



Dates for Your Diary



Important Dates:

Up to Friday 25 November

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Wednesday 16 November	Sixth Form Open Evening (for HGS students in Year 11) 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Year 11
Friday 18 November	Deadline – HGS House Poetry competition	Years 7 to 13
Friday 25 November	Walk to School Day	Years 7 to 13
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December	A Christmas Carol – HGS production – tickets on sale here	All years
w/c Monday 5 December	Year 8 and 9 Food Bank Donations	Years 8 and 9
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Concert	

Parent Communications

Year 7: [Key Stage 3 Design Technology letter](#) – emailed to Year 7 parents Tuesday 1 November. If you have not yet had chance to make the voluntary contribution, there is still time to do so via [Scopay, Products section](#).

[Year 11 Mock Exam Letter and Timetable](#) – emailed to Year 11 parents and students on Monday 7 November.

[Year 8 Battlefields Trip](#) – emailed to Year 8 parents on Friday 11 November.

[Year 7 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Theatre Trip](#) – emailed to Year 7 parents on Friday 11 November.

[Young Carers](#) – letter emailed to all parents on Friday 11 November

Information

Sixth Form Open Evenings – Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November at 6.30pm



Wednesday 16 November at 6.30pm
For current Year 11 students and their families

Thursday 17 November at 6.30pm
For Year 11 students and families new to school

The Open Evenings will offer students and parent/carers, the opportunity to visit this 'outstanding' school, hear about the wide range of courses on offer from our subject specialists, get an insight into our thriving culture, meet our students and experience our first-class facilities. There will be two identical talks which will take place at 6.30pm and 7.20pm throughout both evenings from the Headteacher, Neil Renton, and Director of Sixth Form, Ben Twitchin. The evenings are due to finish at 8.30pm. Please [click here](#) for more information.

GCSE Science Masterclasses – Year 11 students

Next week sees week 3 of the Science masterclasses of the Autumn term. The topics and timing for the masterclasses will be as follows:

Monday 14 November 5pm to 6pm – Biology (Enzymes) with Dr Curran

Tuesday 15 November 5pm to 6pm – Chemistry (Structure and Bonding) with Miss Soloway

These sessions are suitable for all students (Combined or Triple Science).

You will receive an invitation to join the Masterclasses via MSTEams. Attendance is encouraged and the sessions will be recorded to enable you to re-watch at a later date.

If you have any questions relating to the Science Masterclasses, then please contact sykesr@hgs.rklt.co.uk

You will all be sent a MSTEams invite in advance of the Masterclass. The resources for the Masterclasses will be found in the Science Masterclass group on Showbie. The code to join this group is VMGAC.

A provisional timetable for the Autumn Term Science Masterclasses can be seen below:

Week	Date	Time	Subject	Leader
3	Monday 14 November	5pm to 6pm	Biology	Dr Curran
	Tuesday 15 November	5pm to 6pm	Chemistry	Miss Soloway
4	Monday 21 November	6.15pm to 7.15pm	Physics	Mr Sykes
	Wednesday 23 November	6pm to 7pm	Chemistry	Miss Soloway
5	Monday 28 November	4.30pm to 5.30pm	Biology	Mrs Heron

Science Quantum Mechanics Lunch Time Lectures – Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 students

A series of three lectures on Quantum Physics, every other Monday lunchtime in S32 1.05pm to 1.35pm. These lectures are suitable for a general audience, although familiarity with Year 10 Physics and Chemistry will be useful. There will be a series of follow-up lectures aimed at students in Years 12 and 13.

The timetable for these lectures can be found below:

Lecture	Lecture Name	Date	Time	Classroom
1	Why do we need Quantum Mechanics?	Monday 14 November	1.05pm to 1.35pm	S32
2	What are the weird consequences of Quantum Mechanics?	Monday 28 November	1.05pm to 1.35pm	S32
3	What does it all mean?	Monday 12 December	1.05pm to 1.35pm	S32

HGS is proud to present this year's production - 'A Christmas Carol'

John Mortimer's adaption of the Dickens classic takes us into the world of Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the true meaning of Christmas.

The performance will be a condensed version of the original with a cast and technical crew of Year 7 to 13 students.



