



Message from Mr O'Sullivan 5th June 2026

DofE Gold Awards

We were delighted this week that a group of outstanding former students proudly received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards at Buckingham Palace on 22nd May, accompanied by their DofE Leader, Mr Jacks. They celebrated, alongside thousands of other gold awardees, with tea and cake in the Palace Gardens before hearing an inspiring speech from Prince Edward, The Duke of Edinburgh. Achieving their gold award is a massive achievement, and their day at the palace is well-earned reward after years of volunteering, physical challenges, skills development, and their 4-day expedition in the Lake District.

Congratulations to Lara, Taran, Joe, Daniel and Lukas!



DofE Silver expedition

Well done to our Year 10s who completed their Silver DofE expedition - they certainly braved the wet weather over the past few days!





Year 12 Work Placements



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CAN YOU HELP?

Y12 students had fantastic work experience placements last year, from engineering to finance, healthcare and more.

Can you or your company offer a placement?
Just one opportunity can make a big impact.

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ALUMNI

Loan Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind all students who have borrowed a school blazer, tie or pair of black socks from Student Reception to return them before the end of term.

Students who left a calculator, Zip card or other item as a deposit should collect it when returning their borrowed item.

Any deposited items that remain unclaimed at the end of this term will be donated to charity.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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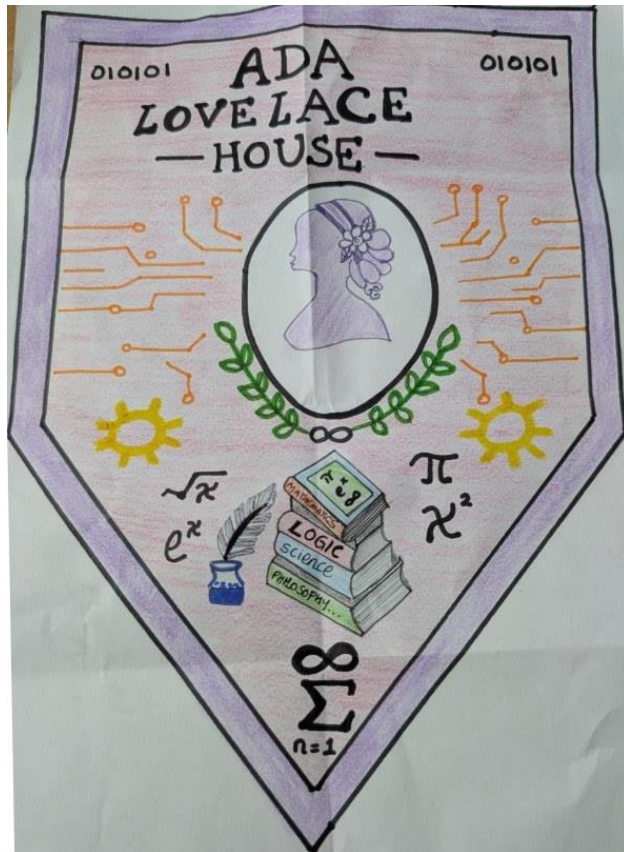
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House System Update

Flag Competition Success

There has been an exciting development within the House system this term, with students taking part in a House Flag Design Competition. The response was fantastic, with a wide range of creative and thoughtful designs submitted from across the school. It was clear that students took great pride in representing their houses and thinking carefully about the values and identities behind them. We are delighted to announce that the winning design was created by Jaidhan A (Year 8, Lovelace House). Jaidhan's flag stood out for its creativity, attention to detail, and the way it captured the spirit of Lovelace House. Following this success, Jaidhan will now be working alongside the House team to help develop the final versions of the House flags that will be displayed around the school and be based on his design. This is a fantastic opportunity for student voice and creativity to directly shape our school environment. A huge congratulations to Jaidhan, and a big thank you to all students who took part in the competition. The quality and effort across all entries made the judging process both enjoyable and challenging. We look forward to seeing the finished House flags proudly displayed in the near future!



Year 7 Student Showcases Outstanding Initiative in PC Build Project

Year 7 student Johnny A has recently demonstrated exceptional initiative and determination by successfully building his own personal computer from scratch. With no prior experience in computer hardware, Johnny independently set himself the challenge of constructing a fully functioning PC. He began by conducting extensive research, using online resources and tutorial videos to develop his understanding of the different components required, including the motherboard, graphics card, memory, and cooling systems. Throughout the process, Johnny showed resilience and strong problem-solving skills. He encountered a number of challenges, including sourcing correct parts and refining his approach with guidance from external experts. Despite these obstacles, he remained committed to completing the project. After a period of focused effort and perseverance, Johnny successfully assembled the computer and powered it on for the first time—an impressive achievement. This accomplishment reflects excellent independent learning, technical curiosity, and determination. Johnny's work serves as an inspiring example to his peers, and we look forward to opportunities for him to share his experience within the school community.

