



**WELCOME TO THE HEAD OF
SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER - EDITION
NO7 SUMMER TERM.**

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of the Summer Term – where has the year gone? What a year it has been - with a wide range of national awards and shortlistings, a plethora of exciting initiatives including trips abroad, a real-life rocket on school grounds and visits to the House of Lords to name just a few!!

It is especially poignant for me this year, as it will sadly be my final term working at QKA as I move on to a Principal post in Cambridge from September. I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the whole QKA community and feel extremely privileged to have been part of its amazing journey over the past 8 years. Every day has been a source of immense pride, as I have watched the Academy and our young people go from strength to strength. I truly believe that it is a very special place and feel very humbled to have been trusted with the role of Headteacher over the past year and a half.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE KIND

Unfortunately, we had to close the vehicular drop-off area at the top of Mountsteven Avenue recently. This was due to some anti-social and inappropriate behaviour by adults collecting students from QKA and Discovery Primary School. I have made the decision to reopen this facility now, but would like to remind parents and carers to be patient and that, if you choose to use the drop-off facility, you are likely to be stuck in a queue. However frustrating this may feel, it is never an excuse to be rude or inappropriate towards others, and any such instances of this type of behaviour will, unfortunately, result in the facility being permanently closed.



Ms. Jane Driver
Head of School

KEY DATES
SUMMER TERM

- **Every Tuesday:
Community
Café: 3-5pm**
(main entrance) -
with free
refreshments and
food / clothing
market.
- **Every Thursday:
English and
Numeracy lessons
for adults 3-4pm.**
- **Last day of term:
Tuesday 18th July**

QKA THANK A TEACHER DAY CELEBRATIONS

National Thank a Teacher Day was celebrated across the UK on Wednesday 21st June. It was a special day of celebrations across schools and colleges and QKA was no exception!

The judge from the Pearson National Teaching Awards joined us for the event, alongside the Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough. They were treated to fabulous performances by our Year 12 dancers.

Students and staff got involved with Flamenco workshops and then took to the stage to show off their new dance skills.

In our special ceremony, many students and staff were publicly recognised for their effort and hard work.

Well done to everyone!



QKA NATIONAL AWARDS

We are extremely proud to announce that staff at Queen Katharine Academy have won three national teaching awards this year!

Mr Jose Ros won the Pearson national award for 'Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School.'



Mrs Julie Howard won the Pearson national award for 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year.'



Ms In-Wha Kim won the TES national award for 'Teaching Assistant of the Year.'



Congratulations to everyone!

#teachingchangeslives

SEPTEMBER INFORMATION



Queen Katharine
Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of term arrangements for students in September are as follows:

Monday, 4th September: return to school for Year 7, and Sixth Form only.

Year 7 students are expected in school for 8:45am - students will spend the first four lessons 1-4 with their new Form Tutors, settling in.

All Sixth Form students are expected in school at 10:25am.

Tuesday, 5th September: return to school for all students.

Years 7 - 11 are all expected in school for 8:45am - students will spend the first two lessons with their Form Tutors.

All Sixth Form students are expected in school for 10:25am

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to meeting you all in September.

Best wishes,

Philip Masterson
(Principal from September)

YEAR 11 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Last week, we said a fond farewell to Year 11 in their final assembly! You will all be missed, especially by the Year 11 team! We wish you all the very best for the future!



Aim high and follow your aspirations!

FAREWELL FROM QKA

QKA are very sad to say goodbye to the following staff, and we thank them unreservedly for their hard work and commitment to our Academy.



Mrs Lynn Mayes
Executive Principal



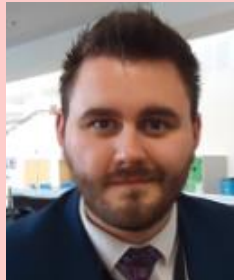
Miss Jane Driver
Head of School



Miss Veronica
Giaquinto
Deputy Principal



Mrs Louise Holmes
Teacher of Media



Mr Jack Clifford
Second in Creative
Arts and Technology



Mrs Magda Wells
Teaching Assistant
in Accelerated
Curriculum



Mr David Barnes
Teacher of Media



Miss Hayley Gilson
Lead of Accelerated
Curriculum



Miss Brionny Vaus
Teacher of Art



Ms Phillipa Newland
Progress Leader/
Teacher of English



Mrs Liz Runacres
Creative Arts
Technician

We wish them lots of luck and well wishes in their new ventures!

