

# BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

*Welcome back!*

Welcome back to the second half of the winter term at Honley!

In addition to our fantastic lessons, we have lots going on in school and plenty of exciting things to update you on.

As we continue supporting our students to achieve academically, we are also focusing on helping them to develop essential skills such as punctuality, which is proven to help students succeed not just in their school life but also as they move forwards to college, apprenticeships, careers and their personal lives.

We're looking forward to another positive and productive half-term, and thank you for your continued support in helping our students reach their potential.



Best wishes

*Liz Lord*

## Year 9 Options 2024

Seeing so many of our parents, carers and students at our Year 9 Options Evening was fantastic. We hope everyone found it helpful - as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

All the Year 9 Options process information can be found on our [website](#).

Year 9 students, now need to submit their choices for their Options Taster Day on Wednesday 6 March when they'll have the opportunity to try out two subjects they are curious to learn more about before they submit their final choices for study at KS4.

Parents, carers and students will also have the opportunity to ask any subject-specific questions at our Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday, 7 March 2024.

Bookings for the Year 9 Progress Evening go live at 6.000pm on Thursday 29 February via the school cloud booking system  
<https://honley.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Year 9 Taster Day 2024**  
Select 2 choices and 1 reserve

- Child Development
- Citizenship
- Construction
- Creative iMedia
- Enterprise & Marketing
- Hospitality & Catering
- Photography
- Travel & Tourism

**Deadline to submit choices  
1.05pm on Tuesday 27 February**

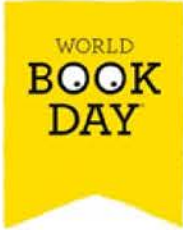
**Year 9 Options 2024  
Key Dates**

- Thursday 22 February 2024  
Year 9 Options Evening
- Tuesday 27 February 2024  
Taster Day Deadline
- Wednesday 6 March 2024  
Taster Day
- Thursday 7 March 2024  
Year 9 Progress Evening
- Friday 15 March 2024  
Options Deadline





# LIBRARY NEWS



## World Book Day - Friday 8 March

We have lots of exciting activities and competitions taking place in school for World Book Day! Here are some of the book-tastic things students can get involved in.

Students are invited to take part in three competitions:

### Short Story Competition

Write a 500-word story featuring your favourite literary character or characters.

Deadline: 9.00am on Friday 8 March 2024

### Design a Bookmark Competition

Design a bookmark inspired by your favourite book, character, genre, author or book series.

Deadline: 3.05pm Friday 8 March 2024

### Poetry Slam

Write and perform at our poetry slam - you can take part individually or as a group, and your poem/slam can be in any style on any subject.

Performances will take place on Friday 8 March at lunchtime in the Library.

**HONLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**World Book Day**  
**Short Story Competition**

Write an original short story (no more than 500 words) featuring your favourite literary character or characters:

- What if Harry Potter and Percy Jackson met?
- How about Artemis Fowl's latest dastardly adventure?
- Whatever happened to Little Red Riding Hood after that fateful day in the forest?

This is your chance to tell these untold stories and more!

Entries to: Mrs Ackroyd in the library or by email [c.ackroyd@honley.tlt.school](mailto:c.ackroyd@honley.tlt.school)  
Deadline: 9.00am on Friday, 8 March 2024

Remember to include your name, form and your featured character!

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**HONLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**DESIGN-A-BOOKMARK**  
**COMPETITION**

Design a bookmark inspired by your favourite book, character, genre, author or book series

Your design needs to be flat: no ribbons, tassels, tags or cutouts, and fit within the template on the entry form - available from the Library

Please submit your designs to Mrs Ackroyd in the Library by 3.05pm on Friday 8 March 2024

The winning designs will be made into bookmarks for use in the Library!

