

Message from the Principal



Welcome to half term. It has been a busy and productive time in the life of SJNC as always. Please take time to read about our highlights of the term.

We have been so impressed with the way students have applied themselves to their learning, and to supporting one another in the classroom. Year 11s showed real resilience and engagement as they completed their assessments and we are sure Year 10 will do likewise as they prepare for their end of year assessments in June. Postcards have been sent out to all students in Years 7 and 8 who belong to the Zero Club. This means they have behaved impeccably this term. Well done to all students who received one of these.

We are happy to announce a new pastoral team for Year 8 which will now be led by Mrs Carrington, Mrs Lunn and Mrs Wilson. Our thanks go to Ms Turrell and Mrs Nayee who have been overseeing them, alongside Mrs Mason.

We are proud to have had our Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship status confirmed for a further 3 years. This is testament to the hard work that all staff, parents and students put in to creating a positive and inclusive environment within the school.

Mental Health ambassadors have been trained in all year groups and will be working alongside their peers next term to help provide advice and information on looking after their mental health. There is more information within the newsletter about other organisations to support young people and their parents with mental health concerns.

As Covid cases begin to rise in Leicester, it is more important than ever to stay vigilant and safe in terms of our own personal actions, as well as getting ourselves tested regularly so asymptomatic cases can be uncovered. Please see inside the newsletter for a reminder of how to sign up for lateral flow tests if you have not already done so.

I wish you and your families a wonderful May half term; hopefully we will all have some sunshine to enjoy.

Best wishes
Mrs Angus



KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM:

- ⇒ **28th May**—School Closes
- ⇒ **31st May—4th June**—Half Term Break
- ⇒ **7th June**—School reopens
- ⇒ **16th June**—Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- ⇒ **18th June**—Last Day for Year 11
- ⇒ **28th June**—Year 6 SEN Induction Morning
- ⇒ **28th June**—Year 6 Virtual Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **29th June**—Year 6 Transfer Day
- ⇒ **9th July**—School Closes (End of school year)

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PASTORAL NEWS ...

YEAR 11 PROGRESSION CURRICULUM—Monday 7th June—Friday 18th June 2021

We are really pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for our students whose two-year GCSE course has been impacted by the school closures and periods of self-isolation due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whilst we are immensely proud of their resilience and their ability to bounce back and adapt, it would be remiss if we did not acknowledge that these changes, including the cancellation of GCSE, are not the optimum way of preparing them for their next steps.

This programme includes a range of academic and holistic opportunities that we believe will be enriching, useful and engaging and help the students to think very positively about their future pathway. The programme will be a blended approach to learning with students expected to be in school from 8.20am until 12.00 pm after which they will be asked to engage with work from home.

The fortnight will culminate in a celebration morning where we hope to give students a special send off for being a truly amazing and resilient year group.

We are very grateful for your support in encouraging your child to engage fully in their progression curriculum and look forward to having some special alternative provision in place for them.

Please do not hesitate to Mrs Carrington or Mrs King with any questions or queries.

Mrs King
Assistant Principal



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PASTORAL NEWS...

YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY COMPETES IN COUNTY FINAL

Our Young Enterprise Company 'Halcyon' recently competed in the Young Enterprise County final. Due to the current situation they had to submit their report and record a presentation in advance of the Virtual awards evening. They worked extremely hard to meet the tight deadlines provided.



The judging took place remotely with the judges meeting up via a video link to decide on the prizes. They attended an interview with the judges on the day and gave a two-minute insight into their experience during the award night. The company won the Customer service Award but unfortunately not a place in the regional final. The judges commented on how well they had adapted to setting up a business in a global pandemic and adjusted to meet the needs of their customers at every step they took.

The students are now deciding when and how to wind up the company after completing the orders they have received. They have worked really hard to develop their products and get to the position they are in. Well done to the company and I hope that they have learnt about setting up and running an enterprise. Application forms will be sent out to Year 9 students after half term.

