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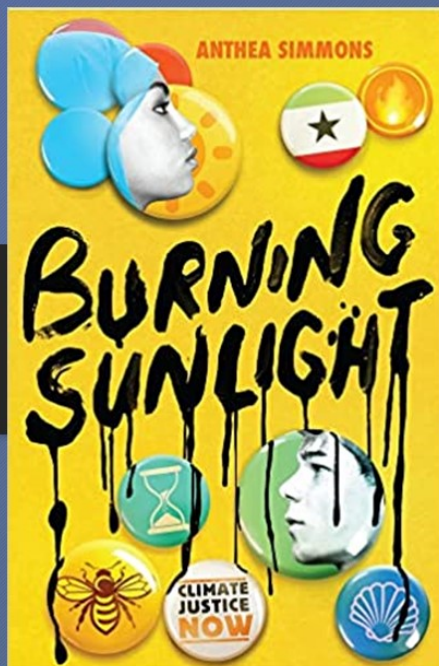
**WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:**

12 November 2021

**WHOLE SCHOOL**

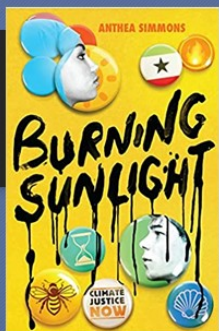
**BOOK OF THE WEEK**

We all appreciate the importance and value of reading and students should be reading for twenty minutes each day, whether this is fiction or non-fiction. Each week we will share with you as parents/carers, our 'Book of the Week.' Please have a look through each week's short PowerPoint with your son/daughter - perhaps s/he will read this book or something similar from the genre. All books mentioned are in the school library. We hope you enjoy the reading recommendations!



## Book of the week

Burning Sunlight  
by Anthea Simmons



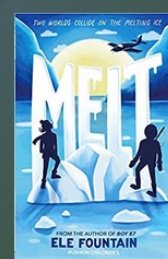
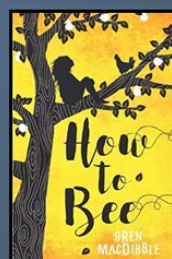
## Burning Sunlight by Anthea Simmons

Zaynab is from Somaliland, a country that doesn't exist because of politics and may soon be no more than a desert. Lucas is from rural Devon, which might as well be a world away. When they meet, they discover a common cause: the climate crisis.

Together they overcome their differences to build a Fridays For Future group at their school and fight for their right to protest and make a real impact on the local community. But when Zaynab uncovers a plot which could destroy the environment and people's lives back home in Somaliland, she will stop at nothing to expose it. Lucas must decide if he is with her or against her - even if Zaynab's actions may prove dangerous.

This novel tackles some big, complex topics like greenwashing by big corporations and the disproportional effects of climate change on the developing world.

## Read more books about the Climate Crisis



Find these books and many more in the Library

### GOOD QUALITY NON-FICTION BOOKS

Do you have any really good quality non-fiction books that are in need of a good home? At this time of year we know that some of you may be clearing out books in readiness for new books arriving at Christmas! If you no longer have use for any non-fiction books such as biographies or autobiographies of sportspeople or political leaders for example, or true accounts of historical/social events or travel writing, we would be highly appreciative of any donations for use within our Library for our students.

Please either send these books in with your son/daughter or drop them off at Student Services for the attention of the Library.



Thank you for your help and support of reading.

## **YEAR 11, 12 AND 13**

HSBC

## **Investing in Futures**

**We are passionate and committed to hire and develop a diverse talent.**

At HSBC we aim to be a true reflection of the customers we serve and communities we operate in, which is why encouraging talent from all backgrounds to join our business is so important to us.

### **Apprenticeship Opportunities**

We are still live with various Foundational Apprenticeship opportunities within our Branch Network. To view and apply, visit [UK Apprenticeships](#) page.

### **Work Experience Opportunities**

We are due to go live with the 2022 Work Experience programme in early December this year. To learn more about the programme, visit [Work Experience](#) page.

## **“A taste of success” bite-sized virtual events**

The Early Careers team at HSBC have created a series of bite-sized virtual events and supporting material, all designed with the aim of developing your soft skills. These are all geared to give confidence on current and future employment prospects, mythbust common recruitment misconceptions and target key employability skills to give you an advantage when looking for a career.

## **Find Out More**

The zoom webinars will all be free to attend and are safeguarding compliant. Please register in advance via the provided links. Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

### **30<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm – 6pm – HSBC and You**

What's important to you?

The culture, diversity, ethics, wellbeing support, your development and progression. We will explore the real HSBC and what this does mean for you and your career. To register click [here](#).

### **December - Winter Work Skills**

Distribution of soft skills material to follow next month

### **13<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm - 6pm - How to stand out?**

Opportunity to get an understanding of what a CV should look like, hints & tips to help you stand out from the crowd. To register click [here](#).