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**FRIDAY 8 MARCH**  
**@ LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY**

**HONLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**POETRY**  
**SLAM**

**PERFORMANCE POETRY OR RAP CONTEST**

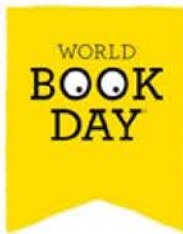
**WRITE AND PERFORM AT OUR POETRY SLAM!**

- Poems/raps can be any style and on any subject
- Individual or group entries
- Poems/raps must be performed without props or music and not exceed 3 minutes

Please submit your entry to Mrs Ackroyd in the Library



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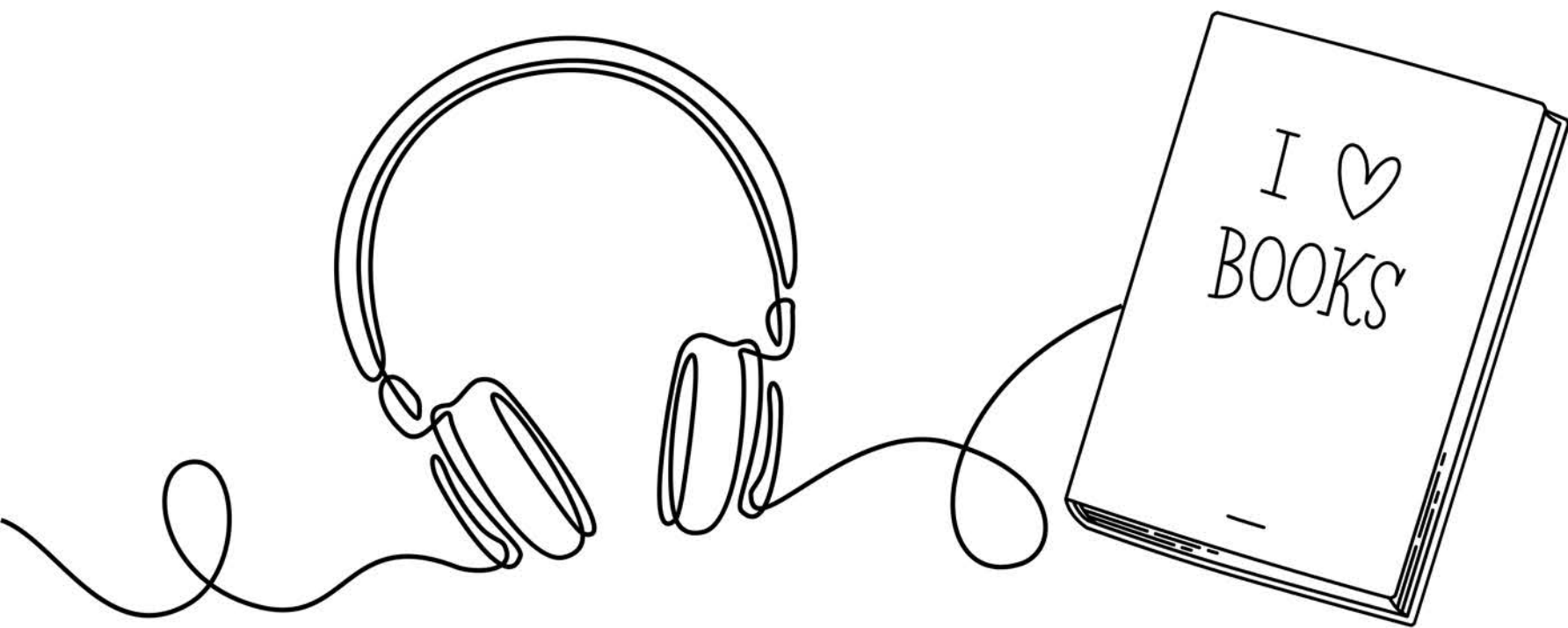


## Fancy Dress Fundraiser



Students in Years 7 to 10 are encouraged to dress as their favourite animal character from literature for a donation of £1 on Friday 8 March.

Hedwig, the Gruffalo, the Fantastic Mr Fox, Lorek Byrnison or one of the 101 Dalmatians - who will you be? All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.



World Book Day vouchers have been given out to students in form time and are also available in the Library.

Vouchers can be used to buy one of the special £1 World Book Day books or as £1 off any book or audiobook with an RRP £2.99 or above.