Mr Pope

FSM BOXES AND ACTIVITIES

TOGETHER with your exclusive food parcel, containing the ingredients and recipes for five nutritious, simple and fun to make lunches, we've also arranged for access to a number of fun filled and exciting sporting activities.



Some of these activities are limited and therefore available on a first come first served basis so make sure to book in today!

Please visit: families.leicester.gov.uk/fsmhalftermoffer for information all booking links.

Free activity sessions

There are a number of other physical activity sessions that you can book on to – but remember to book early to secure your spot! And remember, you only have to be eligible for this offer to attend any sessions at any of the schools. As we want to reach as many people as possible, please limit your booking to a session or two at the most. Premier Education are running multi-activity sessions for primary aged pupils (up to age 11) at the following venues. Please check days and time as these may vary

To book go to: families.leicester.gov.uk/fsmhalftermoffer Sessions will follow the format below (except the session at Braunstone Leisure Centre which runs 9am – midday).



A REMINDER RE: EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can protect your rights by applying to the EU Settlement Scheme to stay in the UK. You do not need to apply if you are a British or Irish citizen, or you have indefinite leave to remain or enter. The EU Settlement Scheme allows you and your family to get the immigration status you need to:

- ◆ continue to live, work and study in the UK
- ◆ access public services like the NHS

The deadline to apply is **30 June 2021**.

How to apply

Apply and find out more information here: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>

Where to get support

Support is available if you need help with your application:

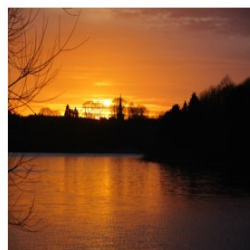
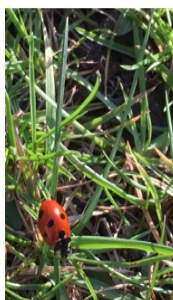
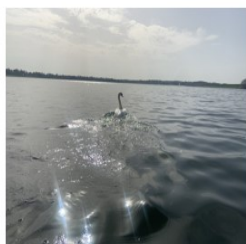
- ◆ call the EU Settlement Resolution Centre if you have any questions about your application on 0300 123 7379
- ◆ read translated guidance on the EU Settlement Scheme: [gov.uk/settled-status-translations](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-translations)

"The Beauty of Nature" Art & Photography Competition so far...

This year, we have decided to launch a competition that can give you the opportunity to further appreciate the environment, be out in nature and capture the wildlife within it.

This is a fantastic excuse to take some well deserved 'ME TIME', get out into the fresh air and help build our sense of worth.

We are quickly moving towards our 3rd submission deadline, here is a taster of some of the entries...



We look forward to seeing what you can capture over the coming weeks ☺

Mrs Goodwin & Mr McKinlay



DEADLINES

There will be 6 submission dates between now and October half term.

Up to two winning images will be chosen from each submission to appear in the final calendar.

1. Friday 26 March
2. Friday 30 April
3. Friday 28 May
4. Friday 25 June
5. Friday 24 September
6. Friday 22 October

There will be a space allocated for one winning image from a staff entry.

COVID RESULTS ...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING HOME TESTING