Performances on:

Tuesday 29 November, 7pm
Wednesday 30 November, 7pm
Thursday 1 December, 7pm

Tickets now available to purchase via the link below:

[Buy tickets here](#)

Festive Coffee Morning – are you able to donate a raffle prize?



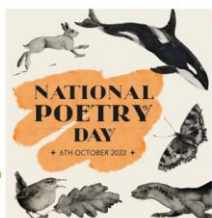
On Wednesday 7 December our Sixth Form students will be hosting a Festive Coffee Morning for the local senior citizens in our community.

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please bring to either Main School or Sixth Form Reception.

HGS House Competitions

HGS House Poetry Competition 2022 – deadline Friday 18 November

The English faculty invite students to enter the HGS House Poetry competition, in association with Greenpeace and NPDP. The competition is open to 11-18 year olds. The theme of the poem should be 'environment and hope'. Poems can be written in any form and should be no longer than 400 words. There will be prizes available including House points for the gold, silver and bronze winners.



Poems will be included in a new display by the English office.

House Poetry Competition!

The English faculty invites you to enter our HGS House Poetry Competition, in association with Greenpeace and NPDP. You can enter **one** poem on the theme of the **environment and hope**. You can use any form of poetry and your poem can be up to 400 words. The competition is open to anyone aged 11-18. The deadline for entries is **Friday 18th November**. Please either submit to your English teacher or email to watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk

To enter, students should hand their poem to their English teacher or email to Ms Watson: watsonm@hgs.rklt.co.uk by Friday 18 November.



Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

****NEW** – LGBTQ+ Support Group, Years 7 to 11, Thursday Lunchtime, S07**
This new group will start from Thursday 17 November



The LGBTQ+ Support Group run by Sixth Form students welcomes everyone from Years 7 to 11. We aim to provide a safe space for young people to chat, eat lunch and access support, if needed. Each week there will be different topics, activities and information in person or via Showbie. There are options for one to one support or it could just be a place for you to relax. The support group will take place every Thursday lunchtime in S07. We hope to see you there. The Showbie group code is 6E8PQ.

Ms K Perfect.



We are delighted to provide details of the whole school extra-curricular activities for 2022/2023. Please [click here](#) to access our Enrichment Programme for this academic year.

PE and sports extra-curricular timetable Autumn 2 – [click here](#)

Music extra-curricular timetable – [click here](#)

Whole school extra-curricular timetable – [click here](#)

Learning Resource Centre

The LRC will be open from 8am to 8:40am and after school until 5pm each day if your child would like to use the library before or after school.



Enrichment Programme

Sports Fixtures














Sports Events w/c 14 November							
Day	Sport	Opposition	Age	Home/Away	Meet	Start	Return HGS
Monday 14 November	Rugby McCarthy Cup	Woodhouse Grove	U13	Away	TBC	12.30pm	
	Football Area Cup	St Aidans	U12	Away	2.35pm	3pm	4pm
	Netball	Woodhouse Grove	U13ABC	Home	2.35pm	2.45pm	4pm
Tuesday 15 November	Girls Hockey	Ripon Grammar School	U12 U13	Home	3.30pm	4pm	5.15pm
	Girls Football	English Football League Cup	U13	Away at Rossett	1pm	1.30pm	3.15pm
Wednesday 16 November	Rugby	Prince Henrys	U12AB U13	Home	2.40pm	3pm	4.30pm
	Rugby	National cup vs Bradford Grammar	U15	Home	2.30pm	3pm	4.30pm
	Netball	Harrogate Ladies College	Seniors A&B	Away	1.45pm	2.30pm	4pm

	Football	Indoor 5 aside	U12	Away venue tbc	TBC		
Thursday 17 November	Rugby	Prince Henry's	U14	Away	1.45pm	3pm	5.30pm
	Girls Hockey	Queen Ethelburgas	U14	Home	3.30pm	4pm	5.15pm
	Football	7 aside	U14	Away at King James	TBC		
Friday 18 November	Netball	Woodhouse Grove	U12ABCD	Away	1.25pm	2.15pm	5pm

Languages - Word a Day

Help your children learn 'Word a Day'!

