



The announcement on Monday to delay the end of COVID restrictions requires us to rethink some of our plans for the end of term; this is very disappointing for us all including the plans we had for Year 11 and Year 12 (last year's Year 11). The arrival of the Marquee on Monday will be a great asset, we are currently planning how we will use it in line with the latest guidance.

Birmingham has now been added as a priority area for surge testing due to the increase in cases linked to the Delta variant. It is very important that if your child has any symptoms or feels unwell, they do not attend school and they book a PCR test. Please ensure that your child completes the home test EVERY Wednesday and Sunday. (Your child will receive a new set of LFT kits on Monday.)

Thank you to parents of Year 7 and 10 for prompt booking of your parents' evening appointments.

Mrs Reeves, Headteacher.

Dates for your diary

Year 10 Online Parents' Evening - Wednesday 30th June

Year 7 Online Parents' Evening - Monday 5th July



View all upcoming events and dates:
[QB Website: Calendar & Events](#)

Connect: Student Newsletter



Connect is our new weekly pupil newsletter. It is emailed out to all pupils every Friday through their school gmail account and contains details on recognition, reading, careers, wellbeing along with any relevant notices for pupils for the forthcoming week. We would ask that you encourage your child to engage with the newsletter each week. It is a great way for pupils to stay connected to school life.



Reminder: Water bottles

Reminder: Pupils to bring their water bottles to school daily, these can be refilled at breaks and lunch times, thank you.



Maths: A free online summer club



Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 9 families free access to [Eedi Summer Club](#), an online maths summer program 100% free of charge that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year.

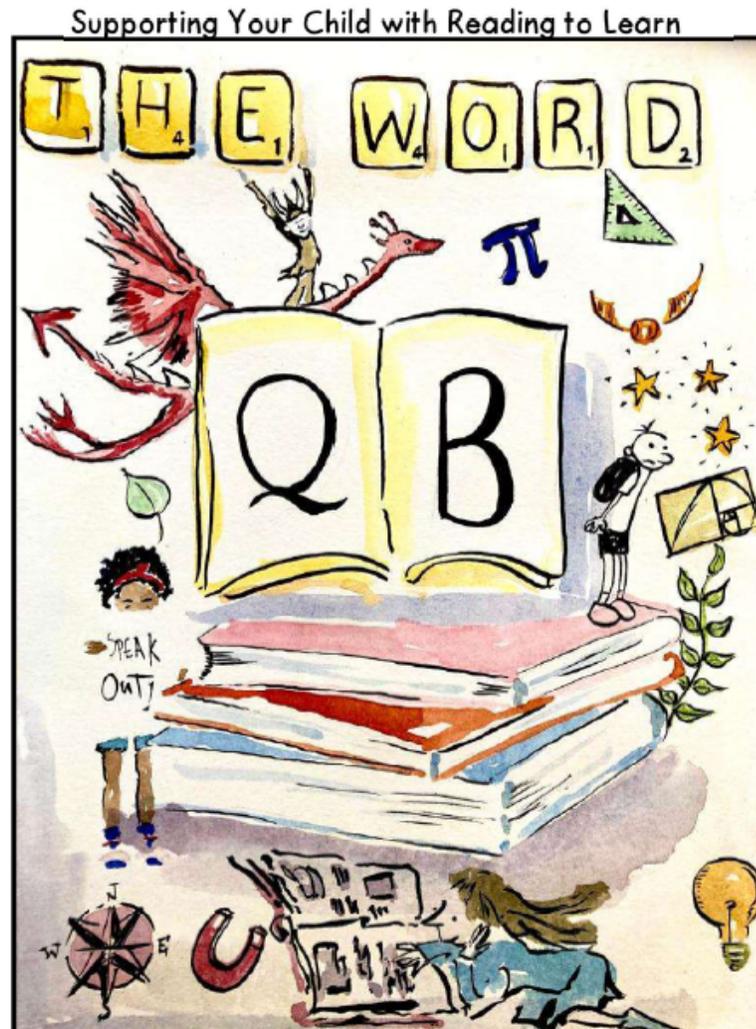
Signup deadline: June 27th (Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date)
 Summer Club Starts: July 5th
 Summer Club Ends: August 23rd