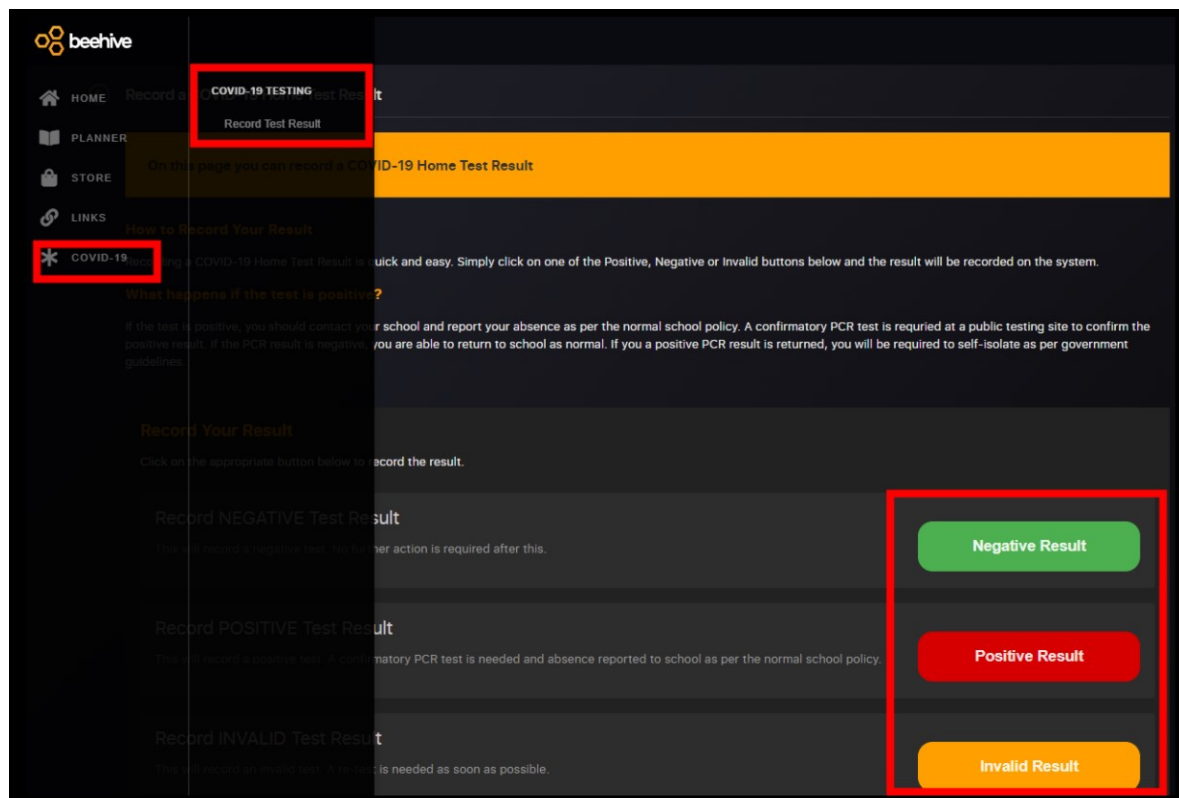
As we approach the final day before we start our Half Term holiday, I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the home testing requirements during this period. Your child is to continue to do their LFD tests at home on Sunday afternoon/evening and Wednesday afternoon/evening next week. They must also ensure that they test on the Sunday afternoon/evening before returning to school on Monday 7th June.

You (or your child) need to report the result of each of the tests to:

1. NHS via Test & Trace self-report website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
2. School via BEEHIVE (you can use yours or your child's account): <https://beehive.lionhearttrust.org.uk>

If your child is reporting their result, please ensure they do this accurately and correctly.

Please see below screenshots of where to locate the results page on Beehive.



Please note, as parents you can only add this information from a web browser (preferably chrome), therefore you cannot use the app to do this. The other thing to note is that if you have previously logged in, you may need to clear the cache (by logging off, holding shift and pressing F5 and then logging back in).

If your child gets an invalid/void result they are to report this result and take another test immediately. If as a result of this they run out of tests and do not have enough tests left to do a test before they on Monday 7th June, then please contact the college urgently via the contactus@sirjonathannorth.ork.uk email address and we will provide advice on the next steps to take.

If you have requested for your child to be tested at school, then they do not need to be tested again until they arrive at school on Monday 7th June.

CURRICULUM NEWS ...