UK SOCIAL MOBILITY AWARDS



We are delighted to announce that QKA have been selected as a finalist in the UK Social Mobility Awards 2023 in the 'School/College of the Year' category!

The awards recognise and celebrate UK organisations that are creating initiatives to advance social mobility within or beyond their own workforce. Organised by societal change charity, 'Making The Leap', the SOMOs were the first national awards dedicated to social mobility; which raises awareness by sharing the innovative work of forward-thinking organisations striving to improve it.

Winners will be announced in October. Well done to QKA for being recognised and shortlisted!

NEW PREFECT TEAM FOR 2023/2024

The new Prefect Team for next academic year is:

Head Students:

Raissa Embalo Balde

Victoria Fernandes Alves



Deputy Head Students:

Kiyara Almeida

Ugne Garsvaite

QKA FOOD BANK APPEAL

Could you help our food bank?



Food donations help us provide for many families in need and we continue to be very grateful to everyone who has picked up one or two extra food items whilst grocery shopping.

Our food bank is running low of the following items:

- Dry food (Rice, Pasta etc.)
- Tinned food
- Ready meal food packets
- UHT Milk
- Baby food
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Cereal



We politely ask that only **food** and **toiletry** donations are donated and no clothing or soft toys, as we have no room to store them.

Please leave your donations with the Reception team during term time.

Thank you very much.

DRIVING ON SITE AT QKA



For the safety of students, staff and visitors, please drive slowly and carefully around our school site.

Vehicles must not be parked in restricted areas. Thank you.

BICYCLES AT QKA

If you bring a bicycle to school, please ensure that you lock it using a **bicycle lock** when storing it on site.

Remember, bicycles are left at your own risk.
Thank you.



LET'S HAVE A CHAT

It's important to talk.

There are clubs at QKA that are just for talking, sharing your thoughts and connecting with others...



Trauma Dump!
Celebrate!
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Experience!

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Hosted by: Mrs Francis-Williams

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Mondays
after school

Tuesday
lunchtimes



Brew and Banter

Tuesday Lunchtimes
H32

Somewhere to hang out and have a chat. Complete some homework if you would like.

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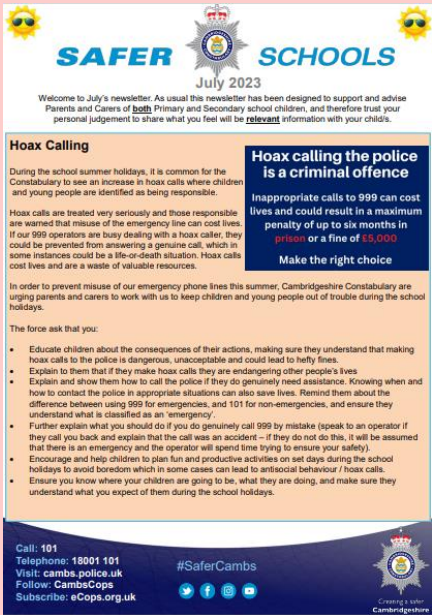
Remember, if you have a worry, concern or just want to talk, you can go to your teachers or year team at any time.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE SAFER SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



Welcome to July’s newsletter, which is designed to support and advise parents and carers of both primary and secondary school children.

Double click on the image to open the newsletter.



WORK TO BE PROUD OF!

We’re so proud of our KS4 Language Leaders, who have been delivering Spanish lessons to our KS3 Accelerated Curriculum classes.

We definitely have some future teachers in the making!



WORK TO BE PROUD OF

Congratulations to Smilte Busaite, who is the winner of our Winning Arguments competition!



Students were asked to write a persuasive speech on the most significant invention in human history. We had a trip to Ely College where they were given tips on how to confidently deliver a speech. For the remainder of this term our ARU 'Amplify your English' programme will include a trip to ARU and a taster session for their Law degree.

