to stop screens AT LEAST an hour before you go to sleep!
5. MEDITATION. I know it's a bit obvious but if you listen to some relaxing music and concentrate on the music or your breathing, you will realise what is really important and what you don't need to be worrying about.
6. Writing a journal and getting rid of your unhappy thoughts can make you feel more simple and not over whelmed, it is proven by psychological research and has been tested and reviewed. Many have said it has taken a huge weight of their shoulders and are so happy they tried it!

# Thomas Adams Book Club

By Leah Maddocks



I am always surrounded by books: they continuously seem to recreate many images to myself and one of the things I'd like to share is a book club, and to organise and see what everyone else is reading. Luckily, Thomas Adams have just this!

What do you do at Book Club?

Well, you can recommend books to your group, express your likes and dislikes, find out new books and write as much as you want!

Any Rules?

Well maybe try NOT to flood the chats with messages, state what the books are about and respect others! Once you've done this you are set!

**Be in touch with Mrs Kenyon for more information**



# Gone Fishing – By Callum Martin - y9

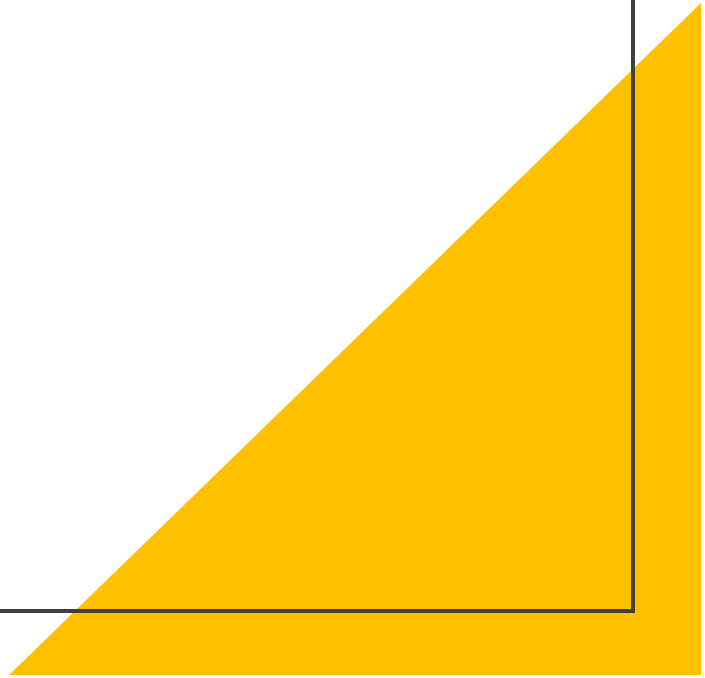


- Fishing can be perceived in many different ways, however, I see it as a stimulating but skilful hobby. Although it's not a free activity, it doesn't require much to get going. You genuinely can fish all over the world, whether it's a river in America, a lake in France or the Atlantic Ocean.
- **What do I need?**
- Firstly, you need some tackle and basic equipment. I could suggest a ten pound starter pack from the internet but these products might not be great. Instead, you could ask family members or try second hand sites as you'll likely get better for your money. There are a lot of local fishing shops for example: Total Angling in Shrewsbury and multiple others along the River Severn that you could visit. There is also one in Telford near the Iron Bridge.
- **How and where do I go?**
- It is all good having tackle and being ready, but the majority of places you need a license to fish there. These are not much at the moment however prices can rocket when you become an adult so now really is the best time. You can purchase them from shops and from private owners. Once granted access, you can fish practically anywhere. Before you hit the big places, start small so you do not overwhelm yourself. There are many pits located around Wem, near Whixall, Tilley Pools near the Woodlands school and finally Hawkstone Lake.
- A great activity to do with friends now the 6 people outside rule has relaxed.
- Thank you for reading!



- Have a restful and peaceful holiday and be ready for a fantastic Summer Term.
- From all at the Students' Herald!

# Happy Easter!





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