



LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

Newsletter

Principal's Welcome

"Lostock Hall Academy continues to be a Good school."
Ofsted November 2022

It seems to have been an extremely busy autumn term this year, as we returned for the first time without having to do Covid tests and being allowed to get back to some of the things have been restricted for us all, not to mention our OfSTED visit.

Despite the difficult times that we have all faced over the last few years, I am particularly proud of the fact that OfSTED recognised the hard work that consistently goes into all that we do for our students here at LHA. Knowing that students reported overwhelmingly, that they feel both safe and supported academically and pastorally, is something that doesn't just happen but takes a lot of hard work, dedication and patience. That we continue to be a good school with fantastic staff and amazing students, is certainly something to celebrate, as we complete the Autumn term.

Well done to everyone!

So as we finish for the Christmas break, we can most certainly be proud of what has been achieved so far. This includes Yr7 students completing their first term at LHA, through to the end of Yr 11 mock exams and all the hard work in between.

Over the last few weeks, students have been encouraged to think not only of the Christian traditions at this time of year, but to also think of those less fortunate than themselves. This is something that our students are very good at and as I spoke to students in assembly

about the pressures that Christmas can bring, I was reminded of the poet, Lemn Sissay and how he recently talked about how the true spirit of Christmas "is something freely given" and how "It's the ultimate symbol of Christmas and it is our society at its best". We have seen our students at their best this term and I hope that this newsletter is in some small way a way of sharing with you all, just some of the reasons we have to be grateful for what we have.

So as we finish to spend time relaxing and meeting family and friends at this time of celebration, let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves and how we can give freely to help make everyone's Christmas a peaceful and joyful one.

Wishing you all a
Happy Christmas.
Mrs Gorman
Principal



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Lostock Hall Academy Vision 2022-23

LHA will be the local secondary provider of choice. We will equip all our learners with the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to achieve their full potential in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. Educating the future, Academy students will be proud to achieve a successful career path through transition into work or training in all walks of adult life.

Christmas Cheer in the Music Department

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On behalf of the Music Department, have a safe and happy Christmas.
Mr Doyle & Mr Kenny





Runshaw College English Challenge

Well done to our superb Year 10 students who won the 'Runshaw College English Challenge event' this week. Rojenne, Efini and Layla competed in a series of rounds that tested their knowledge over different components of English!



Dancer of the Year for Gabrielle



Well done to Gabrielle in Year 8 who received an award for Dancer of the Year at LJ Dance Studios.

Food Bank Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our recent collection. Remember if you are in the situation of needing support then there was information on the original bulletin messages of how to contact the various foodbanks.

Please contact New Day Church Food Hub for more information on how to help or get help.

<https://www.newdaychurch.uk/serving-our-community/new-day-church-food-hub>
01772 461454