QKA READATHON

Last week, students had been enjoying our QKA book swap. We also had a visit from Head of School, Ms Driver, who spent some time reading with us in the library!



Don't forget to pick up your readathon sponsor forms from either the library or your AC/English teachers.

READ FOR GOOD AT QKA



What is **Read for Good** ?

- You ask friends and family to sponsor you for reading as much as you can in the time given.
- You can choose whatever you like to read – stories, comics, non-fiction, newspapers, recipes, even an instruction manual – anything goes!
- Get sponsored per page, per chapter, per book or for every ten minutes you spend reading.



Read for Good

What is the money used for?

- The money you raise helps to buy brand new books and storyteller visits for children in hospital.
- Books and stories cheer kids up, relieve the boredom and help children in hospital to feel a bit better.



QKA TRANSLATION BEE

QKA recently hosted the Regional Translation Bee final for French, German and Spanish, which also involved many students from other schools.

They had one minute to translate as many sentences as possible into the target language. It was a tough competition; all the students were fantastic and showed an immense passion for languages.



Hawa, one of our students, came through as the Regional winner of the Translation Bee for Spanish!

Hawa then represented the East of England in the National Finals at The University of Cambridge and won!



Huge congratulations to you and very well done to everyone who took part!



HOLIDAY INFORMATION



Peterborough **Healthy, Happy** **Holidays**

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the School holidays!

Everyone will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in enriching activities!



For further information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme or Families Information Service on 01733 864446

For HAF queries please contact HAF@peterborough.gov.uk



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PETERBOROUGH
CITY COUNCIL

*Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays

LUNCH CLUB

FREE
MEAL

COMPAS
CHARITY

SUMMER HOLIDAY *Lunch Club*

Your favourite breakfast
club will continue throughout
the summer break!
Come and enjoy the club
with your family!

28/07/2023

04/08/2023

11/08/2023

18/08/2023

25/08/2023

01/09/2023

11am - 12:30pm



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CITY COUNCIL

www.compas.org.uk

Gladstone Park Community Centre
827, Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 3AN



CGL ASPIRE: SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS



CGL will be holding events over the holidays for young people under 18.

If you're in town over the summer, why not come and see them in Queensgate on the dates below. They will have goodies, activities, support and advice.

Wednesday 26th July

Thursday 3rd August

Tuesday 15th August

Wednesday 23rd August

If you would like to have some fun whilst gaining knowledge of drugs and alcohol, the law, risks, and harm reduction, why not join their summer sessions! They can give you the knowledge to make your own informed decisions on substances. There will be games, food, and prizes.

These will be held at: Unit4 Bretton court, Rightwell east, Bretton centre, PE38DU (next to subway, blue door in the alleyway) on:

Wednesday 2nd August 4.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 16th August 4.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 23rd August 4.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 30th August 4.30-6.00pm

If you would like more information on any of the above, please either speak to the worker in your school or you can call **01733895624** or email peterborough@cgl.org.uk and ask to speak to the Young person's and hidden harm team. You can also find them on Instagram @AspireCGLYP

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
QKA COMMUNITY CAFE

FREE Drinks & Biscuits!

Tuesdays (Term Time Only)

3:00pm – 5:00pm in the Main Corridor Near Reception



COMMUNITY FOOD STORE



COMMUNITY CLOTHES STORE

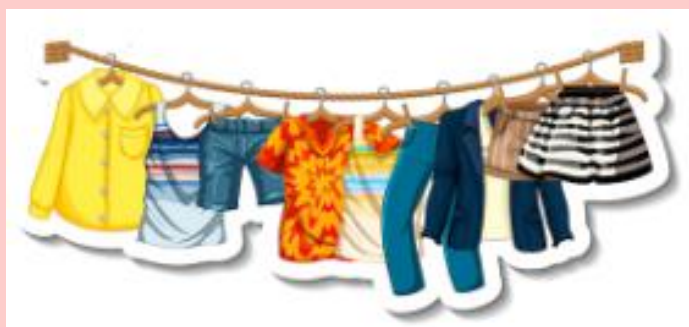


BOOKS, GAMES & TOYS

Get advice on Free School Meals, Benefits, Homework Help and Browse our Community Store for Food, Clothing, Toys & more.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

QKA runs a **free café** for parents and families each **Thursday** between 3-5pm inside the main entrance to school.