To access the words for weeks 9 and 10, simply click on the flag for the subject your child is studying in the table below. The words are presented in Quizlet, a website designed to hone vocabulary acquisition, students also have access to the table below within the weekly Student Bulletin.

<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Year 8</i>	<i>Year 9</i>	<i>Year 10</i>	<i>Year 11</i>
				
				
				



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HGS Vacancies

[Attendance Administrator](#) – closing date Monday 14 November

[Student Support Manager](#) – closing date Monday 14 November

[Learning Manager Maths](#) – closing date Monday 14 November

[Music Tutors \(guitar, piano and cello\)](#) – closing date Monday 14 November

[Special Educational Needs \(SEND\) Team Leader](#) – closing date Monday 21 November

[Teaching and Learning Assistant](#) – closing date Monday 21 November

[Teacher of History](#) – closing date Thursday 24 November

[Maths Student Intervention Facilitator](#) – closing date Friday 25 November

[Teacher of Maths](#) – closing date Monday 28 November

RKLT Vacancies based at HGS

Current vacancies within Red Kite Learning Trust can be found at: <https://www.rklt.co.uk/careers/current-vacancies/>

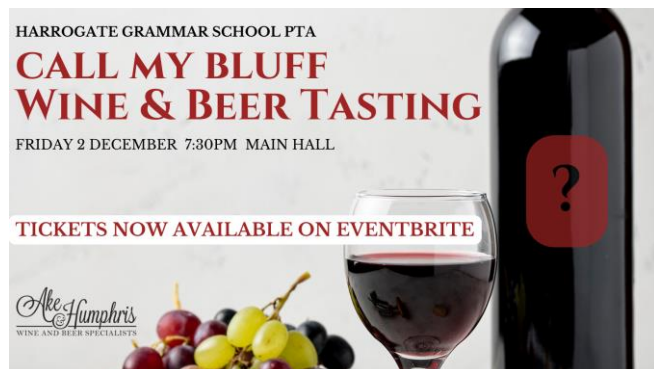
PTA Update

PTA Dates for your Diary

Please add these dates to your diary for forthcoming PTA events:



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Tickets now on sale for Call My Bluff Wine and Beer Tasting

Come along for a wonderful evening, Friday 2 December, of entertainment in the Main Hall hosted by Ake & Humphris Wine and Beer Merchants along with the PTA.

Take a seat at your table, help yourself to cheese and biscuits and prepare to taste your way to success! The tasting quiz starts at 8pm sharp when you will be invited to pour yourself a measure from the mystery wrapped bottle on your table and take a sip from your tasting glass. Three "experts" will each take a turn to stand up and share their

opinion of what you're drinking (a couple of whom you may well recognise) and all you need to do is work out which of them is telling the truth! (No prior knowledge is required.) Join in with those around your table as you are invited to enter a team vote for the "expert" you believe to be describing the wine or beer in your glass. After each round, we'll update the scoreboard with your votes and then we'll reveal who is telling the truth. At the end of six rounds, we'll announce the winning table.

Your ticket includes a tasting selection of quality wines and beers from Ake & Humphris along with a HGS platter of cheese and biscuits.

➤ [Click here to book your tickets](#)

So come along, test your palate and relax with friends, old and new, in a convivial atmosphere.

This is the perfect event for groups as well as those wishing to get to know other parents/carers. Tables seat up to 12 so please let us know if you are part of a larger group so we can seat you together. We will aim to seat smaller groups or individuals with others from their year group.

Tickets (£15 per person) are now available via Eventbrite (via the link above).

Over 18's only. Tickets on sale until Monday 28 November.

Any queries or issues, just get in touch with the PTA at HGSPTA@hgs.rklt.co.uk.

****Save the Date** - Burns Night Supper – Saturday 4 February 2023**

From 7.30pm until midnight

Tickets are priced at £40 which includes; welcome drink, three course meal, piper and address to the haggis, ceilidh band and scottish dancing

This annual event is hosted by the PE faculty and supported by the PTA. Monies raised will help fund the planned improvements to the sports and changing facilities at HGS.

Further details on how to book tickets will be available after half term.



