



4th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Update 22

Another really busy week again which saw sporting success for our Year 9 rugby and our Year 11 footballers, whilst in school we had Ash Wednesday services, World Book Day (with some wonderful outfits from the English and Drama staff and some students, I didn't realise Diego Jota was such a literary influence). Years 7-10 continued their assessments, we facilitated vaccines for those who wanted them, held our Year 9 Options Evening and later today will give our Year 11 students their mock GCSE results in a mock results day.

Weekly Academic Focus: Extended Reading – VIPERS

Each week we have one form time that is extended to 30 mins to allow for whole class reading. Usually this involves an expert reader (teacher or confident student) reading aloud then can be followed by students offering to read. The class then stop and discuss what they have read based upon the VIPERs strategy:

Vocabulary – did you learn any new words? Could you use the new word in a sentence?

Infer – how do you think the character feels about what has happened in the section you have read today?

Predict – can you predict what might happen next in the novel?

Explain – explain what has happened in the if a member of your form was absent today, could you clearly explain the section you have read to them so they could keep up with reading next week?

Retrieve - can you find a quote to show how the character felt?

Summarise – can you condense what you have read today into just a sentence?

Ukraine

Last week I mentioned about supporting our young people when talking about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We have now received further resources and guidance from the DfE to support parents and schools to discuss the issue with children, which can be found [here](#).

Careers Information

As well as the regular careers bulletin, you or your child may be interested in the St Helens of the Future: Good Business Festival. We have been asked to share the following information about the event:

St Helens Borough is at the start of a truly transformational journey that will shape a future of exciting new opportunities. From the new Masterplans for St Helens and Earlestown town centres, Glass Futures – a world leading glass research facility, to the latest phase of Omega in St Helens Borough, through to the regionally important Parkside – these are projects that show St Helens is delivering positive growth for businesses.

This growth is leading to new jobs, careers, apprenticeships and training to meet the new sector needs making St Helens Borough their home. So join us to find out more about the opportunities available at a one day open event, until 7pm, at The Totally Wicked Stadium on Thursday 10th March.

There will be a wide variety of businesses offering everything from live job vacancies to training opportunities to sign up to there and then. You can also get business advice and find out more about the regeneration of St Helens Borough.

Exhibitors include: St Helens Library Services, St Helens Chamber, St Helens VCA, Business Advocates, Ways to Work, Miller Developments, Muse Developments, with many more to be added. This will be a drop in event but you will need to book a free ticket for entry so please sign up today: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-helens-of-the-future-tickets-267482987817>

House Scores

Additional points were given for our choir members and reader for supporting the Ash Wednesday services and for the winning form for the World Book Day Quiz 9B (Mount Carmel).

With these latest scores added, the current House Competition league table looks like this:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	House Total
Notre Dame Raiders	289.2	242.2	150.2	171.2	188.2	1041
Team Campion	254	250	123	149	134	910
West Park Wonders	309.6	139.6	134.6	122.6	99.6	806
Mount Carmel Crusaders	218.4	164.4	168.4	93.4	115.4	760

Forthcoming Events (items in bold indicate a change to normal day)

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th March: Year 10 Retreat

Thursday 10th March: Year 11 Pastoral Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th March: Year 7 and 8 Drama Trip

Monday 14th March: Data Drop 2 Opens

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March: We Will Rock You (7.30pm)

Thursday 31st March: Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual)

Friday 1st April: School closes for Easter (3:00pm)

Tuesday 19th April: Staff INSET Day (students do not attend)

Wednesday 20th April: students return (normal time)

And finally...

Today's update comes with two additional newsletters: the regular Careers Newsletter and our latest DLS Reads Newsletter, which contains more information on the texts that are read in form time.

Have a good weekend.

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

National Careers Week

NCW



NatWest
Group

From 7th-11th March 2022, it is National Careers Week. You can use the social media hashtag "#NCW2022" to find lots of information, events and guidance from employers.



Next week, there is a live event on the **NGTU Instagram page** every evening at 7pm. Here from a range of employers and apprentices from different industries about their job roles and how you can access them in the future. There will be an option to ask questions and get live answers. Just search "notgoingtouni" on Instagram to find their page.



Success at Schools and Google are hosting an event next **Wednesday 9th March** that allows you to find out all about apprenticeship opportunities at Google, including Software Engineering, Digital Marketing and Information Communication Technician. The talk will include:

- Hear from current apprentices
- Get CV tips and tricks
- PLUS a Q and A session, where you'll be able to ask questions directly to Google's recruitment team

Register [here](#).

pwc

PwC have opened applications for their virtual insight week. Their Virtual Insight Week programme provides opportunities to gain lots of valuable skills and explore your career options with PwC. The Virtual Insight Week will give you an insight into the different business areas, and you'll also hear from the people who joined through a range of pathways and programmes. You can register [here](#).

Teach the Nation to code are running a **Web Development Workshop** on 12th March 2022. Read more and sign up [here](#).



