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Oasis Academy Brightstowe

Newsletter - Term 1



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Welcome to #TeamBRIGHTstowe's latest newsletter.

It seems like an age since some of the events featured in here took place, but they were actually only a few school weeks ago.

I am incredibly proud of what everyone achieved during lockdown. I am equally proud of the way in which our wonderful students have returned to Brightstowe this term, eager to learn and keen to do all they can to help keep the academy as safe as possible.

We are living through an extraordinarily challenging time, which all of us will remember for the rest of our lives. My fervent hope is that every member of #TeamBrightstowe – students, families and staff – will look back on it as a time when they shone bright for others.

Happy reading!

Alan Dane
Principal

Outstanding!

Our very own Guinness world record holder.

Charlie Hill, one of our Year 10 students, will have her name in the 2020 Guinness Book of Records for joining over 95000 Scouts, Guides and participants who took part in #CampAtHome. This was the largest camp in the world.... ever you really are quite amazing Charlie!

Charlie is pictured here with her certificate and a very proud Principal!



A heartfelt thank you goes to **Bristol in the Community** from every one in the **#BRIGHTstowe** community. We are all so grateful for the donation of stationery to help our students. Such a lovely process sorting out paper, pens, pencils etc to share with them all.



Lockdown Excellence

Mobile library brought into action over the lockdown.

Miss GG and Miss Playfair were kept very busy delivering books to our students in the local community during lockdown.

Miss Playfair (pictured) enjoyed visiting students and Miss GG had been busy making sure we are all stocked up with lots of books for all students.

For the summer holidays, every student at Brightstowe recieved a library book handpicked by Miss GG (librarian) to read over the break.

Now that students have returned they can now swap that book at the corridor library for their next reading adventure!



Miss GG loading up books to deliver!



Miss Playfair on door service with a smile!



Evie-Mae pictured here receiving her next read!

Library Update

It's great to be back!

The library is currently being used to house a Year 8 bubble classroom, however we're delighted that we're still able to bring all our fantastic text resources to OAB's student body.

For Years 7-8 and 10-11, the mobile library can be found on the main corridor outside of the Year 10 office, by the Refectory, every lunchtime.

Students can take out any of the books on display, return books and request books from the library that Mrs G-G will then deliver to their classroom.

For Year 9 students, Mrs G-G is visiting every Year 9 tutor group during tutor time to issue and return books and take requests to deliver to students that day.

Fortnightly library lessons for all Year 7 and 8 classes are also taking place in classrooms, giving our KS3 students an additional chance to peruse a selection of books brought in by Mrs G-G and access resources.



The Bristol Teen

Book Award 2020

The Bristol Teen Book Award is back for a third year having gained national recognition among authors and publishers.

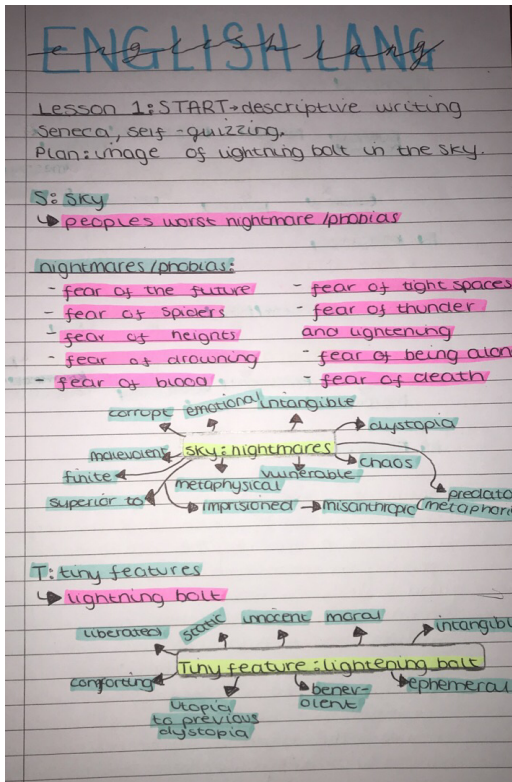
The winner of the book award is decided by the votes cast by Year 9 students across every school in Bristol.

To represent our wonderful city, the focus of the book award is Diversity in Fiction and this year's shortlist has recently been released. Mrs G-G has made sure multiple copies of all six titles are available in the library and after reading them all over the summer holidays, she thinks this year is too close to call.

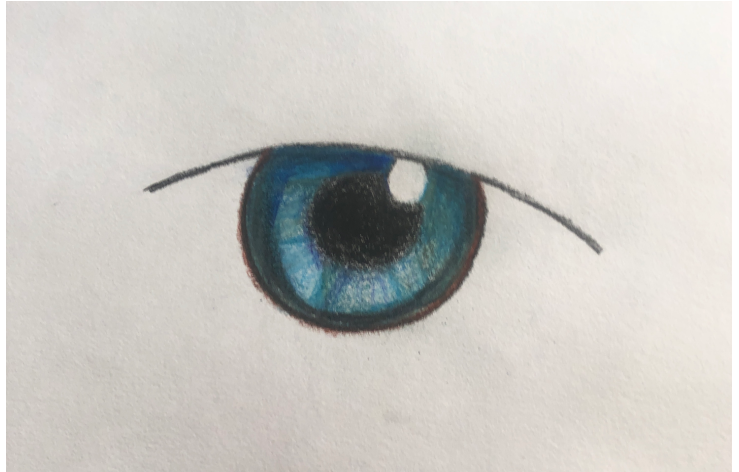


Set in Bristol, Nikesh Shukla's *The Boxer* is her favourite...but it's not her vote that counts! For those Year 9 students who would like to shadow the book award, Mrs G-G is hoping to find a way to have a Year 9 book group next term. In the meantime, remember to ask Mrs G-G if you'd like one of the shortlisted books to read!