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On Thursday evening we hosted our annual evening of remembrance. Some photos below from the stunning installation of poppies created by Year 7 students. Thank you to everyone who performed and supported this event.



Motorbike Success for Greg in Year 10



Year 10 student, Greg Marshall has recently finished his 2022 motorbike racing season. Greg achieved a Top 10 championship finish in the BMCRC Team Green Junior Cup in his rookie season. In the final round at Brands Hatch he achieved two pole positions. Racing with PDMCC Greg achieved three wins, two seconds and two third place finishes. Greg also gained the 2 fastest laps out of everybody in the race and was the youngest rider on the track.

Brando from Year 10 attends the annual Youth Parliament Debate in the House of Commons

On Friday 4 November, Brando Halloum in Year 10 as the Harrogate and West Craven Member of Youth Parliament attended the annual Youth Parliament debate in the House of Commons chamber. The debate was chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt Hon Lindsey Hoyle MP. The Youth Parliament debated five issues chosen by a ballot of young people across the UK and then vote to decide which two issues should become the UK Youth Parliament's priority campaigns for the year ahead.

Well done Brando, what an amazing opportunity.



Bat

By Poppy Lamming

Gliding around, moving your wings,
Fur flowing softly in the breeze,
Spreading far and wide,
Your wings down there you hide,
In your cave, the darkness empowers,
Not one leaf, not one flower.

Damp dark walls
Hiding the beauty
And elegance of yourself.
Why don't you glide up high, in the air?
And stop bathing in your stealth.
Oh small, majestic creature
Why do you fly, but yet still hide?

Poppy from Year 8 attends Foyle Young Poets of the Year event in London

Congratulations to Poppy Lamming in Year 8 who recently attend the Foyle Young Poets celebration event in London. Her poem, 'Bat', was commended by the Foyle Young Poets of the Year award. There were 85 poems were commended out of 13,500 entries – which is quite impressive!

The English Faculty are so impressed with this achievement and hope that this inspires others. Remember that the Creative Writing Club runs on a Wednesday lunchtime in A22, do come along.



In the News

Please click on the links below to read recent press articles:



HGS Supports charity to bring young people in from the cold - [click here](#) to read the new article

Prestigious Arkwright Scholarship awarded to Stephanie in Year 12

HGS are excited to announce that one of its students, Stephanie Connell, has been awarded the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. This award inspires and nurtures students to become future leaders in the UK engineering sector. Please [click here](#) for the full article.



Spotlight: Social Media Kindness

Sadly, we often learn about children, young people and adults whose mental health is affected, often critically, by the online behaviour of others towards them.

Sometimes these are "celebrities" or well-known figures and their story is covered by the national news.

Sometimes we only learn about such a situation when a parent, other relative or close friend decides to share their story in order to hopefully help others.



Please watch this interview - the Duke of Cambridge speaks to a young person who became suicidal and a parent of a young boy who committed suicide, both after experiencing unkind behaviour online.



Social media, used appropriately, can be wonderful. Used inappropriately, it can be extremely harmful.

Sadly, there are people online who deliberately set out to upset others, deriving pleasure from this.

There are many others, however, who might inadvertently do so.

However, the consequences can be the same. Taking notice of these very simple reminders could ensure that you don't contribute to someone's poor mental health.

Stop and think...Be Kind Online

Just like you!

There is a real person behind every profile, everyone has feelings, just like you.

You may have no idea what else they might be coping with at any one time.

Any online comments or actions do not just disappear into the ether – they reach, and affect, the **real person**.

Take a moment and ask yourself...

Would you say that face to face?

Would you put that comment on a t-shirt and walk around wearing it?

Could your comment provoke further unkind behaviour?

Is your comment or action helpful, positive or supportive? If not, do not post it.

How would you feel if you were on the receiving end?

Be an upstander, not a bystander

If you see unkind behaviour towards others:

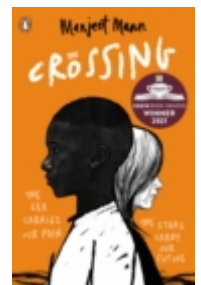
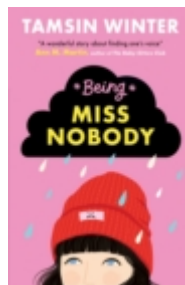
- Let someone know
- Call it out
- Report it, and
- Let the recipient know you will support them
- And, remember it is affecting a real person, **just like you**.

