Weekly newsletter

BRECK FOUNDATION



Friday 26th January

Dear parents/carers,

Breck Foundation—Online Safety. On Tuesday, we welcomed visitors from the **Breck Foundation** to TFA. The foundation was set up in 2014 in memory of Breck Bednar, who was murdered when he was 14 by a stranger he met online. Their work aims to prevent this from ever happening again by working with young people to understand online safety, online grooming, how to help others and how to report their concerns.

The talks were incredibly informative, and you can find out more about the foundation here: Online Safety | Breck Foundation

Students can speak to any member of staff if they have any concerns, or to our safeguarding team—the posters are all around the school. Sources of advice are also here Where to Find Help | Breck Foundation

Year 9 Parents' evening— comes up next week on 30th January 2024—3.30-6.30pm—further details will follow from the head of year.

Term dates—At the start of the next page are the term dates for the rest of this year, and school year 2024-25.

Clothes bank—if you have any good quality clothes you no longer need, or have grown out of, we'd love them for the TFA clothes bank—they will find a good home in the TFA community. Of particular need during these winter months are warm clothes and coats.

Any donations of uniform are also gratefully accepted, and can be left with Ms Anderson in the library. We will write with a new date for the clothes bank collections soon.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Mackintosh

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Principal



In 2022, there were 63,050

IWF reports of child abuse imagery



1/3 of children put themselves in danger by playing online regularly with strangers



There has been a 84% increase in online grooming crimes in the last four years





Term dates for 2023-24—term dates for the remainder of the school year are here.

Term dates for 2024-25—they are now available on the school website <u>here.</u>



Keep up to date with news from TFA on social media.

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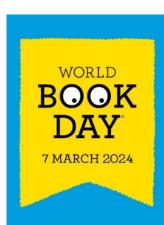
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Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair 13th - 15th February, it is a great opportunity to earn free books for our school which helps to ensure that as many students as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Your support is hugely appreciated, every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in our school. Payments can be made by cash, card or online. Ms Anderson is running a competition to win vouchers to be spent at the book fair, more information can be found on SMHW.

All books will be discounted by £1 in celebration of World Book Day which falls on 7th March 2024.



The book fair will be available as follows:

Year 7

7F and 7E during form time Tuesday 13th February

7R and 7T during form time Wednesday 14th February

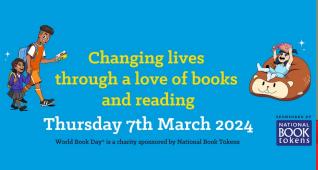
70 and 7S during form time Thursday 15th February

Year 8

Afterschool during parents evening Tuesday 13th February

Year 9 and up

Afterschool Wednesday 14th February





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