If you have any questions or need support, please contact moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK



Furniture Designer
Furniture Designers create designs for mass-produced furniture, furniture made in small batches and one-off pieces. You can earn up to £40,000 per year and expect to work 40-42 hours per week. There will be 1% more Furniture Designer jobs by 2026. You can read more about [this here](#).

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The new data for February 2022 shows that the unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage. This makes the overall unemployment rate in the UK 4.1%.

The number of people now employed in the UK has reached a record high of 29.5 million.

Read more [here](#).

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On Tuesday 8th March 2022, it is International Women's Day. You can use the social media hashtag "#IWD2022" to find lots of information, events and guidance from employers.



International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

Do you want to learn more about International Womens Day? Here are some resources you may find useful:

- [International Womens Day website](#)
- [5 Recommended books](#) about feminism from Sixth Former, Kirsty
- [Video about IWD](#)
- [Video of UN Women's Goodwill Ambassador](#), Emma Watson, discussing the issues of gender inequality



UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair will be taking place on Wednesday 30 March. You will have the opportunity to meet lots of different universities and employers in a virtual setting. You can [sign up for your free place here](#).

The incredibly popular Meet the Russell Group Virtual event will be taking place on Wednesday 27 April. Russell Group Universities are term for a group of universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement. They include some of the highest ranking universities in the UK. You can [sign up for their free place here](#).

University of Southampton are running a 3 day residential for Year 12 students. The Experience residential are a great opportunity to get a taste of degrees offered at the University of Southampton and experience student life ahead of university applications. Read more [here](#) and apply by 4th April.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT



[Arts Council England](#)

"We employ more than 500 people in nine offices across England. We believe that our staff should represent the communities, organisations and individuals that we work with and support. We want people from all walks of life to contribute to our work and share their experience, expertise and passion." You can read more [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT



[University of Greenwich](#)

in London and Kent was established in 1890. We are located on the banks of the River Thames in South London.

They offer over 200 courses in a range of subjects, you can read more about their courses [here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please contact moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk



DLS READS!



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Newsletter

Welcome back to the *DLS Reads!* newsletter about books and reading. It is an exciting time to enjoy reading at De La Salle with the reopening of the Library, the various book clubs we have and World Book Day approaching! So ignore the grey skies outside and brighten up your day with a good read. There are plenty of suggestions here and you could also check out the posters on the English corridor for suggestions for particular genres. Happy reading!



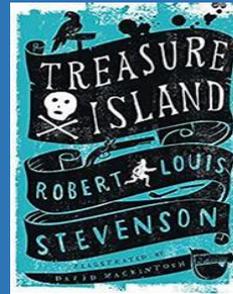
In the mood for romance? Here are some great books to swoon over this month.



TRY A CLASSIC!

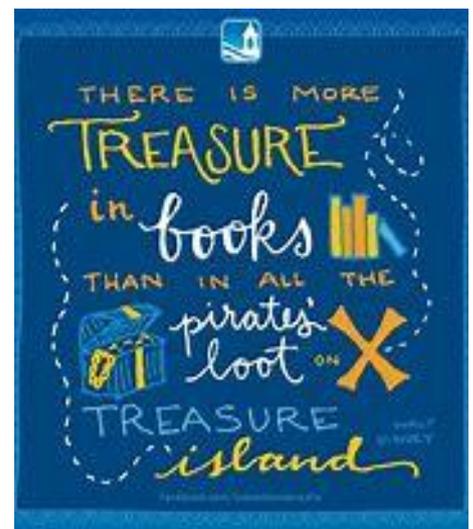
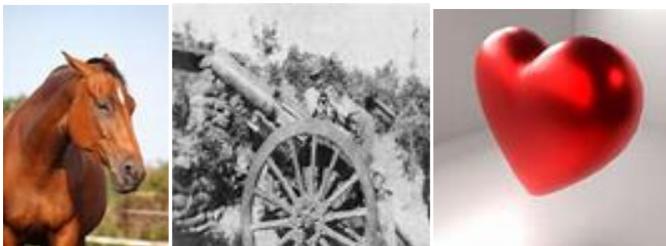
Jim Hawkins is a young boy who lives at his parents' inn, the Admiral Benbow, near Bristol, England, in the eighteenth century. An old sea captain named Billy Bones dies in the inn after being presented with a Black Spot, or official pirate verdict of guilt or judgement. Jim is stirred to action by the Spot and its mysterious, accurate portent of Billy's death. Hastily, Jim and his mother unlock Billy's sea chest, finding a logbook and map inside. Jim realizes that the contents he has snatched from the sea chest must be valuable, so he takes one of the documents he has found to some local acquaintances, Dr. Livesey and Squire Trelawney. Excited, they recognize it as a map for a huge treasure that the infamous pirate Captain Flint has buried on a distant island.

Faced with treachery, pirates, mutiny and murder, will Jim and his companions find the gold and make their way back home? Suitable for ages 11+, this classic novel is a very accessible and exciting read.



