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Queensbridge Connect

We have written to parents and carers to confirm that when we return from the half term break we will be pushing our focus on uniform and standards. We have maintained a level of flexibility during the pandemic but we will now be returning to our pre-pandemic standards. Form tutors will check uniform and equipment every day. If you do not meet the expectations then this will be referred to your Head of Year and parents/carers will be contacted to bring in the correct items of equipment and/or uniform.

A polite reminder that:

- for safeguarding reasons Smart Watches and synthetic nails are not allowed in school;
- only one pair of stud earrings are allowed, no cuff piercings or nose studs.
- Formal all black school shoes that can be polished, without colours or logos;
- hoodies/sportswear are not a replacement for our school jumper;
- no mobile phones are permitted anywhere on school site.
- On the day that you have PE you must come to school in full school uniform and bring your PE kit in your bag
- Dance kit – QB tracksuit bottoms or dance leggings with QB PE top, long or short sleeve.
- School starts at 8.45am and you should be in your form room ready to learn for this time.

Dates for the diary:

- Mon 28th Feb – Return to School
- Weds 2nd Mar – iDay
- Thurs 3rd Mar – World Book Day
- Thurs 3rd Mar – Y9 Parents' Evening

Know your part, play your part'

Mr Horgan - Deputy Headteacher



Recognition

Recognition by Form - Top 3

We have seen large numbers of recognition points awarded this week. Keep up the good work!

Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	7ABW	8FWA	9DSU	10MGO	11MAE
2nd	7MOA	8JHD	9JCO	10ERI	11SAW/11 MPR
3rd	7SKU	8TWH	9ARY	10CHA	11NCL

Attendance

Attendance at school is important. We will continue to reward forms with excellent attendance on a half termly basis. With the ongoing pandemic it is imperative that you ask your parent/carer to book a PCR test as soon as possible if you display any COVID symptoms. It is important that we all continue to test at home twice a week and if you have a positive result you must self-isolate immediately and let school know.

Recognition Awards

Well done to the following pupils that have achieved their recognition milestones.

150 Recognition points

Year 8	Year 9		Year 11
Aaron F Muhammed H Martha O	Aamyma A Zain A Eden B Cassius B Xavier G Anwar H	Islaam M Ada N Jamie N-M Cassie P Tarik R Haleema S	Israyel M Marianne M



	Laaibah H Jack H Lucas T	Nattiq S Jude S Ethan S	
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Bronze – 250 Recognition points

Year 7	Year 8		Year 9	
Jayden E	Sumayyah A Zain A Katie-Rose B Natasha C Charlie C Zach E Zain F Red F Lina F Asser G Lilith G Ella G Harry T-B Hannah W	James H Haris J Rayhan K Aadam K Isla K-M Ozarah L Rizwan M Niyamat M Harry P Sebastian D-P Elijah S Oscar S Maria T	Lauren B Joseph B Patti B Maisie C Adna D Sam G Sarah Y	Anna G Kelly L Farah L-I Indigo M Jessica P Abdul S Ibrahim S

Silver – 350 Recognition points

Year 7	Year 8		Year 9
Seth G Yuvraj S Luke W Farhan I Ibrahim A Eesa A Gwilym H	Mia C Ahmed K Alman Y Rico M Leon R Daaood Q	Zaid A Olivia B Irendore B-B Cian B Isobel B Akash D Ayden G Lilith G Bilal K Isla K-M Eisa Z	Imogen L Anaia M Tabitha M Aisha M Tyler O Danny P Gabriel P Isabelle R Sian S Sarah T-L Lily W

Gold – 400 Recognition points

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Ziekoh R Cosmina A Yushua A	Luke W Fatima H Carys B	Zaid A Cian B Tess B



Alex L Daniel E Ninny B Bobby S-H Ethan H Umar K	Harry M-A Jack J May P Arlo B Beatrix M	Kosi C-B Matthew C Archie C Akash D Lily D Luke D Ayden G Jagpreet K Kadie K Sarah T-L Demi-Lee T Lily W Eisa Z	
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Platinum– 450 Recognition points

Year 7		Year 8	Year 9
Shanae S Harpal S Tom B Poppy Y Oscar G Ismael M Jemimah J Jacob L-M Eisa U	Salma J Robert C Oscar F Rwaida F Harun Z Billy W Mohammad Z Jack K	Otis B Cian B Tess B Kosi C-B Archie C Akash D Edie F Chloe H Lauren K Samuel P Maliqa Q Dylan S Sorrel S Demi-Lee T Maya U Eisa Z	David N

Head of Year Recognition

Recognition in our school goes beyond receiving recognition points. Each week your Head of Year would like to share positive recognition for pupils within their year group here. This recognition can be for any positive contribution that has been made either in or out of the classroom.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Harry L	Suleyman A	Ehsen S	Jasmine C	Kash-Maila B



Elfie A	Zaid A	Max W	Taevon C	Shama A
Zak H	Pearl A	Joel S	Autumn H	James H

Well done all!

