



LOUGHBOROUGH
High School

LEARNING SUPPORT

SUMMER TERM NEWS

2022

Welcome to our termly newsletters. We will bring you up to date with departmental news, strategies to support your learning and information about specific additional needs.



Learning Support Prefect

Welcome to our new Learning Support Prefect, Grace (Year 12). Here Grace talks about why she was keen to be the Learning Support Prefect. Grace will be an advocate in School for Learning Support and is keen to support students in all year groups with their learning. More information to follow next year as to when and where you can find her!

Hi, I'm Grace, and I'm going to be the Learning Support Prefect for the coming academic year. I have been asked 'why would you want to do that?', and I think that this is the reason why - to remove the stigma around Learning Support, because it is nothing to be ashamed of and nothing to be scared about. I enjoy helping people, and I love seeing the understanding when they get something right and know why! I'm really looking forward to getting started soon, and hopefully I'll see most of you around School!

Staffing News

Next year, Mrs Travis will be working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Simpkin will continue to work in the department part time.

A great team to support students in Learning Support.

Wishing all students a wonderful summer break.



Neurodiversity Week 21 – 27 March 2022



We celebrated Neurodiversity Awareness Week last term. The aim was to improve understanding around neurodiversity and help shift the focus from our weaknesses to the strengths and positive aspects of being neurodiverse.

Each form produced an umbrella showcasing their strengths and skills and raising awareness that everyone is

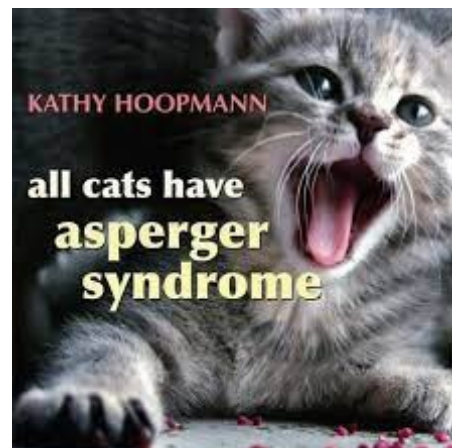
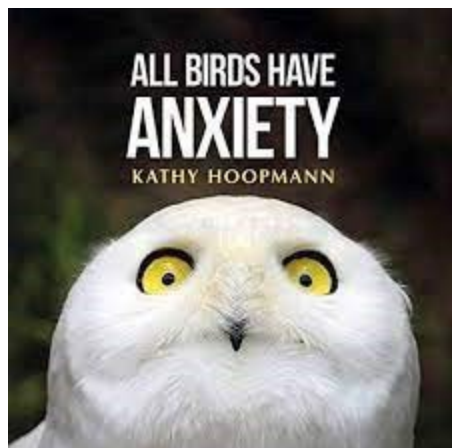
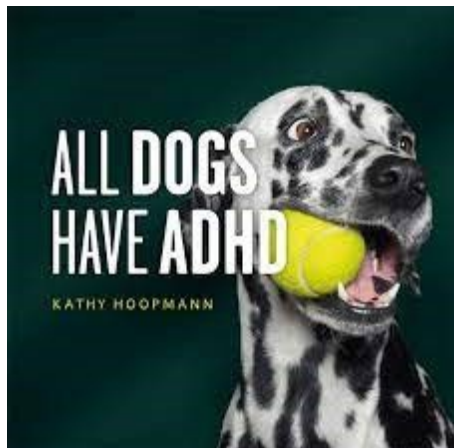
different and unique. We received videos and fantastic advice for our current girls from ex-students and neurodivergent women in successful careers. Everyone got involved – students and staff – and it highlighted the vast array of talents we have in school.

It was lovely to feel the buzz of positivity in school.



Reminder

Learning Support is a well-resourced area with some great books to support students on their journey to discovering more about their learning needs. Books and revision material can be booked out with **Mrs Travis** or **Mrs Simpkin**. The books in these pictures have been particularly popular recently.



Spotlight on....

Bionic reading

Do you struggle to read at speed?

A new type of typeface might be beneficial to neurodivergent readers. It is called **Bionic Reading** and was created in Switzerland by Renato Casutt.

We learn and store words and therefore our amazing brains only needs the first few letters to recognise the whole word. Bionic reading bolds the first few letters, making it easier for readers to glide through text and stay focussed.

To find out more about Renato's journey and how he set up bionic reading, or to convert your own documents for free, please visit www.bionic-reading.com

Bionic Reading is a new method facilitating the reading process by guiding the eyes through text with artificial fixation points. As a result, the reader is only focusing on the highlighted initial letters and lets the brain center complete the word. In a digital world dominated by shallow forms of reading, Bionic Reading aims to encourage a more in-depth reading and understanding of written content.



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