Remembrance Day



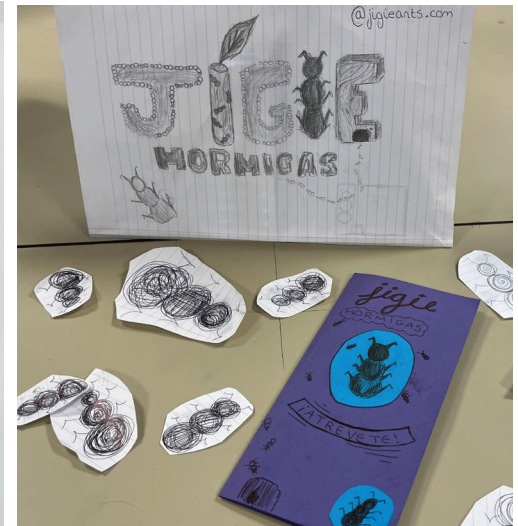
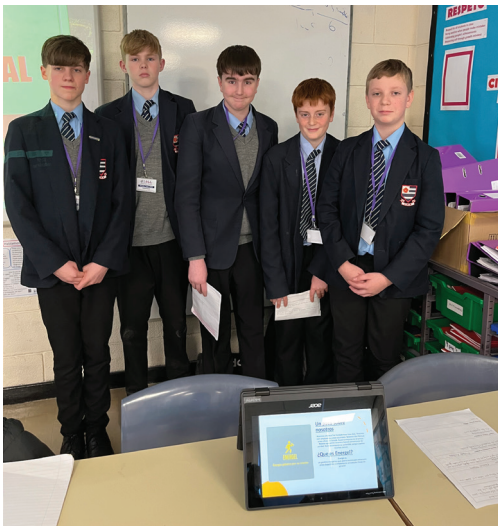
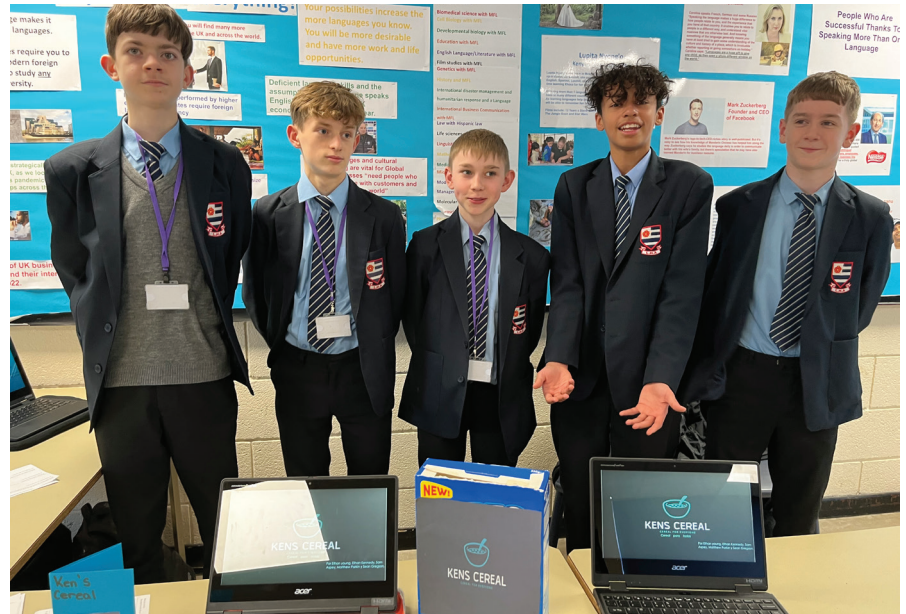
The whole school gathered outside for a minutes silence followed by Mr Doyle playing The Last Post. The head students then laid our wreath at the local war memorial. Well done to the senior prefects for selling poppies around school.



Bienvenido A La Feria Comercial - Year 9 Trade Fair

In their MFL lessons, Year 9 worked on a trade fair project to highlight the role of languages in business. They worked in groups to set up a company and invent a food product. Each group member had a job role in the company and had to be able to introduce themselves in either French or Spanish explaining their role and responsibilities. They came up with a description of their company and developed a brand image, they then created a logo and a slogan and designed a PowerPoint or a leaflet to promote

where students presented their ideas to Mrs Butterworth in Spanish/French. Through this project, students have learnt about some of the benefits of learning languages and about the importance of languages for global business. The students proved themselves to be extremely creative and imaginative and there was a wonderful variety of product ideas presented... we certainly have some budding entrepreneurs in our school! Well done Year 9!



GCSE Awards 2022

The presentation evening was a huge success, congratulations to the #classof2022. Thanks goes to all who attended the event including parents, carers and their families. In addition, a special thanks to Steve Saul from the #BBC who was guest speaker.



Year 9 MasterChef Competition

This term Year 9 students took part in the Lostock Hall Academy MasterChef Competition. Everybody did an amazing job, cooking a variety of different dishes, with excellent results. Choosing a winner was not an easy task, but after a lot of deliberation, Mia Birch in 9L was finally crowned our Year 9 MasterChef. Well done to everybody who took part, you all did an amazing job.