HUMANTIES DEPARTMENT

SUSTRANS HAIRSTYLES AND HIJABS COMPETITION WINNER

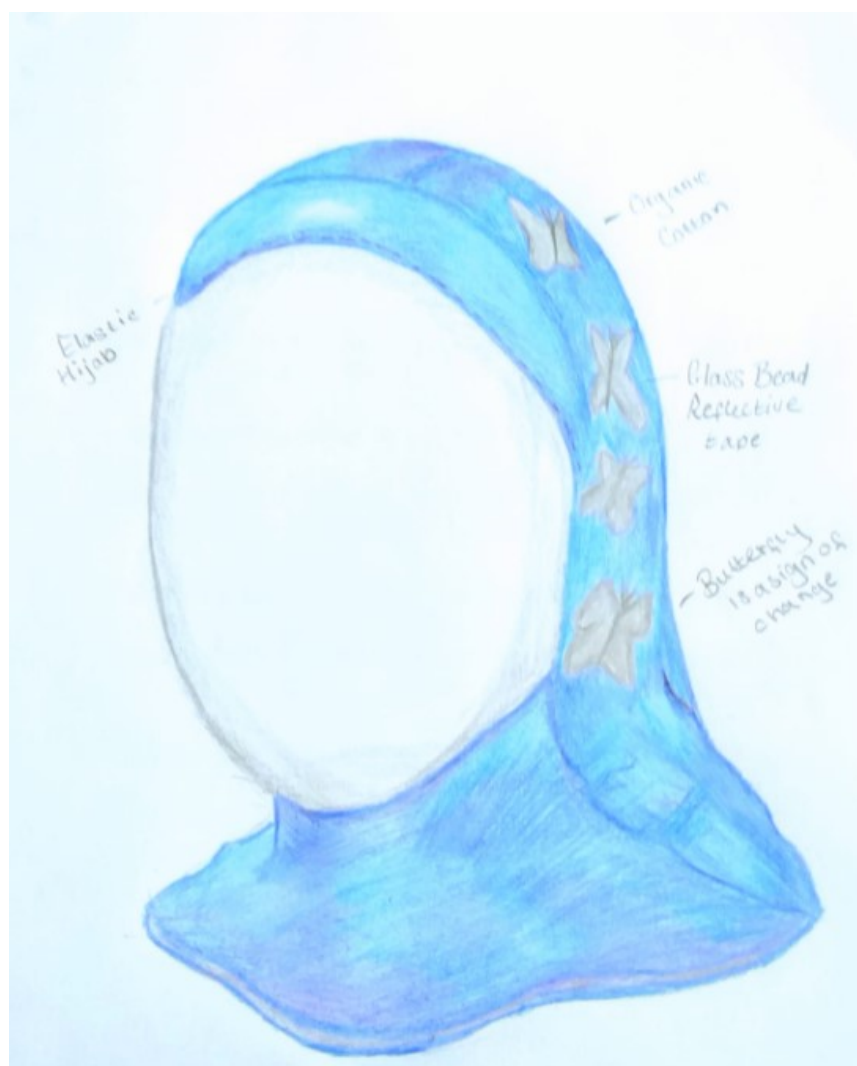
We are thrilled to announce that Seyi in Year 7 was a winner of the Sustrans competition to design a hairstyle or hijab style which works well with cycling. The aim of the competition was to get students thinking about how to encourage more teenage girls to cycle. Seyi designed a hijab style and produced a drawing and video of her design. The judges were very impressed with her thoughtful design. Seyi has won a £50 voucher to spend on cycling equipment or hair products.

Seyi said about her design:

'I entered the competition mainly to have fun and try something new. I had no idea I would end up winning. When I was thinking into my design, I took a lot of things into account. I do not wear a hijab myself, but I do cycle a lot, so I did a lot of research to find environmentally friendly, safe, and fun ways to cycle with a hijab. My favourite part was just trying out different designs and it was such a fun experience!'

Congratulations sey!

Ms White - Geography department



CURRICULUM NEWS ...