HGS Book Recommendations

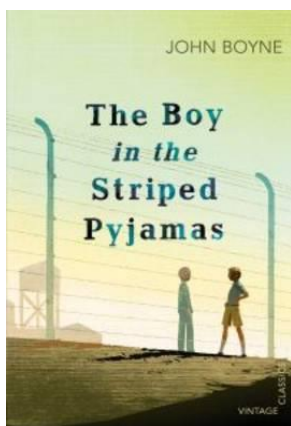
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New Arrivals in the LRC



This month's recommendations...

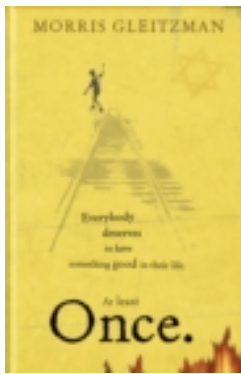


Lines may divide us, but hope will unite us . . . Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust.

He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country.

All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with.

Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas. Bruno's friendship with Shmuel will take him from innocence to revelation. And in exploring what he is unwittingly a part of, he will inevitably become subsumed by the terrible process.

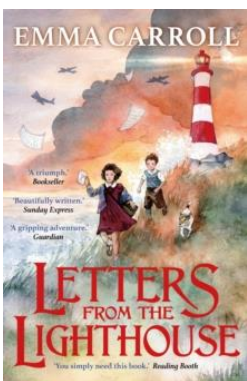


For three years and eight months, Felix has lived in a convent orphanage high in the mountains in Poland. But Felix is different from the other orphans. He is convinced his parents are still alive and will come back to get him.

When a group of Nazi soldiers come and burn the nuns' books, Felix is terrified that his Jewish, bookseller parents will also be in danger.

After escaping from the orphanage, Felix embarks on a long and dangerous journey through Nazi occupied Poland, befriendng a little orphan girl called Zelda and a kindly dentist, Barney, who hides and cares for Jewish children.

But when the Nazis discover them, Barney makes the ultimate sacrifice for the children.



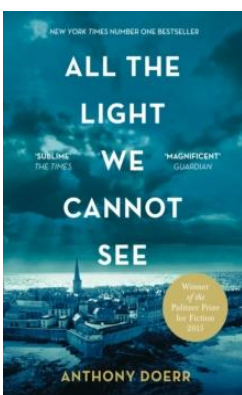
We weren't supposed to be going to the pictures that night.

We weren't even meant to be outside, not in a blackout, and definitely not when German bombs had been falling on London all month like pennies from a jar. February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast.

The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.

Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers.

But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.



Marie-Laure has been blind since the age of six. Her father builds a perfect miniature of their Paris neighbourhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home.

But when the Nazis invade, father and daughter flee with a dangerous secret.

Werner is a German orphan, destined to labour in the same mine that claimed his father's life, until he discovers a knack for engineering.

His talent wins him a place at a brutal military academy, but his way out of obscurity is built on suffering.

At the same time, far away in a walled city by the sea, an old man discovers new worlds without ever setting foot outside his home. But all around him, impending danger closes in.

As Europe is engulfed by war and lives collide unpredictably, 'All The Light We Cannot See' is a captivating and devastating elegy for innocence.



Jean Paget is just twenty years old and working in Malaya when the Japanese invasion begins. When she is captured she joins a group of other European women and children whom the Japanese force to march for miles through the jungle - an experience that leads to the deaths of many. Due to her courageous spirit and ability to speak Malay, Jean takes on the role of leader of the sorry gaggle of prisoners and many end up owing their lives to her indomitable spirit.

While on the march, the group run into some Australian prisoners, one of whom, Joe Harman, helps them steal some food, and is horrifically punished by the Japanese as a result. After the war, Jean tracks Joe down in Australia and together they begin to dream of surmounting the past and transforming his one-horse outback town into a thriving community like Alice Springs...