Well done, Johnny, on this outstanding achievement.



Mensa testing


Our Y8 MAGT students took the Mensa IQ test this week, approaching a demanding and unfamiliar challenge with real maturity and enthusiasm. Their focus, determination and positive attitude were evident throughout, and we are genuinely proud of the way they conducted themselves during the assessment. The official results are expected to be released before the end of the academic year, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements when they arrive.

Year 10 music performance

Sam O in Y10 represented the borough of Richmond as part of a group of 9 students who travelled to Sintra in Portugal at the start of half term. He performed with young orchestral players from France, Germany, Romania, Italy and Portugal in an incredible concert which was live streamed from the Olga Cadaval Cultural Centre in Sintra. The concert can be viewed via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/8GRwvFaWMCU?si=BD4UwxAtevTUR5Ms>








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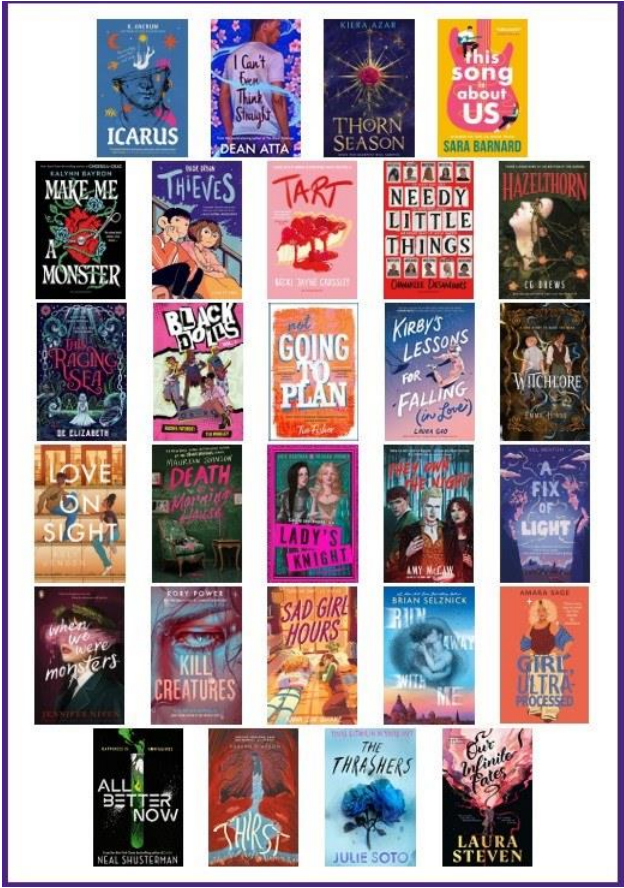


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ROCK & ROLL



This song is about us Sara Barnard

Ruby's standing on the edge of a life-changing choice. Her boyfriend, Drew, isn't just in a band, he's the magnetic frontman of The Verbs, a group rocketing toward global fame with a fanbase that grows wilder by the day. As the spotlight intensifies, the couple must decide: keep their relationship hidden, or let Ruby be pulled into the glare of Drew's rising stardom. Across three unforgettable summers and three iconic music festivals, we watch Ruby and Drew fight to stay grounded while everything around them explodes. With press intrusion, obsessive fans, backstage chaos, and the dizzying highs and lows of fame it's a story of love under pressure, identity in the spotlight, and the cost of chasing a dream.



Black Dolls Vol. 1 Rachel Faturoti & Flo Woolley

Drummer Jada is sure that her band is going to inspire a generation to embrace rock 'n roll and revolution! The only problem is that rock bands need more than one member... Determined to enter this year's Clash of the Bands, a competition that all but guarantees superstardom, she enlists Sassay (lead vocals), Silvee (bass) and Dina (guitar) to join her. But despite a shared love of music, these girls couldn't be more different, and they all have secrets and family drama that could have the newly formed Black Dolls falling apart before they've written their first song! This is a rollicking, rock and roll read that works perfectly in its graphic novel format.