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

LAW CLUB

Well done to the following year 9 and 10 students who have attended 'Law Club' on Thursdays after school via TEAMs. Students maturely and thoughtfully posed questions to guest speakers including a lawyer at KPMG, a criminologist and a family law barrister. You have all clearly demonstrated that you are dedicated to your education and resourceful in researching future career paths. It has been rewarding for me to learn about some of your aspirational plans for the future and I hope you remain as ambitious throughout your education!

Aisha Ashraf (10.1)
Ayse Basyurt (10.8)
Rosie Oldman (9.5)
Riyaa Sandhu (10.4)
Noor Junaid (10.6)
Omaima Elmahdi (10.4)
Ayesha Vadia (10.9)
Esme Tomlinson (9.5)
Amelie Wilson (9.2)

Palo Chikumbi (9.7)
Aysha Suka (10.2)
Elysia Armstrong (9.7)
Divine Awerije (9.9)
Betty Sert (10.5)

WELL DONE!
Miss Gallagher



Ms Gallagher

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

ENGLISH WIDER READING - PHENOMENAL ACHIEVEMENT

During English library lessons, all Year 7 students are encouraged to read a wide range of genres to widen their vocabulary and reading experience of different worlds and issues.

Students are rewarded with Reading certificates known as stages, after reaching a target set for each level. We are so proud of

Evelyn, 7.5 and Iman, 7.5 who have gained their PLATINUM CERTIFICATE, final in the series of reading certificates by reading 37 books in total .

Both have read
Step 1 3 books in 3 different genres
Step 2 6 books in 5 different genres
Step 3 10 books in 8 different genres
PLATINUM LEVEL - 18 books in 18 different genres

They both won a free book of their choice along with their Platinum Certificate.

Meena
LRC Manager



WELLBEING ...

Well done to all students! You have displayed resilience in your ability to adapt to all of the additional Covid requirements, we have had to implement during the past half term. You have shown respect towards others by wearing your masks in lessons and allowing space within your bubbles. We have all had a challenging time and as we gradually get more freedom to go out and about, I would like to remind everyone to continue to take care.

It has been challenging for us all to have less contact with friends and family. If you have found things particularly tough and would like someone to talk to about your feelings, we have got a team of people in college to support you. Please feel free to talk to your tutor, APL, PL or any member of staff in school. If you require additional support, we can refer you for mentoring, Relate counsellor or other external agencies. There are also lots of helpful websites listed on the next page.

It is quite normal for us all to feel anxious about the restrictions and the possibility of catching Covid. To help reduce that anxiety we need to remain positive and follow the simple rules of hands, face space wherever possible.

The Centre for Fun and Families in Leicester are also able to offer online workshops via zoom for young people age 11-16 for managing anxiety and managing my mind. You can self-refer through their website or we can do a referral on your behalf.

<https://www.cfcharity.org.uk/>

MANAGING MY ANXIETY—FREE online workshop for young people (11-16 years) living in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland, who are struggling with anxiety and feeling overwhelmed.

The workshop consists of four x1 hour sessions that are delivered digitally via Zoom. Young people will have the opportunity to develop and explore the following:

- ◆ Understanding anxiety and the brain.
- ◆ Build better resilience
- ◆ Learn strategies to support wellbeing
- ◆ Start to make positive change in how to manage anxiety day to day.

MANAGING MY MIND - General mental health support for young people aged 11-16 years

FREE online workshop for young people (11-16 years) living in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland, who are getting more and more worried about managing their general mental health. Young people may be feeling a change in mood, feeling more stressed/angry than normal and need to develop a better understanding of how their mental health is impacting their relationships with others and how they are feeling. This workshop looks at wellbeing and how we can look after ourselves and promote positive mental health.

The aim of the new four session workshop (via Zoom) is to help young people:

- ◆ Understand mental health (risk factors and promoting positive wellbeing)
- ◆ Build better resilience to boost self esteem
- ◆ Develop strategies to support wellbeing
- ◆ Explore positive change.