Year 7 Cooking Club

This half term saw the return of our Year 7 Cooking Club. Eager as ever, students prepared and cooked a range of foods, from scones to cupcakes, cookies to shortbread. Their final dishes were impressive to say the least. I think Mary Berry may have some competition!! A great time has been had by all and we look forward to welcoming a new group of students in the New Year. Keep cooking!



Odd Socks Day

Well done to all the students and staff who took part in Odd Socks Day. We raised awareness for #AntiBullyingWeek and our lucky raffle winner received a £20 Amazon voucher.

CITIZENSHIP

Tree Planting with Eco Schools

On a cold, bright December Saturday, students and staff from LHA planted 660 hedging trees along some of the fences surrounding LHA. The trees are only tiny at the moment but will grow quickly to make a flowering hedge which will provide food for pollinators, a home for insects and small animals and absorb some of the carbon dioxide that we produce.

All the students who came have been awarded achievement points towards their CAP. Thanks to everyone who came and helped out at the event and made the morning a huge success.

The Eco Schools groups are planning a phase 2 of tree planting for next year so watch this space for details.



Geography Club

Geography club were thinking about the Geography of Christmas-playing Santa and travelling round the world whilst answering trivia questions about the different countries and traditions....



Term 1 PE & School Sport Review

Students representing the Academy have performed superbly across a range of sports from September through to December. The Year 7 and 10 boys' football teams are unbeaten in their respective South Ribble leagues while the girls' U-13 team finished 3rd in their first competition of the year. Girls' netball has also seen a number of wins by the various year groups.

October proved to be a very successful month with the PE Department winning 'School of the year for PE and Sport' for the fourth time in recent years which is an amazing achievement by any standard. The first title of the sporting year then arrived at the start of November with the U-14 boys' badminton team winning the South Ribble event without losing a match! A superb effort by the team who played a combination of very competitive singles and doubles games to win the event.

Success in the month of November continued with Lostock Hall Academy winning two of the six team categories at the South Ribble cross country championships. The event took place on a crisp Saturday morning with hundreds of athletes and spectators in attendance. The Year 7 girls and the Year 8/9 boys' team won their team events. Special mention to Sam who won the Year 8/9 boys' race and Lacey who came second in the Year 7 girls' race.



The month of December brought further success with the focus turning to indoor athletics. Over two fantastic nights of completion all four teams from Lostock Hall finished in the medal positions and therefore qualify to represent South Ribble at the Lancashire finals. The Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys and Year 8 girls all finished as runners up. The Year 7 girls went one better and won their event to become South Ribble champions. Sport returns in January upon our return to school and hopefully 2023 will bring further success to the Academy.

COMMITMENT

Year 7 and 8 Girls compete in athletics competition

Our Year 7 and 8 girls at this years Indoor Athletics competition

Year 7 girls first place! Year 8 girls second place!

All involved were absolutely superb, and the level of competition was very high.

TEAMWORK



inter-form cross country event

Well done to the Year &'s on completing their first inter-form cross event in November.

Their attitude and effort was absolutely superb from start to finish.

Overall form positions (Year 7 boys and girls combined): C: 114 points - 1st

Year 7 Girls points: S: 69 points - 1st place / Year 7 Boys points: C: 74 points - 1st place



Liverpool Art Trip

The Art department took our Y10 GCSE Art and Photography students to admire the art displayed at the Liverpool Walker and the Tate Galleries. Students were able to explore and engage with the works through photography, sketching and note making. They were encouraged to respond to a variety of styles ranging from the pre-raphelitesto the contemporary Turner prize winner Lubana Himid who is also a lecturer at UCLAN. The photography students took location photos around the Liverpool waterfront, considering composition and viewpoint. The work admired will inspire future work to be created by our art students. Well done all for a fantastic trip.