They own the night Amy McCaw

Dracula gets a rock 'n roll makeover in this 1980s remix of the Bram Stoker classic. Jonathan has been flown to an isolated island to interview the legendary rock star Vlad Tepez, but as soon as he arrives at the ancient castle, things start to go bump in the night. His sister, Mia, is investigating her own mystery: a series of violent deaths on her university campus that might somehow be linked to their serial-killer father, currently sitting in prison with a life sentence. Once the twins reunite in Edinburgh the bodies begin to fall fast, and deadly choices must be made... Complete with its own playlist this is a bloody, good read for fans of fangs, whether you are Team Edward, Team Jacob or Team Buffy.

SINISTER SCHOOL DAYS



Witchlore Emma Hinds

Lando has always been an outsider, their parents cut ties after Lando refused to choose a gender at seven, the age when shapeshifters are expected to settle into one body. But Lando's magic never settles, they shift without warning, lose control without meaning to, and can barely manage the simplest spells. As the only shapeshifter at their witch college, they're shunned by classmates who fear their power. When a surge of unstable magic kills Elizabeth (their first love) Lando is consumed by guilt. Desperate to undo the unforgivable, they team up with Bastian, the mysterious new boy with a talent for forbidden magic. Together, they hatch a dangerous plan to bring Elizabeth back from the dead. As the two grow closer, Lando must confront the truth: is dark sorcery worth the risk, and are their feelings for Bastian genuine, or just another shape their heart is trying on?



When we were monsters Jennifer Niven

Every year, a select group of Brighton and Hove's most promising young writers are invited to The Moss, an isolated estate hidden deep within the woods, for an exclusive, immersive retreat. Effy and Arlo haven't seen each other in years, not since he ghosted her after their brief romance, but now they are stuck in close quarters with their fellow students and Meredith Graffon, a celebrated alumni with a shadowy past. What begins as a coveted opportunity quickly curdles into something far darker as Graffon's methods (intense psychological tests, risky physical feats, and exercises designed to reveal the students' most private fears) begin to feel less like mentorship, and more like manipulation. Because this isn't Graffon's first visit to The Moss... and last time, not everyone made it out of the woods alive.



The thrashers Julie Soto

Zack Thrasher is king of the school and if you're in his group, the "Thrashers," you've made it. As Zack's oldest friend, Jodi is automatically included even though she's never felt like she truly fits in with the popular group. But when a pupil commits suicide and blames the Thrashers in her journal, Jodi begins to investigate. Are her friends as innocent as they claim? And is being a Thrasher worth dying for? Perfect for fans of Holly Jackson and Karen M. McManus, this twisty, dark and intense thriller will keep you guessing until the very last page.

GOthic & Folk Horror

	<p>Make me a monster Kalynn Bayron</p> <p>This homage to Frankenstein transports the tale from Victorian Vienna to modern day New York, where Meka's family runs a funeral home. Though renowned for their skills in making the deceased look their best, many find the family business macabre or creepy. Meka is lucky that her boyfriend, Noah, isn't so easily spooked. However, when tragedy strikes and Meka is left devastated, she begins to realise that her family may have skills that go beyond make up and wax, that she is the latest member of a legacy that traces back to an infamous scientist, who did more than just preserve the dead... Full of twists, turns, and gothic romance, we are certain that the teenage Mary Shelley would approve.</p>
	<p>Hazelthorn C G Drews</p> <p>The crumbling mansion, Hazelthorn, is the ancestral home of the Lennox Halls, though in recent years its only inhabitants are the family's patriarch, Byron, and his teenage ward, Evander. Evander's days blur into one another, full of bitter medicines and painful surgeries; all an attempt to mend what was broken the day Laurie, Byron's grandson, tried to bury him alive in Hazelthorn's ancient garden. Everything shifts the day Evander's bedroom door is mysteriously unlocked, and Byron is seemingly poisoned. Hazelthorn begins to stir, old lies twist to the surface, and Evander is forced into an uneasy alliance with Laurie, the boy he should hate, the boy who once tried to kill him. With plenty of romantic yearning and dark humour, this folk horror tale is sure to entangle you in its thorny embrace.</p>
	<p>This raging sea De Elizabeth</p> <p>This Raging Sea plunges the reader into the eerie history of Loch Creek, a town that was once a sanctuary for those fleeing the witch trials, but that is also haunted by something far older, and far more menacing. Briar has always had complicated ties to her home town; her friends are preparing to leave at the end of summer, but her parents refuse to let her go, still shaken by the death of her twin brother thirteen years earlier. When her best friend Finn vanishes and reality itself begins to fracture, Briar is forced to confront the secrets she's spent years avoiding. Lovecraftian folklore, splintered timelines, hidden societies, and the fierce bonds of friendship intertwine in a story that blends darkness and light.</p>
	<p>Thirst Darren Simpson</p> <p>In the village of Mainsbury the crops are plentiful, the animals are always healthy and the locals merely need to bathe in the River Yeelde to cure their aches and pains. All the river asks in return is that they offer regular sacrifices to its depths... Fifteen year old Gorse, having lived in Mainsbury all his life, is happy to participate in the annual tradition of giving treasures and livestock to the river but, after it becomes clear that this year the river is no longer satisfied with mere trinkets, Gorse uncovers a dark conspiracy that goes back hundreds of years, to a dark alliance sealed with blood. Is he willing to allow these horrifying acts to continue, or will he risk angering an ancient being capable of destroying everything he holds dear? Atmospheric, eerie and unlike anything else you'll read this year!</p>