There are also a variety of free audiobooks available to listen to! Visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

CELEBRATE ON 7 MARCH 2024

Book covers include: ELMER, GREG THE Sausage Roll, CHARLIE AND THE HORSE, MARV, INVESTI GATORS, LOKI, ONYEKA, CAN YOU GET JELLYFISH IN SPACE?, IRISH YETI, INIS MARA, FEEDHAT Y CORFF, JEMPER KILLER, and The Doomsday Date.

**BOOK TOKEN**

Swap your Book Token to get a World Book Day book for FREE at your local bookseller

**HOW IT WORKS:**

- World Book Day £1/£1.50 book tokens distributed by schools/nurseries and partners
- Child goes to bookseller with their book token
- Bookseller gifts a £1/£1.50 book in exchange for their token
- Child chooses and owns a book

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## FOR THE OF READING

We ask our teachers and support staff what they love about reading. This week in the spotlight is Mr Smith, Teacher of English.

What was your favourite childhood book?

The Hobbit. I enjoyed the adventure that the novel took me on, and I have fond memories of my dad reading it to me and my brother.

What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. This book is different to what I usually read. I enjoyed the humour mixed in with what was going on in Russia throughout the historical period the novel was set in.

Why do you choose to read?

I use reading as a form of escapism and relaxation. I enjoy being able to imagine the story in my own way.



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# EXTERNAL SPEAKERS

## Reliance Precision



We are very fortunate to welcome regular external guest speakers to our school assemblies to help our students learn about careers and topics in the real world.

Recently, Sam, Felix and Joseph attended our Year 8 assembly to talk about the amazing apprenticeship opportunities at Reliance Precision Limited. Reliance is a world-leading precision manufacturing company, engineering solutions for customers across a diverse range of technologies based in Huddersfield.

All three visitors are Honley Alumni, so we were delighted to welcome them back and hear how well they're doing now that they're in their first, second and third year of their apprenticeships.

Are you interested in a career in engineering, design or manufacturing? Find out more about the brilliant apprenticeship opportunities available at Reliance Precision.

Website: [www.reliance.co.uk/apprenticeship-scheme](http://www.reliance.co.uk/apprenticeship-scheme)



## Ruddi's Retreat - Year 8 Fundraiser

This week, we welcomed Victoria and Joanne from Ruddi's Retreat to our Year 8 assembly to talk about their mission to support our community and how students can help with valuable fundraising.

Ruddi's Retreat is a fantastic organisation that provides holidays for families who need a break and haven't had the opportunity for a holiday due to circumstances outside their control.

### Get Involved!

Our Year 8 students are now busy getting their heads together to develop fundraising ideas. The student who raises the most funds for Ruddi's cause will win a caravan trip for themselves and their family!

Ruddi's are always looking for people to get involved in fundraising - visit their website to find out more about how you can **get involved**

<https://www.ruddisretreat.org/ruddisramble/>



Volunteers  
needed



# Ski Trip 2024

Over half-term, we ran our annual Ski Trip to Italy. We're so proud of our students; from complete beginner to advanced level, every student made huge progress and was a credit to our school. Thank you for being such fantastic ambassadors!

Straddling a mountain pass that links the Trentino and Lombardy regions, Passo Tonale is a beautiful location. We were fortunate that it had recently snowed, which, combined with bright blue skies, meant conditions were perfect! The vast 100km ski area offers something for skiers of all abilities.

Each day, students received lessons from qualified ski instructors and would ski in a group that matched their abilities.

The fun didn't stop there! Each evening, we took part in a range of fun activities, including Apres Ski and quiz night, which brought the group together after a hard day skiing, not to mention the delicious food we had every night.

This is always a popular trip, and we're already on with booking for next year!



For more photos, please visit our Facebook page [@HonleyHighSchool](#) or our [website](#)



# PERFORMING ARTS TRIP TO LONDON

Our annual Performing Arts Trip to London was another fantastic success! Students had the opportunity to watch performances of Les Miserables, Wicked and Matilda. Seeing such an array of different performances was great for our Performing Arts student's own work, as they were able to study lots of different acting styles and enjoy the thrill and excitement of live performances.

As part of the trip, students also visited The London Dungeon and Shakespeare's Globe and took part in a Q&A session with the cast from Matilda. Plus they learnt a 'Swing' dance routine as part of a dance workshop with DanceWorks!



**Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**  
The iconic Shakespeare's Globe is a world-renowned performing arts venue, cultural attraction and education centre located on the bank of the River Thames in London.

Shakespeare called his theatre a 'wooden O', and like his historic playhouse, the current Globe Theatre is a 360° auditorium.

Students enjoyed a guided tour of the theatre, which brought it to life, exploring the way the theatre is open air with no roof over the central yard, and round to create the most atmospheric environment for performances - just like they would have been performed in Shakespeare's time.



## London Dungeon

The London Dungeon brings together an amazing cast of theatrical actors, special effects, stages, scenes and rides.

Students saw some fantastic (and rather scary!) acting, which was a great example of how immersed the actors have to be in their roles for them to be convincing and believable to the audience.

Students learnt lots of tricks to use in their own performances going forward!





# Science Competition

In celebration of British Science Week, we're running a Trust-wide Science Poster Design Competition.

We are looking for eye catching posters on the theme of 'time'.

The deadline is Thursday, 14 March, and templates are available from Science teachers or the Science office.

We can't wait to see your creative ideas!



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

DEADLINE:  
14 MARCH



8-17 March 2024  
britishscienceassociation.org  
#BSW24

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## SPARX MATHS

All students are expected to log in to Sparx to access their weekly homework.

Sparx is a brilliant way of improving your Maths through tailored questions which are personalised to you.

If you have any questions, please speak to your subject teacher.

Maths homework is due on a Wednesday - complete Sparx homework by the Friday before to win a Freddo!



## ENRICHMENTS

All students are encouraged to take part in at least one enrichment activity each week.

Enrichments take place over lunchtime and after school and are a great way to try something new and meet new friends or spend time doing an activity you already enjoy!

A timetable of activities can be found in the Heads of Year corridor, Student Services and the Library. You can also access them on our website [here](#)



There are no after school activities on Wednesdays

# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY



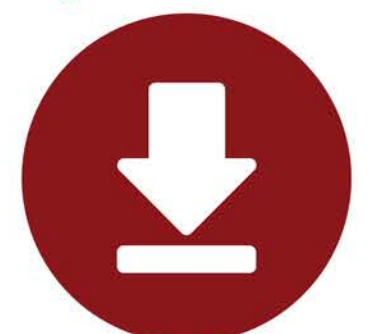
## Learning the Art of Emotional Control

Young people sometimes find recognising, understanding and managing their feelings, impulses and behaviour challenging.

Download this week's National Online Safety Guide to learn ten top tips to help children learn the important and beneficial skills to self-regulate their emotions.



Download the guide here





# DATES FOR DIARIES

Further information about key dates will be sent nearer the time of the event.

Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block B	Monday 4 March 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Monday 4 March 2024
Year 9 Options Taster Day	Wednesday 6 March 2024
Year 9 Immunisations	Thursday 7 March 2024
Year 9 Progress Evening	Thursday 7 March 2024
Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block D	Friday 8 March 2024
Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block C	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Costa Brava Sports Trip Info Evening	Wednesday 13 March 2024
Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block D	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 7 Progress Evening	Thursday 21 March 2024
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April 2024</b>
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 29 April - Friday 3 May 2024
Year 7 PGL Trip	Monday 13 May - Wednesday 15 May 2024
<b>May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)</b>	<b>6 May 2024</b>
<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May 2024</b>
<b>Last day for students</b>	<b>Monday 19 July 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY (school closed)</b>	<b>Monday 22 July 2024</b>

PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Upcoming Trips

Group 1 Geography Field Trip	Monday 4 March 2024
Group 2 Geography Field Trip	Tuesday 12 March 2024
Group 3 Geography Field Trip	Thursday 14 March 2024
Year 7 PGL	Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 May 2024
Year 9 Bletchley Park	Wednesday 15 May 2024
Year 10 Cantabria Trip	Tuesday 21 - Monday 27 May 2024
All Years Costa Brava Sports Tour	Sunday 26 - Thursday 30 May 2024
Year 11 Prom	Friday 28 June 2024
Cadet Camp	Sunday 7 - Saturday 13 July 2024



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