Notices

Word of the Week

C3 W3

Word of the Week

Comprehension

Definition

Verb – To understand something

Etymology

It comes from the Latin '**comprehensionem**' meaning 'take hold of' something.

Morphology

The word itself is kind of the **root** to 'take hold of' and the **suffix 'ion'** meaning 'as a result of' so it tells us that when we comprehend something **we are understanding because of new information**

Usage

My teacher tests my reading comprehension by asking me questions

Wider reading on Form Time themes

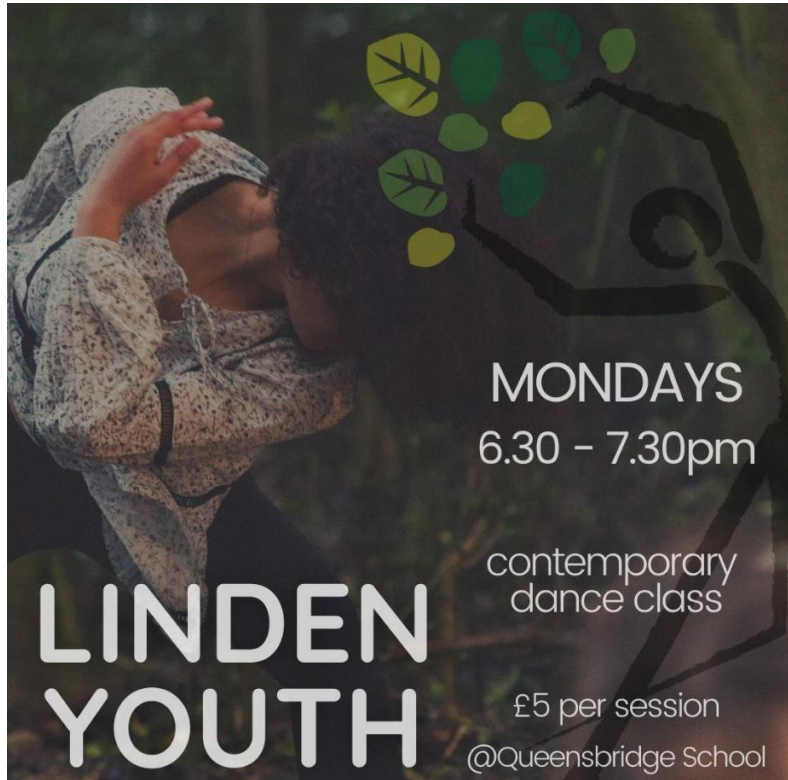
Week commencing 28th February – Why Reading Matters

Please find an article below that links with our theme from The Day:

<https://theday.co.uk/is-reading-a-form-of-time-travel/>

Linden Youth Dance Classes at Queensbridge





When? Mondays 6.30-7.30pm

Where? Main Stage, Queensbridge School

How much? £5 per session

How to book? Speak to Ms Cox, send us an IG DM @linden.dc or email lindendancecompany@gmail.com

What? Contemporary dance classes to build confidence and skill in technique, creative work & performance. Classes are led by professional dancers Christopher Radford & Sara Macqueen. Suitable for ages 11+ & any dance experience welcome.

Any questions, get in touch!

ManMade Youth – Opportunity for male dancers aged 12+





**MAN
MADE
YOUTH**

DIGITAL PROGRAMME
DANCE & MOVEMENT CLASSES
INTERACTIVE CREATIVE RESIDENCIES






DANCE & PHYSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS
ON SATURDAYS AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FOR MALE PARTICIPANTS AGED 12+

COMING SOON:

2022 INTENSIVE
4 DAYS
10 AM - 4 PM

FROM MONDAY 21ST FEB TO THURSDAY 24TH FEB

INFO: HELLO@AUTINDT.CO.UK
SIGN UP: [BIT.LY/MANMADE2022](https://bit.ly/manmade2022)

Year 10 – Work Experience

What a wonderful week of work experience our year 10 pupils have embraced. 146 of the year group found places to work with 104 different employers ranging from a local pet shop, coffee shops, primary schools and one pupil spent his week at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth. Pupils we visited during the week spoke highly of their employers and really valued the opportunity to do actual work for the week. Some pupils had different work hours and loved the idea of shift work. Well done to all of the pupils who really have overcome many challenges in trying to find employers who would give them a work experience – they stuck at it and succeeded. Springpod provided virtual work experiences and a range of employability skills for pupils in school. We are looking forward to seeing you all back after half term and hearing more about the world of work.

