



# Queensbridge Connect

All pupils are expected to be in school ready to learn for 8.45am. From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the late process will be changing; there is no longer a late desk. If you arrive to school during form time (8.45am-9.00am) then you must go straight to your form room and your form tutor will mark you as late. If you arrive after 9.00am, then you **must** sign in at reception and you will be given a sign in slip that you must present to your teacher when you arrive to your lesson. Any pupil that is late to school will receive a same day 40-minute detention with a member of the Pastoral Team. If you do not sign in then you are recorded as absent and a message is sent home to notify parents/carers of this.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the library will now be open from 8am for quiet reading, revision and studying.

## Dates for the diary:

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May:	Break up for half term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June:	Return to school

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
1st	7SKU	8ENE	9JDE	10WTE
2nd	7MOA	8TWH	9JCO	10CHA
3rd	7CTH	8JHD	9RCS	10RGE

### Attendance

Attendance at school is important. We will continue to reward forms with excellent attendance on a half termly basis.

### 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
Phoebe D	Freya M	Rayhan A-I	Salma O
Eisa U	Joel A	Lucas C-L	Irene D
Zak I	Ruqayyah B	Ethan S	Nick H

Well done all!



## Reading News

### Wider reading on Form Time themes

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


<https://theday.co.uk/lubbly/>

### Word of the Week

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## Word of the Week

Jubilee



Definition

Noun – A special anniversary/celebration of an event

Etymology

It comes from Hebrew yobhel "jubilee," formerly "a trumpet, ram's horn". This is because the jubilee year (the year at the end of seven cycles of schmita is marked with the blowing of ram's horn trumpet.

Morphology

It is a literal translation of the Hebrew word, but the English J sound has replaced the Hebrew 'Y'. So it hasn't changed very much at all over time.

Usage

The queen is celebrating her Platinum jubilee (70 years)!

Remember, using the word of the week in lessons gets you recognition points!

## Library News

### Attention Year 11

Please return any books that you have at home so that others can borrow them.



## Kings Heath Library – Author of the Month

Kings Heath Library have asked Queensbridge students to choose their favourite author for their new Author of the Month Display. Submit your choice in Queensbridge Library for a chance to be included in their latest display!

## SORA Reading Competition

If you haven't used Sora much yet, you should – it's great! It's not just for reading novels, there are loads of fantastic audiobooks, graphic novels and manga comics on there too.

You can now win prizes for completing books on Sora – ask for a Sora Reading Record in the library and start your Sora reading journey!



The poster features the Sora logo at the top, which includes a cartoon rocket character and the text 'Sora The student reading app'. Below the logo is a blue banner that says 'Pick up your Reading Record from the library now!'. The main body of the poster is split into two columns. The left column asks 'How many books or audiobooks can you read on Sora?' and lists three prize levels: 5 books for a small prize, 10 books for a bigger prize, and 20 books for the biggest prize. The right column states 'Sora isn't just for novels' and lists 'GRAPHIC NOVELS', 'MANGA COMICS', and 'AUDIOBOOKS' as examples, along with 'and more...'. The background of the poster is a mix of orange and blue geometric shapes.

**Sora**  
The student reading app

Pick up your Reading Record from the library now!

How many books or audiobooks can you read on **Sora**?

- ★ Reading 5 books will get you a small prize
- ★ Reading 10 books will get you a bigger prize
- ★ Reading 20 books will get you the BIGGEST prize!

**Sora** isn't just for novels

There are GRAPHIC NOVELS  
MANGA COMICS  
AUDIOBOOKS  
and more ...

## KS3 Book of the Week: My Hero Academia by Kohei Horikoshi

*(Available on Sora)*



Middle School student Izuku Midoriya wants to be a hero more than anything, but he hasn't got an ounce of power in him. With no chance of ever getting into the prestigious U.A. High School for budding heroes, his life is looking more and more like a dead end. Then an encounter with All Might, the great hero of them all, gives him a chance to change his destiny...



## KS4 Book of the Week: *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam (Available in the library and on Sora)

From award winning author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated.

One fateful night an altercation in a gentrifying neighbourhood escalates into tragedy. 'Boys just being boys' turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal Shahid's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words: his art.

Perfect for fans of the Noughts and Crosses series and The Hate U Give.



## Manga Club – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm



Anyone welcome! Films, drawing and other manga/anime-related fun!



## Dragons and Dungeons Club – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

Come to the Library on Thursday for some D&D fun – beginners welcome!



**Wellbeing**

## Play in a Week Summer School (The Crescent Theatre)





**Aged 7-21?**

Take part in **Stage2's**

**PLAY IN A WEEK**

At The Crescent Studio Theatre, Brindley Place, B16 8AE

**FULL AND PART SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE**

Workshop Day - Saturday 25th June 2022 2-6pm  
 Rehearsals - Monday 25th-Friday 29th July 2022 10am-5pm  
 Production Week - Monday 1st- Friday 5th August 2022 various times

For more info and to book, please contact [rosie.nisbet@stage2.org](mailto:rosie.nisbet@stage2.org) or go to [www.stage2.org](http://www.stage2.org). Sign up closes 1st June.

**CRESCENT THEATRE**

**BIG YELLOW SELF-STORAGE**

### Play in a Week Summer School **\*\*Deadline to Apply is the 1st of June\*\***

**Dates:** Workshop Afternoon – Saturday 25th June 2-6pm, Rehearsals – Mon 25th – Fri 29th July 10am-5pm, Production Week – Mon 1st – Fri 5th August at various times.

**Who can join:** Anyone aged 7-21, no audition required or previous experience necessary.

**Fee:** £100 per participant. Full and part subsidies are available.

This is our most **exciting** and **ambitious** Summer School yet and everyone between the ages of 7-21 is welcome to join. Play in a Week is an incredible opportunity for Birmingham's young people to rehearse a piece of exciting contemporary theatre as part of a large ensemble cast - all with just a week of rehearsals followed by a performance week at The Crescent's Ron Barber Studio Theatre. No audition or prior experience is required to take part, and full and part subsidies are available!

To sign up, simply email our Artistic Director, Rosie, at [rosie.nisbet@stage2.org](mailto:rosie.nisbet@stage2.org) to tell her the name and age of the participant and discuss booking with her.

**\*\*\*\* Tim Etchells (writer of 'Status Update', our choice of text) has offered participants of the Play in a Week Summer School the chance to meet him and have discounted tickets for his company 'Forced Entertainment's' production \*\*\***



## 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



### 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.

The advertisement features a teal background with the Kooth logo at the top center. Below the logo, the text "Coping with Exam Stress?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. In the center, three stylized human figures (a man, a woman, and a person with a beard) are sitting at a long, light-brown table, each using a laptop. Surrounding them are several white sticky notes with red and blue corners, each containing a coping strategy: "Positive affirmations", "Moving your body", "Mapping out your studies", "Taking a moment", "Talking about what's on your mind", "Journaling and music", "Taking care of your needs", "Take a break", and "Switching off". At the bottom of the advertisement, the text "Find free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support on [Kooth.com](#)" is displayed in white.





## Podcast Alert

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

## 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.