### **February – National Apprenticeship Week**

Panel Event with Apprentices, Degree Apprentices - An exploration of various career routes that are available for a career at HSBC. More detail to follow

### **17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm – 7pm - How to stand out?**

Opportunity to get an understanding of what a CV should look like, hints & tips to help you stand out from the crowd. To register click [here](#).

### **13<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm – 6pm – Commercial Awareness**

A session that will help you understand what commercial awareness actually is, both on a small and large scale, alongside helping you to begin building this essential life skill for world of work. To register click [here](#)

### **May – Wellbeing**

### **June – Transition workshops**

### **July– Graduation Apprentice story**

### **August – Resilience Growth Mind-set**

# Financial Education

Financial Education team at HSBC UK has worked with schools for over 30 years, helping young people to learn about money and give them access to the skills they need for everyday life. For further information and resources please visit: <https://www.hsbc.co.uk/financial-education/>

[Find out more](#)

## YEAR 11

### APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I have placed a couple of vital pieces of information on the Year 11 Google Classroom Home page about apprenticeships in the local area.

1) A brochure from **MGTS**, an engineering apprenticeship provider based in Coventry. They have a great reputation in the area and offer a broad range of engineering apprenticeships. Your child will need to register with them, pass a series of interviews and they will pair you with an employer to complete your apprenticeship with if successful. **MTC**, based at Ansty Business Park, are also a great provider of apprenticeships in the area. Their website is <https://www.the-mtc.org/>. Again, please visit their website and register your interest in them.

2) There will be a weekly spreadsheet, put together by DWP, which is placed on the Year 11 Google Classroom Home page. This will indicate up to date apprenticeship & traineeship opportunities in Nuneaton & Bedworth.

3) NWSLC also help students find apprenticeships. Register your child on their database for apprenticeships on their website <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/> They can help find apprenticeships which link to their vocational courses.

So, if your child is interested in completing an apprenticeship once you have left HLS then you will need to keep a close eye on the opportunities that are arising & be proactive in registering your child on the websites given, sooner rather than later.

Furthermore, your son/daughter should register themselves with 'Find an Apprenticeship' <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> so you can access relevant opportunities for themselves.

If you have any questions or queries regarding apprenticeships, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Mitchell  
Careers & Work Experience Lead.

### MIDLAND COLLEGE GROUP OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

**Royal Leamington Spa College | Tuesday 9 November 2021 | 5.30pm - 8pm**

[Book now](#)

**Warwick Trident College | Thursday 11 November 2021 | 5.30pm - 8pm**

[Book now](#)

**Moreton Morrell College | Saturday 13 November 2021 | 10am - 2pm**

[Book now](#)

**Rugby College | Tuesday 16 November 2021 | 5.30pm - 8pm**

[Book now](#)

**Evesham College | Thursday 18 November 2021 | 5.30pm - 8pm**

[Book now](#)

**Malvern Hills Centre for Digital & Cyber Technology | Thursday 18 November 2021 | 5.30pm - 6.30pm**

[Book now](#)

**Pershore College | Saturday 20 November 2021 | 10am - 1pm**

[Book now](#)

I also have lots of MCG prospectuses available so if your child would like one, please ask them to see me in my office in the library as soon as possible.

Mrs Mitchell  
Careers & Work Experience Lead

## **YEAR 8**

### **YEAR 8 INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP**

Year 8 will be taking part in an internet safety workshop, with a focus on Sexting, ran by the police on Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th November.

Please encourage your child to talk about the workshop with you, and if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Your child can speak to a trusted adult at the school about any issues around internet safety.

Mrs E Mitchell  
SL - CPSHE Education

## **YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8**

### **BULLY4U THEATRE WORKSHOP**

You may or may not be aware that it is Anti Bullying Week from the 15-19th November.

To recognise this, we have adapted our CPSHE curriculum to include a virtual theatre production called Bully4U, developed by the Loudmouth Theatre Company around the topic of bullying. Please find below the outline of the production;

- about different types of bullying (including cyberbullying and the impact of bullying).
- about how to get help and the responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying to an adult.
- how stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage.
- what constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable.
- about online risks and how to identify harmful behaviours (including online bullying, abuse or harassment) and how to report, or find support.

Students will watch the production and complete activities around this topic in their CPSHE lesson on Wednesday 17th November.

If your child is affected by this, then please direct them to their form tutor, Progress Leader or trusted adult in the School.

Mrs Mitchell  
SL: CPSHE Education

## **Dates for Your Diary 2020-21**

**Please note that these dates are subject to any future government announcements**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 13 Assessment Week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Assessment Week
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 13 Student Progress Evening</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7, 9 & 10 Assessment Week
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 11 Student Progress Evening</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 12 Assessment Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY STARTS

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