Literacy Newsletter

Ideas, Resources and Support for Literacy Learning in Lockdown

Literacy is the ability to **read**, **write**, **speak** and **listen** in a way that lets us communicate effectively and make sense of the world. At Bedford High School, our goal is to develop world class learners. We recognise that literacy is the essential foundation of education. We are committed to ensuring that every student at Bedford is equipped with the skills needed to take control of their destinies, fulfil their potential and thrive in a rapidly changing and unpredictable world.

When we are experiencing unusual or unsettling times, as we are with the current Covid situation, one of the best sources of comfort or distraction is a good story we can lose ourselves in. When you've finished the books you have at home, you can find some brilliant free reading resources in this week's newsletter. Like what you have read? Send a review to e.rooney@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Free Audio Books

Audible have made lots of audiobooks available to listen to on your phone, device or computer for FREE! Click here for literary classics: Audible Stories: Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com or click here for teen fiction Audible Stories: Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com

Even though libraries are closed, lots is still availably remotely. Students can join Manchester Library for FREE! The library has 1000s of eBooks that can be reserved and read on any device. Click here Register | Manchester Libraries (spydus.co.uk) and follow the registration process. Students should use their school email, their four digit school number and the school address:

Bedford High School
Manchester Road
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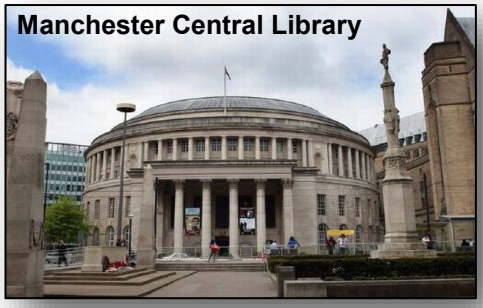
WN7 2LU

Once registration is complete, students will be given a temporary membership number. KEEP THIS SAFE. This will be needed to reserve books. Please email temporary numbers to g.garbutt@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

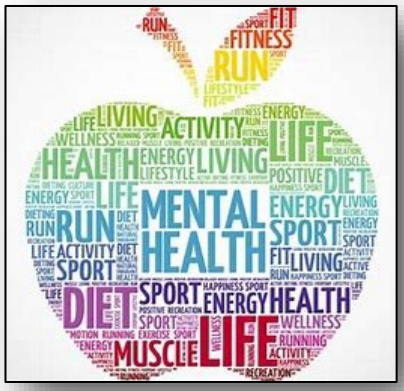


GoodReads is an ideal app for book lovers in these strange times. Use on your computer or phone for free to read and write reviews, set yourself a reading challenge, start a book club with your friends, participate in author Q&As and discuss your favourite books with likeminded readers. Goodreads | Meet your next favorite book

Last year food writer (and Great British Bake Off contestant!) Ruby Tandoh edited a zine all about mental wellbeing and finding sparks of hope when everything feels bleak. It is now available for free: click here to read!

Do What You Want: A Zine About Mental Wellbeing by dowhatyouwant - issuu

As well as recipes, art and poetry, the zine includes articles about managing your mental health when working from home, the mood-boosting properties of exercise, embracing our vulnerable side, mental health in refugee communities, and much more.



Penguin Talks

The Penguin Talks series features a diverse array of fascinating speakers on a range of topics. Click here How to Believe in Yourself with Big Narstie & Ciaran Thapar: Virtual Penguin Talk - YouTube to watch Big Narstie and Ciaran Thapar's thoughts on How to Believe in Yourself. Or click here How To Be a Climate Optimist, with David Wallace-Wells & Lily Cole: Virtual Penguin Talk - YouTube to watch climate activist Lily Cole and journalist David Wallace-Wells explore How to Be a Climate Optimist.