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Drama student of the term

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated 'Drama Student of the Term'. This is awarded by teachers for dedication, perseverance or excellent classwork.

COMMITMENT

Term 1.1:

Year 7: Joshua Ruffley, Millie Trickett, Colette Butcher

Year 8: Annabel Kilner, Khai Campbell, Kane Dawson-Newsham

Year 9: Oliver Turner, Elle Leadbetter

Year 10: Keira Salthouse

Year 11: Jayden Jackson

Term 1.2

Year 7: Tommy Birkett, Imogen Winters,
Molly Chesworth

Year 8: Aimee Gahagan, Tiffany Bollenburg,
Tyler Green, Oliver Allen-Clough

Year 10: Daisy Alty and Zach Cartwright

Year 11: Lola Bright

Mrs E Hardacre, Performing Arts Teacher



Lancs County Council Libraries: Safe, Warm & Welcome spaces

We're providing warm
spaces across
Lancashire this winter

#LancashireWarmSpaces



Useful knowledge for families - libraries are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

Opening dates of Lancashire Libraries.

What's on list for LCC libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information
-

[Find a library](#) to view facilities, what's on and opening times. All our libraries have disabled access.

[Search for events](#) at our libraries where you can get together with others for a chat, play board games or learn something new.

Forest School

Year 7 students have had a wonderful time at this term's Forest School. Fun and friendships kept them warm despite the biting cold! They have learned to build fires, cook on the camp-fire, tool skills and played plenty of Scatter! We wish the Forest School Team a very merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming them back in the new year.



New School Synergy App

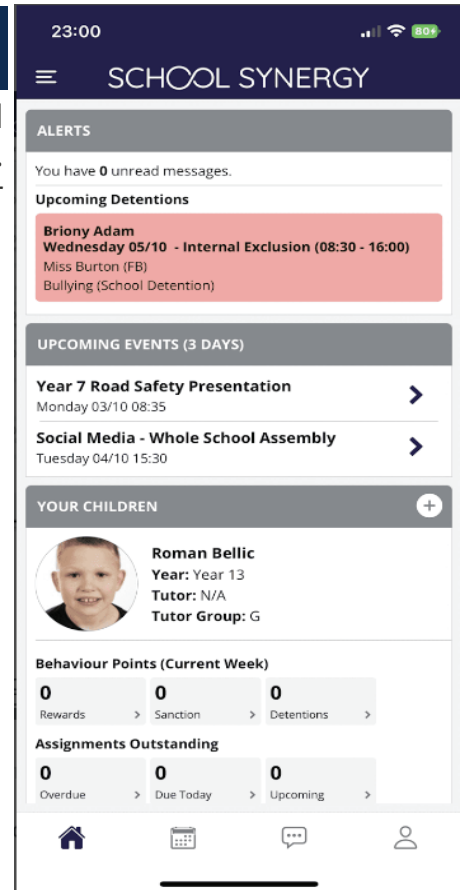
School Synergy, our school information partner, have been working hard in the background developing the system in response to user feedback. They have released a new App that can now be downloaded to your mobile device. Please log in to your Synergy account for more details.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that Synergy have sent you information regarding the Synergy App. If you choose to use the app and when you log in to it, please be aware that if a box appears asking for a student verification code, just click on the home icon at the bottom left of the screen and you should see your child/s information.

Many thanks

Lostock Hall Academy



Rock FM - Cash for Kids



Thank you to all the families who generously donated to Rock FM Cash for Kids. We collected over 175 gifts for all ages and we know they will put a smile on a child's face this Christmas time.

Students who donated received 15 Citizenship points towards their CAP award. Well done!

CITIZENSHIP

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Well done to you all!