There are free refreshments as well as our **Food and Clothing Bank**, which you can access if you are struggling financially in these difficult times - please feel free to bring your children with you (including younger siblings!)

Are there any activities that you would like us to offer you as part of our community hub? Click on the link below to share your ideas!

<https://forms.office.com/e/fpjnw7YWvT>

ROMA LEADERS VISIT BEECHES PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our Language and Roma Leaders did an amazing job of planning and delivering Spanish and Romanes language lessons to Year 6 students at Beeches Primary Academy.



They've done a great job and really engaged the Year 6 students. Well done!

SUPPORTING PRIDE AT QKA

Last week Queen Katharine Academy celebrated Pride Week with a visit from Teddi, the Chair of 'Peterborough Pride.'

Miss Kaminski promoted our local pride by handing out goodies and important information, and students had Pride themed presentations during tutor time. Staff and students enjoyed dressing in rainbow colours for the day.

Peterborough saw their biggest and most successful pride take place at the greenback yard on the 24th of June.

Thank you for everyone who got involved!



QKA UNIFORM DONATION



What will you do with unwanted QKA school uniform at the end of the year?



QKA always needs spare school uniform items.



If you have uniform that is too small or no longer needed, and is still in good condition, please consider donating it to us.



Your help is much appreciated.
Thank you.



FREE ENGLISH LESSONS

ESOL

15 HOUR FREE INTENSIVE

English Course



Do you want to learn English?

Then this course is perfect for you.

Perfect your English skills while having fun with Queen Katharine Academy's bite-size lessons.

Enrol now!

Just click this link to register: [Enrolment Form](#)

- Practise grammar.
- Speak confidently. Transform your speech.
- Fun activities. Amazing tutors.

Even learn how to use a computer or improve your knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel).

Lessons start on the Thursday 20th April 2023 from 4.30pm until 5.30pm and will run until July 2023.

For more information contact : marlene.flor@qka.education

QKA SPORTS LEADERS

The QKA Sports leaders have been working with Sport England throughout the year and have been trained to run and deliver a number of sporting events across the city.

This term they have helped to run the primary schools City Athletics and also Welbourne and Gladstone Primary school's sports days.

These events couldn't have gone ahead without their commitment and support. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are very proud of them.



They also did very well in the City Athletics...

Congratulations to Alex who placed 2nd overall in the city in triple jump!

Congratulations to Jessica placed 4th overall in the Javelin!



TEACHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Are you a graduate?



Are you considering
Secondary School or Primary School
teaching as your new career?

[For more information, get in touch with us](#)

[Application deadline for 2023/24 cohort is fast approaching...](#)

Get more information from

Harinder Boughton, Trust SCITT Director - HBoughton@Deepings.anthemtrust.uk

Wendie Sharman, SCITT administrator – Wsharman@Deepings.anthemtrust.uk

or from our SCITT Website: www.deepingscitt.org.uk



The Pomegranate Trust is a charity set up to support QKA students who are struggling economically to access opportunities. Grants are allocated every half term and applications should be submitted by students using their QKA email. Applications for support over £250 are not normally considered.

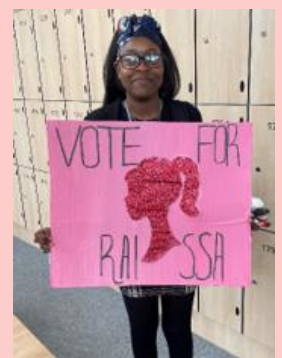
If you would like to (and are able to) contribute towards the Pomegranate Trust, you can donate £1 (or more) at any time at this [link](#) (scroll down to the bottom of the page). There is also a donation tab to support QKA's Food and Clothing Market.



HEAD STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Head Student applications were opened last week with eight applicants being formally interviewed by SLT members. Four successful students entered the next round of the application process. This requires them to provide a 2-minute campaign video which all students will view within tutor time next week.