MAGICAL MYSTERIES



Thorn season Kiera Azar

Alissa lives in the Kingdom of Daradon, where Hunters, like her family, kill wielders. Alissa may have been born into a family of Hunters but she is also secretly a wielder, a member of the persecuted minority who possess an invisible telekinetic like power. Unfortunately, the King, who leads the charge against Wielders, has set his sights on Alissa as his future bride. Getting close to the King is the last thing Alissa wants, but doing so may help her gain access to a magical item that could help change everything... This debutante must keep her wits about her as she steps into a dangerous world full of political intrigue and secret schemes. Perfect for fans of *Powerless* and Leigh Bardugo, this romantasy will keep you guessing until the final page.



Needy little things Channele Desamours

Sariyah has an unusual gift: she can sense exactly what people need. A paperclip, a pair of socks, a whistle, a shoelace, whatever the moment calls for, she can usually fish it out of her ever-present "Santa bag." But lately her talent has taken a darker turn. When a nail file she gives away is used in an attack, and her friend Deja vanishes soon after, she gifts her some pepper spray. Sariyah begins to wonder whether her ability is a blessing or a curse. Caught between a turbulent home life and the harsh reality of missing black girls in America, Sariyah, alongside her childhood best friend Malcolm and new crush Jude, must find a way to bring Deja home safely. A clever mystery with plenty of funny moments.



A fix of light Kel Menton

This dark, magical, and deeply romantic queer love story brims with joy even as it confronts difficult themes. Hanan should be dead, yet he awakens with unsettling new abilities he can barely control. Pax, still reeling from the rejection of those he once trusted, is trying to rebuild his life while concealing his own supernatural quirks. When their paths cross both young men are carrying secrets and old wounds, but the pull between them is undeniable. Irish folklore threads through the narrative, creating a vivid and distinctive magical world, and the writing remains immersive from start to finish. At its core, this is a tale of found family, facing inner demons, and learning how to love. Though the author doesn't shy away from painful subjects, Hanan and Pax's journey ultimately shines with hope and light.

Timeless love



Icarus K. Ancrum

Icarus is a thief. By night he steals expensive artworks and replaces them with his father's expert forgeries. By day he keeps to himself, never letting anyone get too close, keeping all his classmates at arm's length and never seeing anyone outside of school, even if he yearns for company and affection. Then one night he's caught. The son of their current target catches him in the act and, instead of raising the alarm, bargains for friendship. Suddenly all the rules that Icarus had lived by are thrown to the wind, and he starts to yearn for a different life. A poetic, modern retelling of the classic myth that will pull on your heartstrings.



Lady's Knight Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner

Lady Isobelle and Gwen couldn't be more different. Isobelle is a noble with every expectation laid out for her, while Gwen is a lowly blacksmith's daughter with dreams of knighthood. But when Gwen disguises herself as the mysterious Sir Gawain and enters a jousting tournament, she catches Isobelle's eye in more ways than one. Desperate to avoid being married off to the tournament's victor, Isobelle teams up with Gwen to pull off an audacious plan: Gwen will live in the palace in secret, training for the competition so that her alter ego has a real chance at winning. What neither of them anticipates is how quickly their scheme, and their feelings, begin to spiral into something far more complicated. This medieval sapphic romance is warm, witty, and perfect for fans of *Gwen and Art Are Not in Love*.



Run away with me Brian Selznick

Set against the sun-drenched backdrop of 1980s Rome, this novel captures the dizzying rush of a summer romance. When two boys meet on the ancient streets of the city, they choose not to share their real names. Instead, "Angelo" and "Danny" spend their days exploring the hidden secrets of the magical city. Told through a blend of illustrations and prose, the story gradually reveals the lives of four gay couples across different eras of Roman history, all connected by place, memory, and love. Angelo and Danny's tender, fleeting summer becomes the thread that ties them all together. It's a must-read for romantics and anyone who dreams of losing themselves in a Roman summer.



