



# Higham Lane School

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## **WEEKLY EMAIL BULLETIN FOR WEEK ENDING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

### **Whole School**

#### **Year 11 Student Progress Evening: School Day Timetable – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Please note that the School will **close at 2:15pm** on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**. This is due to the Year 11 Student Progress Evening which begins at 2:45pm.

**IMPORTANT:** The lesson timings have been adjusted so that all 5 lessons will be taught. Therefore, please ensure your son/ daughter has all the equipment/ books required for all 5 lessons.

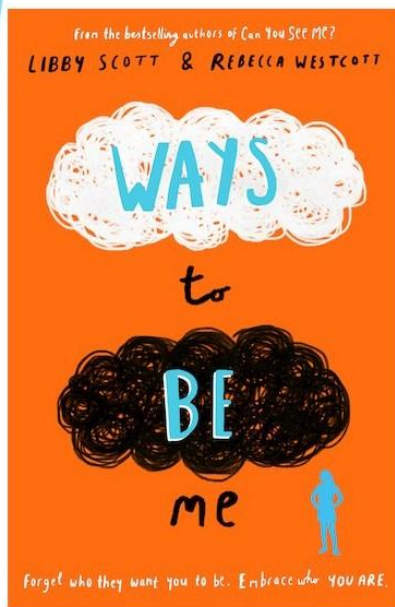
Registration	08:50 - 09:00
Period 1	09:00 - 09:50
Period 2	09:50 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 11:00
Period 3	11:00 - 11:50
Period 4	11:50 - 12:40
Lunch	12:40 - 13:25
Period 5	13:25 - 14:15

#### **Non-Uniform Day: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Once again for the forthcoming non-uniform day, we will be supporting the local Food Bank. A letter has been sent out this week which includes a list of preferred items to donate. Donated items will need to be handed in, **before the end of form time** on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** (to the collection point in one of the two halls). Thank you.

#### **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!

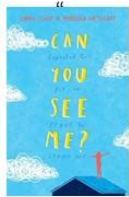


# Book of the week

This week's book

## Ways To Be Me

By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott - 2021

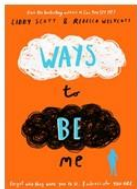


This is the prequel to Can You See Me? And Do You Know Me?

Ways to Be Me is told through diary entries and written by 12-year-old autistic author, Libby Scott.



Ten-year-old Tally had high hopes for Year 6. Being in the top class at school means a whole *host* of privileges, but even better than that is the school production – and Tally is convinced she'll win the lead role. But at home, things aren't going so well. Mum and Dad have been making Tally feel pressured and upset, and Tally wishes things didn't bother her so much – but they do, and sometimes she feels so misunderstood and frustrated, she could explode. Then Tally's mum and dad tell her about something she's never heard about before. Something called autism. And everything changes.



Tally's story continues in the next two books as she navigates secondary school and school trips, learning that friendships are not all they seem.

## More books which have living with autism as a theme



Find them all in the Library

## Years 8-11

### Free Sanitary Goods

All students requiring sanitary goods across Years 8-11 will be given the opportunity to obtain free sanitary wear from school prior to the Christmas break.

Year 7 students will be provided with a pack of goods in the New Year. However, if any students require sanitary goods, as a one off or as a regular thing, please come and see Mrs Mitchell or the librarians and we will be able to provide them free of charge.

We are able to offer this service as part of the Government's End Period Poverty campaign.

## Year 11

### Student Progress Report

The Year 11 autumn Student Progress Report will be issued on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** via the My Ed app or via a link in an email if you do not have the app. You can download the app from the app store, follow any instructions and ensure notifications are allowed. If you have any problems viewing the report you may need to download a PDF reader (i.e. adobe).

You will be notified when the report is available.

### Apprenticeship & Traineeship Opportunities w/c 29th November 2021

Message from Mrs Mitchell - this week's opportunities are on Google Classroom for Years 11, 12 & 13.

## Dates for Your Diary 2021-22

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

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 (online)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY STARTS