

# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing: Monday 11 January 2021

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND ADDITIONAL HELP

This week, the Department for Education announced that they are reinstating the National Free School Meals scheme which is administered by Edenred. Fullbrook will be switching to this system from Monday 1 February as the vouchers for the next fortnight have already been ordered through our current provider. More detailed information about Edenred will be sent out next week to our Free School Meal families.

If you need additional support with food & toiletries then please email [additionalfood@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:additionalfood@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk) with the following information;

- Full postal address including postcode
- Mobile phone number (which is easiest to contact you on)
- Number of people in the household –number of adults; number of children and their ages

We will then make the referral to Runnymede Foodbank on your behalf.

## NOTIFICATION OF COVID-RELATED ABSENCE

We are required to notify the DfE of covid-related absence from school on a daily basis. In order to do this accurately we would be grateful if parents and staff could send an email to [info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk) to let us know if a student;

- Develops coronavirus symptoms
- Tests positive for COVID-19
- Is required to isolate owing to having been in contact with somebody who has tested positive

Please let us know the date of start of symptoms, the date of COVID test and the start and end dates of the isolation period so that we can log each case correctly.

Please put **COVID-19** in the subject line of the email.

Thank you for your help with this important report.

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*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed. It is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead*

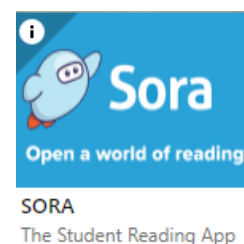
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## WONDERFUL FEEDBACK!

Thank you to all parents/carers who have taken time to write in with positive comments. All comments are shared with the Fullbrook team, and this is very refreshing and motivating for staff, which is so important at the moment. Some of the recent comments can be found on **page 2** of this newsletter.

## ACCESSING BOOKS REMOTELY

We also we wanted to remind parents of the importance of reading. Students can still access books remotely via SORA which they can find on RM Unify. This allows them to borrow e-books remotely. Further information will be shared in tutor time.



## JANUARY READING LIST

## CONTACT US

Please do not hesitate to contact us via:

[info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk)

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[homework@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:homework@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Click the symbols to view the Fullbrook Facebook & Twitter pages.



January can be a difficult month (especially after the year we have had!). Here are some books that we hope will keep your spirits up and make you laugh out loud. Click [here](#) to see our recommendations in case you're in need of a bit of a chuckle.

## LRC RECOMMENDATIONS

On **page 3** of the newsletter you will find reading recommendations for this month.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21 January	Year 11 Parents Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 4 February	Year 7 Parents Evening (Virtual)
Friday 12 February	School closes for half term (normal finish time)
Monday 22 February	School reopens to students (opening details TBC)

***"I really appreciate the efforts that the (Fullbrook) staff are going to for the students"***

By email



*"I would like to commend two schools for their excellent support to pupils who are homeschooling and their care and continued education of critical workers' children and those with SEN. Well done Fullbrook School and West Byfleet Infant School. My eldest son is homeschooling and my youngest, who is autistic, is in school. Both of their schools have worked flat out under massive pressure and extremely short notice to plan, prepare and roll out online learning and staff rotas and lesson plans for those learning on site. Pastoral care is also being prioritised, with calls being made by Fullbrook tutors to their tutees to check on them and support them. The senco and the head of WB Infant School also called me to discuss and plan for my autistic son's needs during this time. I applaud both of these schools."*

Submitted to Ofsted



*"I would like to confirm that my daughter's secondary school has given me absolutely nothing to complain about. Fullbrook Secondary school in New Haw, Surrey, has risen to the challenge of providing online learning for my year 10, daughter literally in the space of 12 hours at a time when I am sure you and Gavin Williamson were asleep. We have found it easy to access and follow, and of very high quality. We have also received welfare calls, and the SENCO has also been busy helping with an ASD referral for my daughter, all remotely. A glance at this week's newsletter shows that whilst this has also all been going on the Lateral Flow Testing Centre in the school has been up and running. This completes the work you gave to them over their Christmas holidays- when do teachers ever rest??? I am proud that my daughter goes to this school and really couldn't ask for any more."*

*These teachers and the Head are clearly some of the most resilient and creative people you could hope to meet, and their commitment to my daughter's education is outstanding."*

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*"Myself and husband would like to say a massive thank you to you and all the Fullbrook staff for the monumental effort everyone has put into the online teaching you have managed to provide at such short notice this week. G has completed all her work this week, it hasn't been a completely smooth ride (she managed to do some year 9 maths, I'm not sure how). However, most importantly when she wasn't sure teachers replied in her words 'with in ten minutes, really quick!' and guided her through. She has received brilliant feedback which is so important when home learning. Georgie appreciates that the teachers are putting in lots of effort and she is really looking forward to zoom lessons next week. We as parents also appreciated the phone call check in."*

*Thank you again for doing such a good job in such extenuating circumstances, it really is appreciated."*

By email



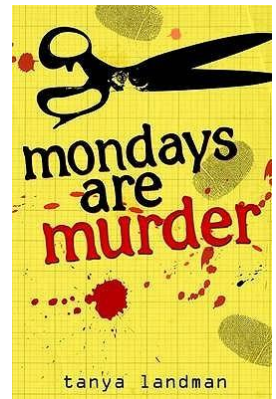


# THE LRC RECOMMENDS

The LRC have some great recommendations of books to make you smile or even laugh out loud this week. All of the books we are showcasing are available to borrow right now as e-books through the SORA reading app.

## E-Book of the week for Lower school Readers

Miss Marple for the younger reader! When Poppy Fields goes on an activity holiday to a remote Scottish island, she is looking forward to a week of climbing, hill-walking and horse riding. But things take a bad turn when their instructor has what appears to be a fatal abseiling accident. When Poppy discovers that his rope was cut; and more of the instructors start to have "accidents", she and best friend Graham suspect foul play and decide to investigate.



## E-Book of the week for Upper school Readers



10:00 tonight at the water tower. Tell no one. - Chaos Club

When Max receives a mysterious invite from the untraceable, epic prank-pulling Chaos Club, he has to ask: why him? After all, he's Mr. 2.5 GPA, Mr. No Social Life. He's Just Max. And his favorite heist movies have taught him this situation calls for Rule #4: Be suspicious. But it's also his one shot to leave Just Max in the dust...

Yeah, not so much. Max and four fellow students—who also received invites—are standing on the newly defaced water tower when campus security "catches" them. Definitely a setup. And this time, Max has had enough. It's time for Rule #7: Always get payback. Let the prank war begin.

*"This book is pitched as The Breakfast Club meets Ocean's Eleven, and it actually lives up to that comparison. (I know—that's really saying something—but it's true!) Just like in both of those films, there's a crew of characters who are more partners-in-crime than friends, and each one of them is a well-crafted, vivid individual. The book is witty and smart with a pitch perfect tone."*

### ....and if reading isn't your thing....listen to this!

Rod and his cousin take family rivalry to a new level in this rollicking comedy from Jeff Strand. Rod's life is pretty awesome. He plays in a punk rock band that's starting to score gigs and has a great girlfriend. Then he learns that his rich cousin, Blake, will be staying with him for three months—moving into his room, moving in on his girlfriend and band, and basically ruining his life! Prankster Blake has his own ideas on how Rod should live, but his efforts to get Rod girls and bring people to the band's shows are the opposite of helpful. Between Blake's ridiculous pranks and Rod's increasing paranoia, this semester might be the cousins' most memorable yet. That is, if their hijinks don't kill them first.