Our infinite fates Laura Steven

Evelyn and Arden's love story is one that spans the globe as, over thousands of years, through thousands of lives, they are continually reincarnated with their memories intact. And in every single life, Arden hunts Evelyn and ensures she dies before she turns eighteen. Evelyn has never understood why their fates play out this way every time, or why she feels so drawn to a person that is determined to kill her, but she is tired of running. She likes her current life, and this time she needs to stick around so she can donate life-saving bone marrow to her beloved little sister. If only she could remember how, and why, this all began... This enchanting tale skips through time as we slowly piece together the truth behind this epic, and doomed, love story.

TWO OF A KIND

Sometimes you meet someone and feel you've known them forever. A soulmate isn't always romantic... though some of these are.



Thieves Lucie Byron

A sweet love queer love story brought to life with utterly adorable illustrations! Ella is a hopeless romantic, and her newest crush is Madeleine—the girl she quietly admires from a distance. So when Madeleine shows up at her door the morning after a party, Ella is stunned. Madeleine's belongings have gone missing, and she's determined to get them back. The problem? Ella was the one who stole them, and so she devises a plan to get rid of the evidence. But when Madeleine catches her in the act, even more secrets are revealed! This is a fun and upbeat graphic novel with lots of comedic moments amongst the delightful romance.



Not going to plan Tia Fisher

This novel in verse offers two very different points of view from two teens with seemingly little in common. Marnie, just kicked out of her fancy school for bad behaviour, and Zed, a serious physics enthusiast who has never been in trouble in his life. Somehow, the pair become friends despite their obvious differences and when Marnie must face an unwanted pregnancy, Zed is the friend she calls. A gritty, contemporary novel that doesn't shy away from tough topics like bullying, teenage pregnancy and sexual assault. Perfect for fans of Sarah Crossen, this novel was shortlisted for the 2020 Carnegie Award for writing.



Love on sight Asli Jensen

Set in London, this coming-of-age romance is tender and sweet while still packing an emotional punch. At first, Sabrina and Jalaal seem to have nothing in common: she's Jamaican British, Christian, and focused on her studies and getting into university. He's a Somali Muslim, working at Sainsbury's and dealing drugs on the side. But first love isn't logical and, as they get to know each other, they realize they might have more in common than they could've imagined. Dual POVs give us funny and sweet insight into this Gen-Z Romeo and Juliet, in a thoroughly London love story complete with bike rides around Hyde Park, walks along the Thames, Notting Hill Carnival and plenty of chicken shop dates.



Sad girl hours Anna Zoe Quirke

Saffron is one of those rare, magnetic people who makes everyone around her feel seen so, when she meets Nell, their friendship sparks instantly. But behind Saffron's bright, effortless charm is a truth she keeps carefully hidden: she lives with crippling Seasonal Affective Disorder and if she misses any more uni she risks failing her astrophysics course. Nell, meanwhile, adores autumn and winter—pumpkin carving, apple orchards, the pumpkin-spice everything. So when she suggests they spend the season turning Saffron into a true cold-weather, pumpkin-loving girl, Saffron agrees. It's easier to play along than admit how the dark months really make her feel. Maybe this year will be different? This dual POV sapphic romance is a sensitive and thoughtful read.



Sports Fixtures

London Youth Games - Table Tennis

London Youth Games are hosting a series of open training sessions at Twickenham Brunswick C.Y.P. & Table Tennis Club on Saturday 6th June and Saturday 13 June, 11:00am – 1:00pm. These training sessions are open to all students from Year 11 and below regardless of ability. The sessions will also form selection for the London Youth Games which will take place on Saturday 4th July at Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, Olympic Park. Any students who are interested in potentially representing Richmond at the London Youth Games for table tennis should attend the open training sessions.

London Youth Games - Hockey

Richmond Borough Hockey Trials for the London Youth Games 2026 will be taking place on Sunday 7th June at Teddington School (Broom Road TW11 9PJ). Anyone interested from Years 7, 8 and 9 is welcome to attend. The trial timings are: girls' trials: 2:00pm – 3:30pm; boys' trials: 3:30pm – 5:00pm. The session will be delivered in partnership with Teddington Hockey Club. If

successful, the London Youth Games will take place at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, Olympic Park on 4th and 5th July.