

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and you are ready for the term ahead.



Either the Fitted or Regular Signature Jacket
Embroidered with school logo



Y7 - 10

Purple/Grey Tie



Y11

Grey/Purple Tie



All shoes should be polishable - leather or mock leather. No canvas/cloth/suede/rubber shoes are permitted.

A reminder of our Uniform Policy



Black Academy School Skirt or Black School Trousers

This must be purchased from The School Outfit website

**This is the ONLY acceptable school skirt
for our students to wear.**

The alternative is plain black school trousers (not rolled up).

Years 7,8 & 9

Please bring your reading book everyday for DEAR
- Drop Everything and Read



Jewellery is not permitted for health and safety reasons.

False nails are not permitted as the effectiveness of hand washing and sanitisation is compromised. Painted nails are also not allowed and students will be told to remove nail polish.

Hair styles should be practical, clean and suitable for a working environment. Eyebrows shaved in stripes are also unacceptable.

Upcoming Events

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday					Prom Passport Starts
Tuesday					GER - English
Wednesday					GER - Maths
Thursday	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	GER - Science
Friday					

**Year 11 are completing Spoken Language assessments as part of English GCSE
- Please check with tutors and class teachers for confirmation of time slot.**



Christmas Bookle



Every year the library holds a Christmas Stocking lucky dip competitions. Students write a book review in exchange for a Bookle ticket (a raffle ticket with a book cover instead of a number!) Every morning a ticket from the previous day is drawn and the lucky winner gets to choose a prize from the Christmas stocking!

On the last day of term all entries are pooled for a final big prize draw!

This year's Christmas Stocking winners were -

Cayden M - Year 7

Harry W - Year 9

Chloe W - Year 11

Amy D - Year 9

Kacey- Lea D - Year 9

Macey O - Year 9

And the final prize went to -

Chloe W - Year 11



Attendance

An improved start to 2023 for all year groups with the top spot in contention between Y10 & Y7. Keep up the good work everyone!

Our Free food Friday year group next week will be Y9. All students in 100% for the week will receive free snacks on Friday break time.

Just a reminder to all parents that 90% or below for attendance is classed as persistent absenteeism. 90% or below places your child at significant risk of missing key lessons and concepts.

Congratulations to all our students who earned their Bronze pins for 100% for the Autumn term. More students can earn their bronze pin by attending 100% for the Spring term. Silver pins will also be awarded at Easter for students with 100% for the year so far. This includes authorised absence such as medical appointments.



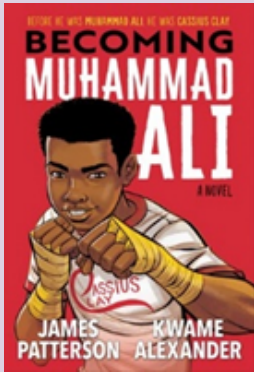


Book Recommendations

All of these books are available from the school library. Age recommendations are approximate

Year 7

Becoming Mohammed Ali,
by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander



Have you every wondered how the greatest boxer who ever lived became such a legend? Patterson and Alexander use primary sources that have never been seen before to reconstruct Ali's childhood in Louisville. Told in poem form in Ali's voice, with notes by his best friend Lucky, *Becoming Mohammed Ali* moves between childhood memories and snapshots of his fights to build a picture of the man who would take the world by storm. Overcoming segregation and racism, hardship and bullying, Cassius never lost sight of his greatest ambition. Mohammed Ali comes alive in the poetry of Kwame Aalexander. Perfect for readers who don't have time to read a thick biography, this book is like having a conversatin with the young Ali.

Year 8

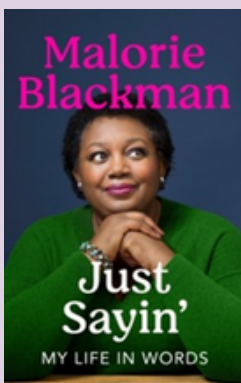
Five Survive,
by Holly Jackson

Jackson is best known for her 'Good girl's guide to murder' series, but with *Five Survive* she makes a departure from her usual format. This is a thriller of the best sort. Six friends set off on a road trip in an RV, looking forward to spring break, but someone has a secret. A secret that might just get them, and their friends, killed. If you like edge of your seat, who's going to die next, mysteries this book is for you!



Year 9

Just Sayin': my life in words
by Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman's autobiography pulls no punches, detailing as it does the racism and sexism that conspired to derail her life. Malorie is truly inspiring (although she makes it very clear that she doesn't want to be an inspiration!) as she talks about her childhood, being told by her careers teacher that people 'like her' don't become teachers, living with a debilitating disease, and finding her voice as the writer of the hugely successful Noughts and Crosses. Fascinating and thought provoking, *Just Sayin* is eye opening, shocking and enthralling.



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Year 10

Only on the Weekends by Dean Atta



A must-read queer love story for fans of Sarah Crossan and Sex Education, written in verse by Dean Atta. Fifteen-year-old Mack is a hopeless romantic - he blames the films he's grown up watching.

He has liked Karim for as long as he can remember, and is ecstatic when Karim becomes his boyfriend - it feels like love.

But when Mack's dad gets a job on a film in Scotland, Mack has to move, and soon he discovers how painful love can be.

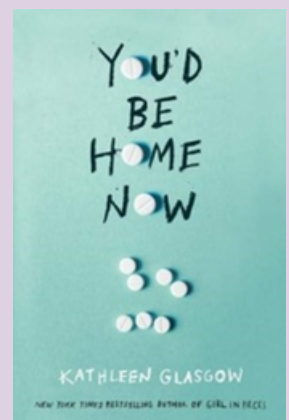
It's horrible being so far away from Karim, but the worst part is that Karim doesn't make the effort to visit.

Love shouldn't be only on the weekends. Then, when Mack meets actor Finlay on a film set, he experiences something powerful, a feeling like love at first sight.

How long until he tells Karim - and when will his old life and new life collide?
A must read for true romantics!

Year 11

You'd be home now, by Kathleen Glasgow



The quiet one, the obedient one, the reliable one.

Emmy has spent her life being told exactly who she is.

Not strong-willed like her beautiful sister Maddie and not in rehab like her wild brother Joey.

But when a tragic accident changes life in her small town forever, can Emmy keep up the act?

A breathtaking contemporary YA about addiction, family and finding your voice.