Cookies & Coke Winners

Chocolates for 100% attendance
5/9/22 - 21/10/22

Attendance for 1/11/22 - 22/12/22

**KS3 - Mr Walker - 7T
KS4 - Mrs Worden - 11C**

**7T - Sam Bateman
8C - Joel Saville
9S - Ethan Forsyth
10L - Sebastian Spagnolo
11L - Reece Waite**



Join the school lottery

**It's £1 a week and one of our supporters
wins a cash prize every week.**

**Thank you to all our supporters
who have raised £8,689.60 so far!**



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lostock-hall-academy>

Young Writers

"Last term a class of year eights entered a competition with Young Writers, stepping up to the challenge of writing a 'twisted tale' in 100 words. The prize? Publication in their very own book!

Thirteen of our students were successful and are now published writers! Offering some original narratives, as well as twists on themes ranging from fairy tales to Shakespeare, Year 8 have mini-stories to be proud of! Well done, everyone!"



Reading Stars and Word Wizards!

Our Key Stage 3 students have continued to show commitment to reading through hard work and resilient attitudes to challenging reading material within their Reading Plus lessons.

Reading Stars

Our Reading Stars are students who have made impressive progress within the Autumn Term. This term, our Year 7 Reading Stars are Isaac Rigby, Freya Morgan, Lucy Wareing, Millie Murch, Freya Hamilton, James Stothert and Ava Barnes. Our Year 8 Reading Stars are Lauren Hunt, Minuki Wellagamage, Emma Kemplay, Georgia Moores, Anthony Ball, Oliver Allen-Clough, Isla Cockburn. Our Year 9 Reading Stars are Lucy Cross, Samuel Aspey, Alfie Jackson, Jasmine Heaton, Liam Gardner, Lewis Worden and Jenna Leadbetter.



Year 7 Word Wizards

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who have read over 50,000 words this term: George Morratt, Sam Bateman, Ceren Akgunduz and Aster Leonard-Taylor. This is a fantastic achievement! A special well done to Millie Davidson of 7L who has read over 75,000 words this term.

Year 8 Word Wizards

Congratulations to our 100,000 Word Wizards: Isla Cockburn, Zain Patel, Matilda Hall, Benjamin Cockburn and Maisy Ashworth. Impressive reading work!

Year 9 Word Wizards

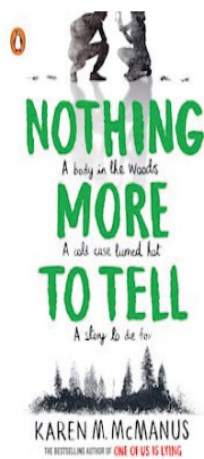
Over 100,000 words have been read by Ryan Emery, Jasmine Heaton, Eleanor Simpson and Anna Howard. This shows real commitment to self-development. Well done! Sophie Laycock of 9C has become a 200,000-word wizard! Well done, Sophie. Your English teachers are very proud of you.

COMMITMENT

Reading on E-Library

Find time to read over the half term break check out the E-Library online.

<https://loststockhallacademy.eplatform.co/>





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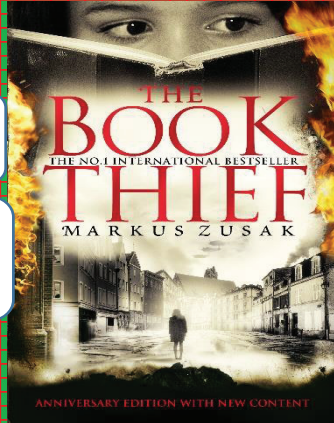
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CHRISTMAS READING LIST
BY SUBJECT



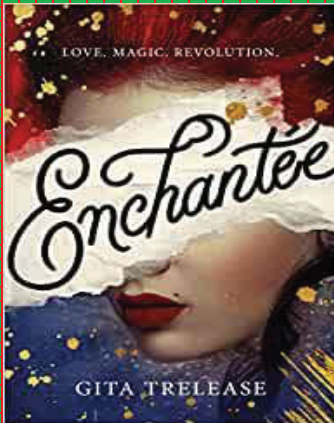
History recommends:

The Book Thief by
Markus Zusak



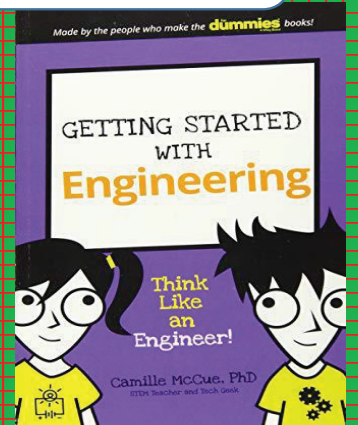
Design Technology
recommends:

Getting Started
with Engineering



MFL recommends:

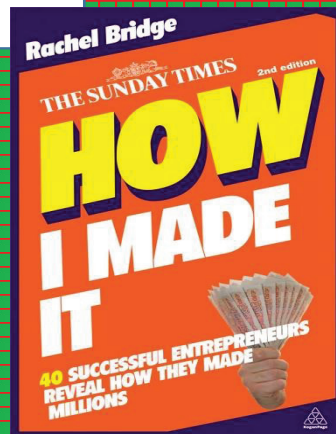
Enchantée by
Gita Trelease



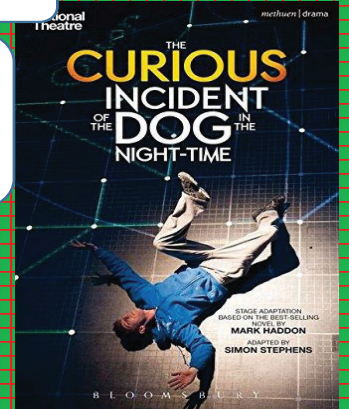
Drama recommends:

Business Studies
recommends:

How I Made It by
Rachel Bridge



'Curious Incident'
Play script adapted
by Simon Stephens





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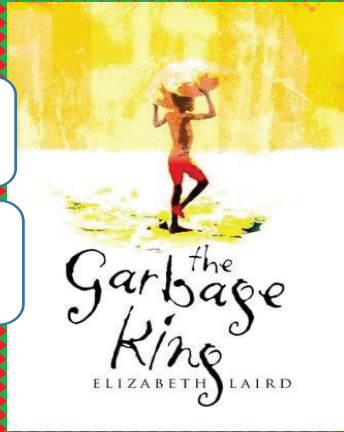
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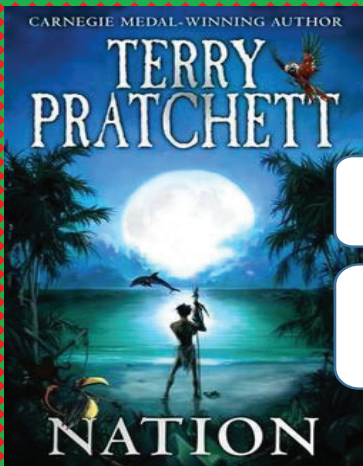
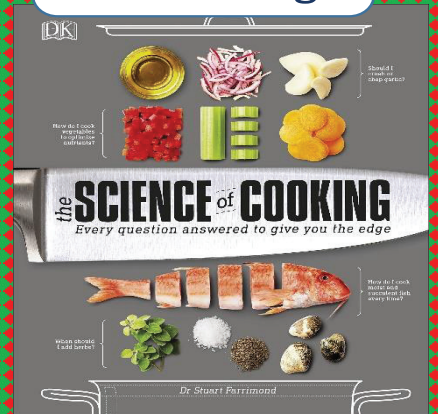
Geography
recommends:

The Garbage King by
Elizabeth Laird



Food Technology
recommends:

The Science
of Cooking

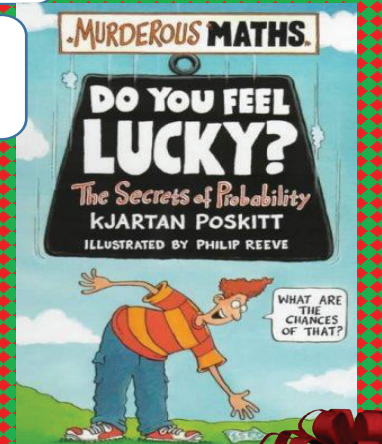


BPE recommends:

Nation by
Terry Pratchett

Maths recommends:

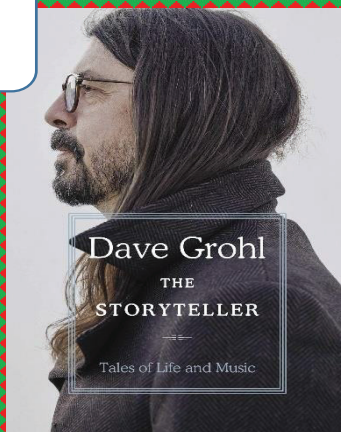
Do You Feel Lucky?
by Kjartan Poskitt



Music recommends:

The Storyteller by
Dave Grohl

For mature readers





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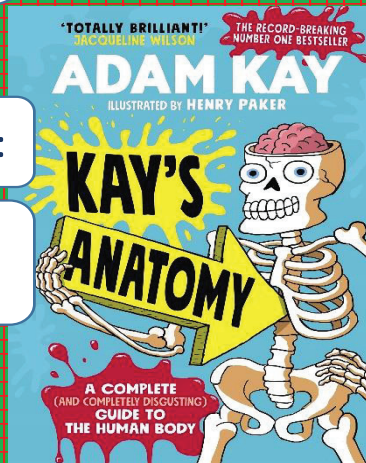
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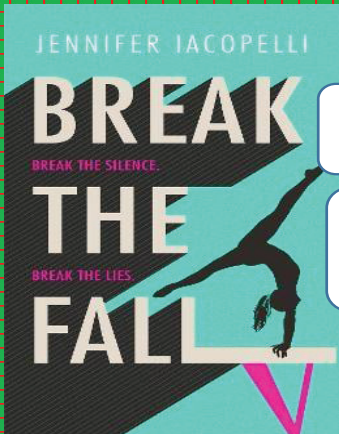
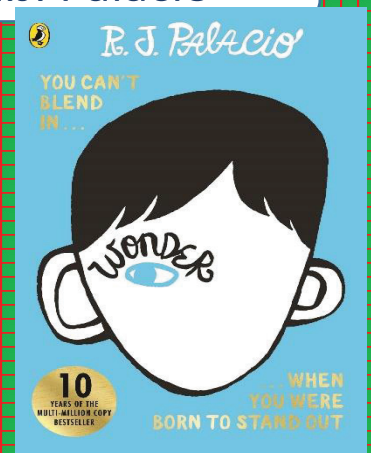
Science recommends:

Kay's Anatomy
by Adam Kay



Personal Development recommends:

Wonder by
R.J. Palacio



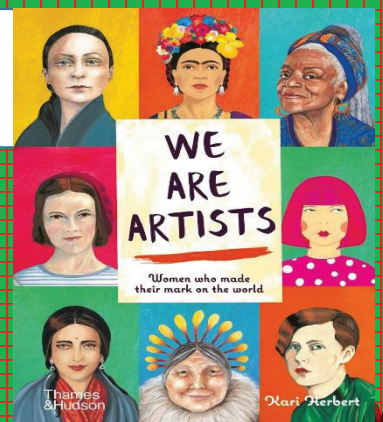
PE recommends:

Break The Fall by
Jennifer Iacopelli

Art recommends:

English recommends:

We Are Artists
by Kari Herbert



The Bone Sparrow
by Zana Fraillon