#ProudtobeBRIGHTstowe



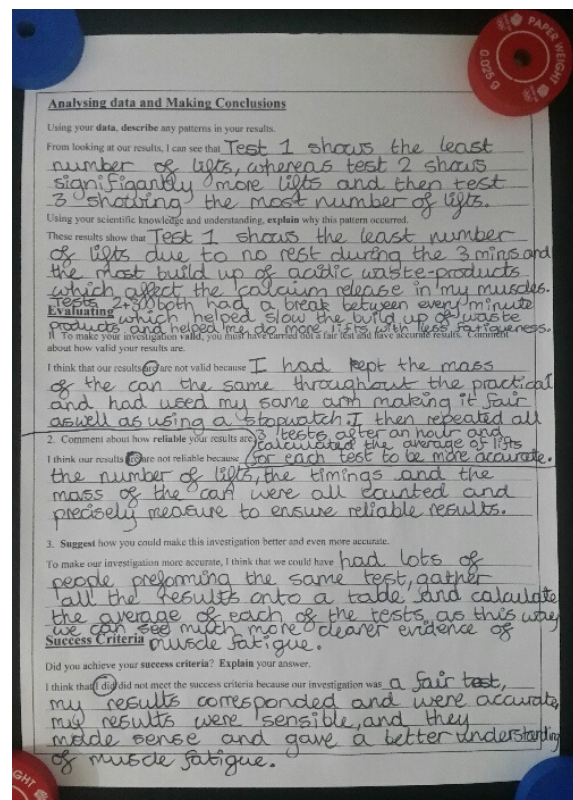
A colourful start to the year!



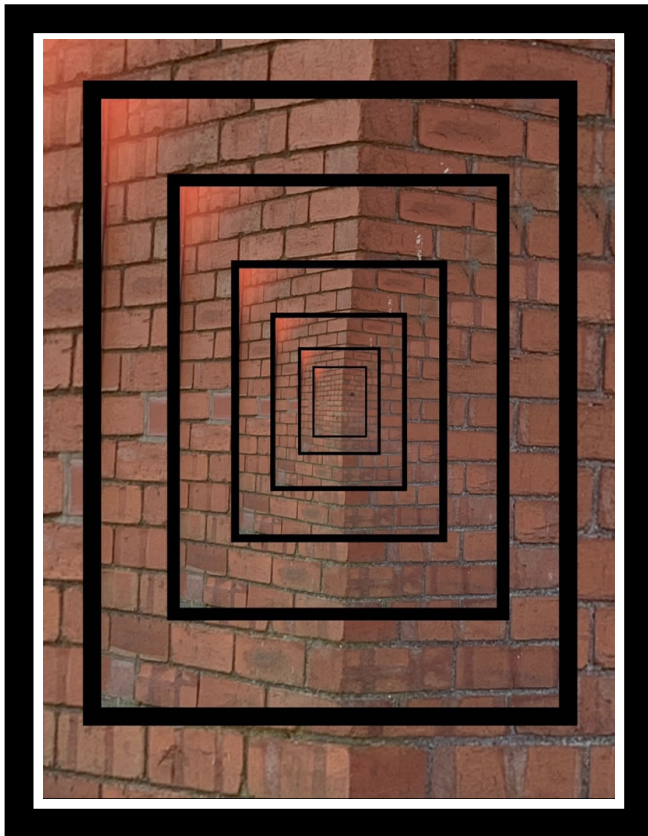
Beautiful drawing of the Iris from a Year 9 Student!



A Year 10 had some fun making muffins at home!



Lockdown doesn't stop home science experiments!



Gracie Woodward - Yr 9



Noemi Korenova - Yr 9



Positive OABRIGHT Feedback

Feedback received from a Bristol 6th form about a former student:

"I was talking to our progression coordinator about OAB student the other day. She is teaching him Biology and said what a lovely and polite student he was. He had stayed behind after a lesson the other day to ask her all about volunteering and work experience to help him towards Medicine, which he certainly has the ability for. We are impressed!"

Thank you to the year 7 parent who wrote in to say:

"I just wanted to pass on some positive feedback regarding the online lessons. I have been very impressed with the Teams set up and it really has been fantastic to see OAB student learning at his laptop and interacting with his teachers and peers. I cannot begin to explain the pressure this takes off of me as a parent who is working from home and home-schooling my younger child whose year group is also isolating. Thanks to all the staff involved."

One of our parents feedback:

How impressed my husband and I have been by how you all handled the lockdown period. The regular, clear communication we had from Mr Dane and messages from teachers via Show My Homework (especially when I got stuck trying to help the (OAB students) with Hegarty!) and via email, for example (a member of the pastoral team) emailing just to see how (OAB student) was doing?!! You all seemed to have gone over and beyond our expectations and made the difficult situation much easier for us as parents - thank you!

Praise to one of our teachers:

The (Teacher's) call last Friday (he had to leave a message) was very much appreciated. I would like (teacher) to be made aware that this made an enormous difference to how we are feeling at the moment. Starting secondary school is more complex than I ever realised, and my choice to attend and support our local school has been undermined a lot recently by friends who made different choices. The fact that (teacher) took the time to call, and that (student) seems to be appreciated and understood by her teachers already, truly was validating and made a difference.



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