Tutor groups will then vote for the student they consider most suitable for head student. The two people with the most votes will become head students and the two students with the third and fourth number of votes will become Deputy Head Students.



PETERBOROUGH CHARITY SUPPORT

**Queen Katharine Academy**

**COMPAS Advice Centre at QKA**

**COMMUNITY FUND**

COMPAS Charity works with marginalised and migrant communities, providing services to promote equality and diversity, and support such communities to integrate into British society.

A COMPAS Advisor will be available at QKA to offer **FREE** advice on the following: -

- EU Settlement scheme**
- Assistance with form filling**
- Translation and interpreting service**
- CV writing and job finding**

Please drop in to QKA - Tuesday's, 09:00 – 11:00 hrs to find out more.

**COMPAS CHARITY**





MATHS FEAST

This week, QKA hosted a 'Maths Feast' for Year 9 students. There were 13 groups made up from schools across Peterborough and Milton Keynes.

We are very proud to announce that QKA came first!



Well done to everyone involved and a big 'thank you' goes to Mr Hancock for running the event!

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We currently offer:

- Advice centre in Peterborough and Margate
- ROGA (Roma of Great Abilities) mentoring project
 - Breakfast club for children
 - Warm nights club for adults
- Youth activities in Peterborough and Margate
- Energy advice and supply of carbon monoxide alarms
- Advice and practical support with setting up new community organisations
 - Organising community events
- Romani Documentation and Cultural Centre UK

We are very grateful to all our funders and supporters:





LOOK AT ALL THE AMAZING ENRICHMENT CLUBS TAKING PLACE AT QKA!





Brew and Banter
Tuesday Lunch times
H32

Some where to hang out and have a chat. Complete some homework if you would like.
Bring a cup and we will put the kettle on!





Are you a Master Builder?

Tuesdays after school in D28 with Miss Hodgson
2.45-3.30pm

All welcome!

We'll help you succeed!



Year 11 Coursework Catch up Club

Tuesdays after school in C1
2.45-3.30pm
with Mrs Brighton & Mr Wills



Miss Vaus' Art Club
(Years 7-9)
Room: C24
Fridays: 3pm-4pm
Starts after October half-term!

This club is for calm students it will be a quiet environment. Whereby you can learn more outside of lesson, get feedback and relax.
Please, bring your own materials so you can work with what you wish!
Ask to join, please email me, or come to see me in person after school! Limited numbers!
brionny.vaus@qka.education.co.uk



GCSE ART CLUB

TUESDAY 3-4PM
IN C28

International Lunch Club

WHO: 4A - YEARS 8 & 9
4B - YEARS 7, 10 & 11

WHERE: B5

WHEN: THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

Our Community Liaison Workers will be available to chat or answer questions you might have.
Please come along to find out more!

Drama Club

In the Theatre
Thursday 2.45pm – 3.45pm
All year groups welcome!



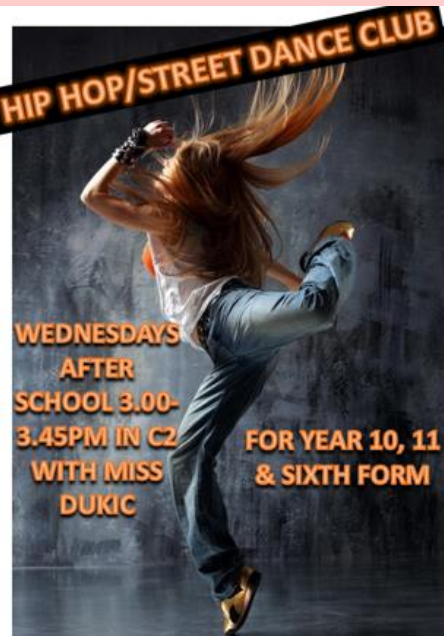
Years 8&9

Scratch Coding and Gaming Club

Thursdays 4a 11.20 – 11.50 in F28

With Mr Harness!