Link to summer club video:

[Eedi Summer Club: Learn maths the fun way!](#)



Reading: The Word (June Edition)



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Read this month's and previous editions on our website:

[QB Website: The Word Newsletter](#)

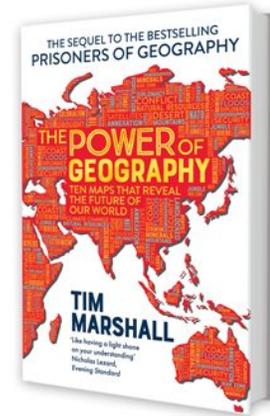


Reading: Sora Reading App

Parent Recommendation: *The Power of Geography*

The prequel to this book, *Prisoners of Geography*, was a bestseller thanks to the way that it so clearly identified the huge (and often undervalued) significance of those geographic staples (mountains, rivers, deserts, seas) in forming nations and alliances, and governing politics.

Here, Tim Marshall returns with *The Power of Geography*, offering ten new case studies, Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Greece, Turkey, the Sahel, Ethiopia, Spain, and space! Once again, he demonstrates how his chosen states have been, and always will be, influenced by geography, although this time with a closer eye on the future.



[QB Website: Reading curriculum](#)



Student Wellbeing

Signposting to free Mental Health services for young people, including how to get help in a crisis and anonymous online support.

[QB Website: Student Wellbeing](#)



Kooth is a free, anonymous and safe online mental wellbeing community for children and young people aged 11-25 years old across Birmingham. This service is funded by Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) and they have a wide range of features that support their service users:

- Content featuring articles written by users
- Discussion boards
- Mini activity hub
- Log and track personal goals
- Reflection on personal journals
- Chats (text based) with their friendly team of qualified professionals up to 10pm each night, 365 days per year.

Kooth is easily accessible and young people can sign up or log in to the service by going to www.kooth.com

Kooth have set up Eventbrite sessions with one of their team specifically for parents and carers across Birmingham to introduce you to Kooth and to provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

These events have been scheduled for 17th June and 15th July from 5pm-6pm and you can sign up to attend one of the online sessions by following this link:

[Kooth Eventbrite Session for Parents & Carers](#)



Online Safety

We have written to our pupils this week in the Pupil Connect Newsletter regarding online safety and would like to share some of this with you too. The internet provides many great advantages and is a huge part of our everyday lives. It can provide us with instant access to learning resources, online shopping, music, films and videos, ability to browse websites and chat with people, share pictures and messages over social media.

Although the internet has a great deal of advantages, it also has some dangers. Anyone can use the internet and add things to it, you cannot always trust what you see or who you are talking to. In the same way that your child knows about safety when they leave the house, it is important they also know how to stay safe online. Children can easily be misled and we would encourage you to not let them spend too long on the internet on their own and that you regularly share in what they are doing.

Stay involved in your child's online world, just as in their real world. It will help to protect them from its dangers. We know it can be difficult to know how to talk to your child about online safety and the following websites can provide you with some useful tips and guidance:

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#)

[How to Keep Your Teen \(or Tween\) Safe Online | SafeWise](#)

[National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education](#)



Careers

BMET college is holding a virtual open event for Inclusive support on Wednesday 23rd June 4.30-5.30pm for students, parents, carers and guardians. This event is open to anyone from Year 9 upwards. You will need to register using the following link:

[Inclusive Support Event - Whats On - BMet College](#)



Daily Contact Testing (DCT) Trial



The trial will finish Friday 25th June - Thank you to everyone who has been contacted as a close contact and agreed to the trial.

DCT TRIAL INTERVIEW As part of the trial, it is really important that DCT understand why people are choosing to take tests or to self-isolate and what impact it has on people's lives. Dct trial would like to invite students and parents to take part in an interview. They will give participants a £20 shopping voucher as a thank you.

bristolxppsycheu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2l5rpmJwyq4MNOC

[QB Website: COVID Guidance Updates](#)

Lateral flow testing

Please remember to submit **all** test results using this form:

forms.office.com/r/6f525isXed

NHS track and trace website:

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

If your child's test is **positive** you should immediately book a PCR test and contact school using: Covidresults@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

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