Picture Quiz

Which well-loved book is this?



Links to get you reading:

[Top 25 Books for 9-12 Year Olds \(worldbookday.com\)](http://worldbookday.com)

[Top 25 Books for Young Adults \(worldbookday.com\)](http://worldbookday.com)

Book Events in the Spring Term

Reading Mentors:

We are excited to launch the Reading Mentor programme. A group of year 10 pupils who love reading have been paired up with a group of year 7s to meet regularly and share a book. We have already met our partners and are getting to know them to find out what they enjoy doing and reading. This will help us to choose a book to read with them that they will find interesting. Not only would this hopefully encourage a love of books, but also help to improve their reading which is very important for their future.

Megha Thomas 10S

Form Time Reading

As part of a whole school focus on reading, each form group has started reading a shared novel together once a week during form time. The texts have been selected to appeal to students and address a wide range of themes that students have asked to have more knowledge about, such as diversity, acceptance and inclusion. Students report that they enjoy the opportunity to read together with their peers and form tutor, discussing the range of issues that the texts explore.

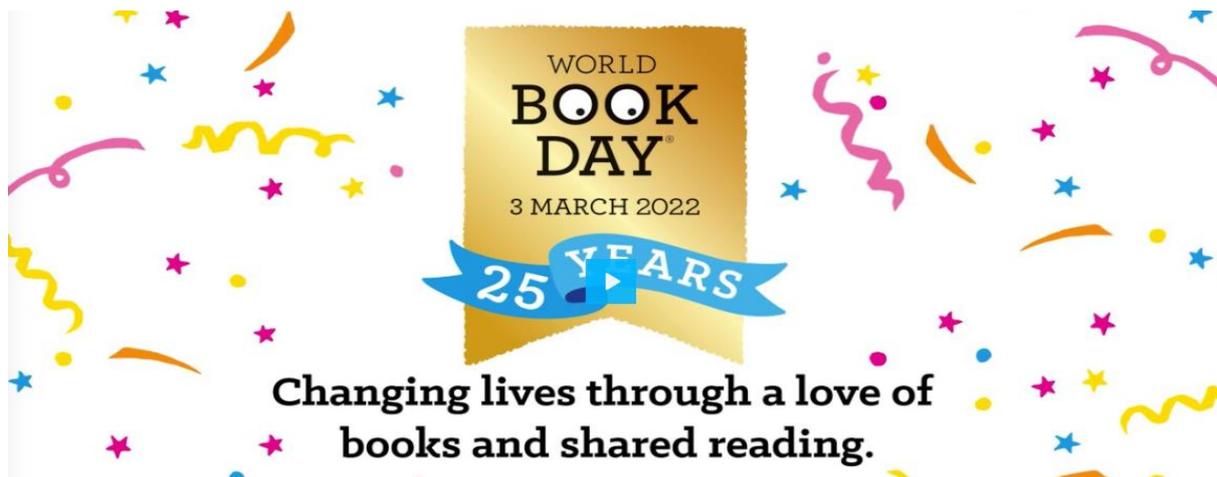
Year 7 will read: Mockingbird, Raven's Gate and Freak the Mighty

Year 8 will read: The Recruit, Class A and Ghost Boys

Year 9 will read: The London Eye Mystery, Face and My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

Year 10 will read: The Hate U Give, The Book Thief and Coraline

Year 11 will read a range of short stories such as Examination Day, The Lottery and The Open Window



World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents’ educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebusk, recalls “We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives.”

This year is the 25th year there’s been a World Book Day, and on **3rd March 2022**, children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.

Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their future success and it’s fun for all involved.

That’s why World Book Day continues to encourage children and young people to read for pleasure through its work with authors, illustrators, publishers, bookshops and libraries. Booksellers stock the special £1 books that can be purchased with the book vouchers available from school. These vouchers can also be redeemed against the cost of a full-price book or audiobook.





1. Who wrote the classic novel *Pride and Prejudice*?
2. How many Twits are in the novel by Roald Dahl?
3. Name three books by David Walliams.
4. What is the name of the brother in the Wimpy Kid series?
5. What happened to Violet Beauregarde in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?
6. How many books are in C.S. Lewis' Narnia series?
7. In which famous novel does the dragon Smaug appear?
8. On who does the 'other mother' want to sew buttons?
9. Your best friend became a vampire. Who are you?
10. Who is this writer of popular YA fiction? J_ _ _ _ _ r_ e_ _ .

Send your answers to Mrs Henshaw for the chance to win a book voucher.

Spring Term News

This term sees the launch of the DLS Reads! book club on Instagram. Be sure to follow us and check out our recommended reads.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. The website is well worth a visit with author profiles, news and extracts. A number of competitions will run in school to celebrate World Book Day – enter to be in with a chance of winning a prize!



[2021s-1-books \(worldbookday.com\)](http://2021s-1-books.worldbookday.com)

Picture Quiz:

The answer is *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.