HIP HOP/STREET DANCE CLUB



WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL 3.00-3.45PM IN C2 WITH MISS DUKIC

FOR YEAR 10, 11 & SIXTH FORM



WHERE: H32
WITH: MISS KAMINSKI

Q-GROUP LGBTQ+ LUNCH CLUB

WHEN:
Monday: 4B LUNCH
Friday: 4A LUNCH



Dance Club
Tuesday 3pm-3:45 pm
Years 7-9





In the Dance Studio!

LOOK AT ALL THE AMAZING ENRICHMENT CLUBS TAKING PLACE AT QKA!



After School Science Club

After school every Tuesday (B24) – 2.45-3.45 – all years welcome

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

Book your place at the science prep room (B27)



Romanian Lunchtime Club

- When: **Tuesday lunchtimes Period 4a (11:15 - 11:55) & 4b (11:55 - 12:30)**
- Where: **E10**
- Who: **Everyone is welcome!**
- Cristina Arhirii (Romanian Community Liaison Worker)** will be available **every Tuesday lunchtime** to chat and to answer any question you might have.
- Come along to find out more!**

Korean & K-POP Club




TUESDAY(after school) : 14:45pm - 3:45pm
MONDAY(4b lunch time) : 11:55pm - 12:35pm
FRIDAY(4a lunch time) : 11:15pm -11:55pm



Kenilworth Castle Revision

History Club
Year 11s - E27 – Tuesday
11.55-12.35



Club Poetry

Tuesdays
2:50 - 3:50pm
A8

Think in ink...

Poetry for pleasure
Poetry for pain
Nothing to lose
And all to gain...

A8 welcome!



ALL WELCOME

Thursdays – D25
3:00pm-3:30pm



Year 8&9 Lunch Club

Thursday and Friday
Invite Only
11.30pm-11.55pm
Room G26





Keyboard CLUB

Friday Lunchtimes (Starting at 12pm)
In room D25
For Year 7, 10 and 11



Year 7 Spelling Bee

Thursdays in D6
14.55 - 15.15



Year 7 Lunch Club

Tuesday and Wednesday 12:10-12:35
Invitation only!!



There will be a small range of crafts and colouring available.
Also, a selection of board games.

It is a welcoming, relaxed and quiet place to chat and build friendships

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SCIENCE





STARTING
Wednesday 12th October
2022

Yr 8 & 9 Science Club

During 4a lunch on Wednesdays
11:15 – 11:50

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

Book your place at the Science Room (A21)



SCIENCE





STARTING
Friday 30th SEPTEMBER
2022

Yr 7, 10 & 11 Science Club

During 4b lunch on Fridays
11:55 – 12:30

Experiments, investigations and lots of fun...

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Chess Club

F28
Tuesday after school 2.45-3.30pm

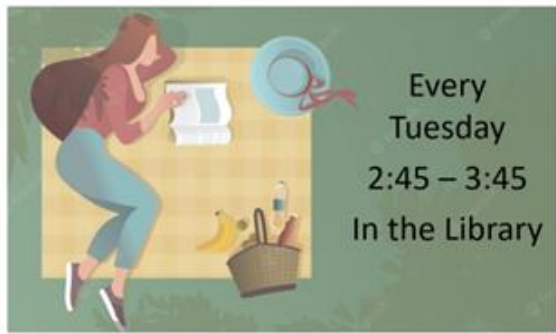
Play
Learn
Challenge

Open to all!



Books & Biscuits!

Every
Tuesday
2:45 – 3:45
In the Library



come along to Food Club

Where: E12 (food room)
When: Tuesday 2.50 – 3.50pm

For years 7, 8 & 9
Take part in food activities.



Translation Bee

Tuesdays in D11
11.15-11.55
Years 8 & 9

Viajamos a España
We travel to Spain

Voy al colegio
I go to school




Bebemos té
We drink tea

Aprendo alemán
I learn German




Y9 Geography film club

Friday lunchtimes (4a 11:15 to 11:50) in E28 with Mrs C



AC Book club

Every Thursday
2.45 – 3.20pm
in B5
Refreshments provided!



Accelerated Curriculum Homework Club

When: Mon – Fri 14:50 – 15:20
Where: B2