Year 9 – Options

This is a reminder that your parent/carer will receive a link after Parents Evening on 3rd March that will allow you to submit your Key Stage 4 Subject Preferences. This link will need to be completed and returned by 7th March.



A copy of the curriculum booklet was emailed to you all on 10th February. You can also view the courses on offer and the subject information videos through the school website by following this link [A recognition focused school | Y9 - Making Good Choices \(queensbridge.bham.sch.uk\)](https://queensbridge.bham.sch.uk)



Wellbeing

KOOTH - Free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online mental wellbeing community for children and young people aged 11-25 years old. Kooth have introduced a new feature whereby each month they will be highlighting upcoming live forums and discussion boards for that month. To attend the live forums visit [Home - Kooth](#)

You can follow Kooth on social media:

Spotify: Kooth Podcast **Instagram:** @kooth_uk **Twitter:** @kooth_plc



Podcast Alert

You access all of the free podcasts provided by Kooth on Spotify.

Year 11 – Exam Stress

If you are feeling stressed, worried or anxious about exams then you can contact Kooth and access free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support.



How to sign up to Kooth.

Kooth is a FREE, anonymous, confidential, safe, online wellbeing service, offering professional support, information, and forums for young people.

Access to counsellors, 365 days a year - who are available from:
12 noon-10pm Monday- Friday
6pm-10pm Saturday and Sunday

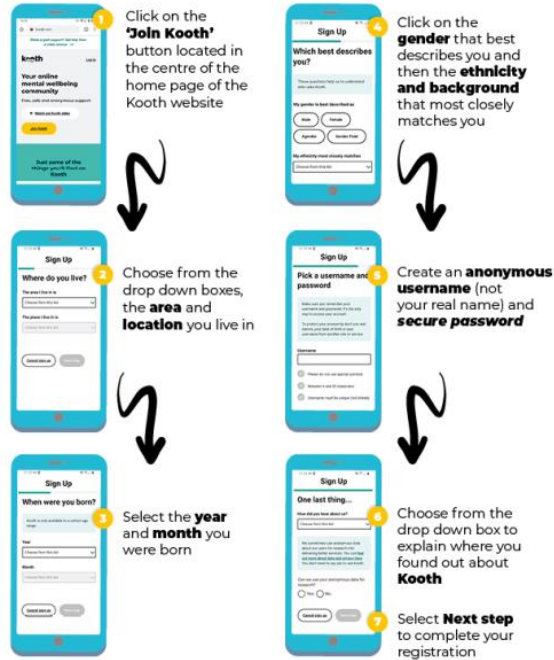
Log on through **mobile, laptop and tablet.**

Now that you are in you can click on the icons at the top of the page to choose from articles, topic page, forums, or choose to talk to a counsellor by clicking the speech marks next to the turquoise circle.

To talk to a counsellor click on: **“Chat now button”**

To write a message to the team, click on: **“message the team”**

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Upcoming Live Kooth Forums:

February 18
Podcast
Let's Talk About Gender:

Join Kooth and the Proud Trust as we talk about gender! For lots of people gender can be a big topic and when trying to learn more it can be difficult to know where to start... So, for this episode we're going to be talking about the basics, what gender means to us, why pronouns are important, as well as answering some of your questions!

February 23
Live Forum

Let's Talk About- Rare diseases and conditions
 Having a rare disease can feel lonely and isolating. Stop by this live forum to talk about the ways that having a rare condition can affect people and ways that we can support each other.

7.30pm to 9pm

February 18
Live Forum
Learning- Styles and difficulties:

This forum is all about the different ways we learn, and some of the challenges we can come up against including learning difficulties like dyslexia. Stop by to share ideas and find out how to get support.

7.30pm to 9pm



Signposting for support

This is a reminder that you can access a wide range of support through the 'Links' tab on your edulink account. From here you can be taken to a wide range of support services that are available to you.