War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies.

There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children.

Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis.

As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love? Inspired by a true story.



Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2018. The Skylarks' War is a beautiful story following the loves and losses of a family growing up against the harsh backdrop of World War One, from the award-winning Hilary McKay. Clarry and her older brother Peter live for their summers in Cornwall, staying with their grandparents and running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. But normal life resumes each September - boarding school for Peter and Rupert, and a boring life for Clarry at home with her absent father, as the shadow of a terrible war looms ever closer. When Rupert goes off to fight at the front, Clarry feels their skylark summers are finally slipping away from them.

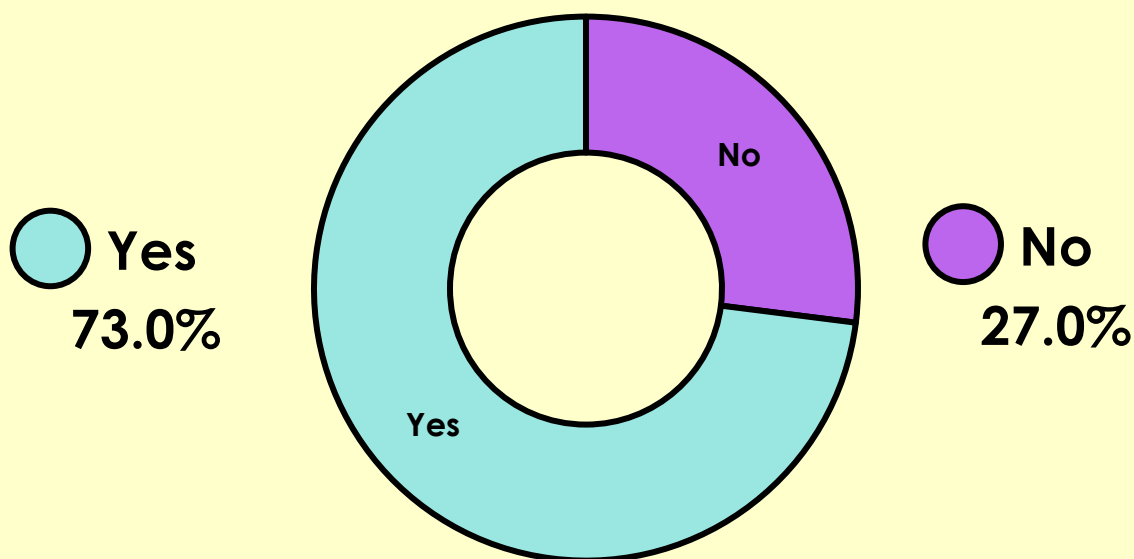
Can their family survive this fearful war?





Your latest topic results:

HGS students votes - Is it time to switch off the BBC?



Continue the conversation at home...

Do fandoms encourage bullying?

What are some of your **interests & hobbies**?
How do you **express your passion** for them?

Are **some fandoms** more **toxic** than others? If so, **why** do you think this is?

Are some fans **wrong for expecting and demanding** a lot from **celebrities & creators**?

Need help & support?

To access the resources below, click the links (Ctrl + click) or enter the search terms into your browser.

The **Anti-Bullying Alliance** is the go-to place for **any information about bullying**, in school or elsewhere.

Search Term:
[Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)

Search Term:
[respectme Scotland](#)

For those in **Scotland**, you can find out more about **tackling bullying** (and Anti-Bullying Week) via **respectme**.

If you are concerned about **bullying or your safety**, you can contact **Childline** anytime on **0800 1111**, or visit their website.

Search Term:
[Childline Bullying Support](#)

Search Term:
[National Bullying Helpline](#)

Alternatively, you can call the **National Bullying Helpline** between 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday on **0300 323 0169**.

As well as **general advice** on mental health, **YoungMinds** also have a section on their website about **coping with bullying**.

Search Term:
[YoungMinds Bullying](#)

Search Term:
[EACH Helpline](#)

For anyone experiencing **homophobic, biphobic or transphobic** bullying, **EACH** have a free helpline: **0808 1000 143**.

Remember: If you are struggling to cope and think you may be in danger, **call Samaritans on 116 123** for free.