The next group starts on 20 July (school holidays) 10am - 11am.

Mrs Mason
Student Support Manager

WELLBEING ...

FEELING A LITTLE LOW AND NEED SOME SUPPORT?

When life is tough,
we're here to listen

SAMARITANS

Call us free 24/7 on
116 123
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We're supporting
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for better mental health
Helpline: 0300 123 3393

NSPCC 
HELPLINE
0808 800 5000
help@nspcc.org.uk

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health
Parents' Helpline: 0808 802

kooth
www.kooth.com

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
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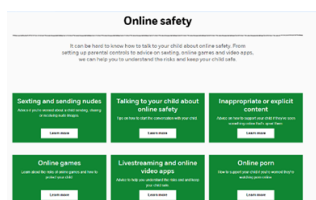
 **Cruse
Bereavement
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Call our free helpline **0808 808 1677**
helpline@cruse.org.uk

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

We would like to draw your attention to some excellent websites that can help you have conversations with your children about on line safety and ensure the necessary privacy settings are in place on their devices.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse service can still be contacted by text:



07520 615387



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THINGS TO DO ...

LIBRARY

FEEL GOOD

With easing of Covid-19 rules we can look forward to Summer & Happy Days. Here is a list of feel good & happy books to read...

FEEL GOOD

	<p>Age 11+ Number 1 bestselling memoir for young readers, The former first lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, tells a very personal, & inspiring, story of how, through hard work & determination, she from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life. A tale of ups & downs, triumphs & failures, this is an incredibly honest account. It will take you from the early years – first school, first love – to the wonders of the White House, & the moment she shook hands with the Queen of England.</p>		<p>Age 11+ Rosalind hates her new secondary school. She's the weird girl who doesn't talk. The Mute-ant. & it's easy to pick on someone who can't fight back. So Rosalind starts a blog - Miss Nobody; a place to speak up, a place where she has a voice. But there's a problem...Is Miss Nobody becoming a bully herself?</p>		<p>Age 11+ Aman's father died & she finds it hard to come to terms with his death. Aman encounters Gurnam when he protects her, & her dog, from some bullies. She & her family strike up a friendship with him, that quickly becomes important to all of them. But, Gurman seems unhappy & Aman realises that there is a secret in his past, A warm, optimistic book with a vital message about confronting & resisting homophobia in all parts of society & the importance of creating a strong, multi-generational community.</p>
	<p>Age 12+ A funny, filmic & fast-paced crime-caper by a hilarious new voice in middle-grade fiction, ideal for readers aged 10 & up. Some people rob banks because they're greedy. Others enjoy the adrenalin rush. Me? I robbed a bank because of guilt. Specifically: guilt & a Nepalese scented candle...</p>		<p>Age 12+ Deja & Josiah have been best friends for years. Every September & October, they have shared shifts at the best pumpkin patch in the world, working in the Succotash Hut serving traditional Halloween food to hungry visitors. It's their last shift together as they will be leaving for college. Packed with puns, jokes & realistic dialogue, the story is strong, reflecting a diverse & inclusive young adult peer group; the female character Deja is a bi/pan. Although unfamiliar setting to UK, it gives a glimpse of the traditions, food & activities that give a flavour of how Americans celebrate Halloween.</p>		<p>Age 12+ Ro has become an expert at hiding: from social services, from friends, from having any sort of normal life, Until Tanvi turns up! Ro's carefully constructed walls start to crumble & sometimes it takes a real friend to show you who you truly are.</p>
	<p>Age 13+ Written in prose about one week in a secondary school where everything happens all at once. We read of moments that span everything from hoping to make it to the end of the week, facing it, fitting in, finding friends & falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, & worrying, wearing it well & worshipping from afar.</p>		<p>Age 13+ Set against the backdrop of the Iraq war of 2003, Lina fights to survive, to find a life for herself amid the chaos of war, to find what happened to her mother in the years before the war, when she was taken away by the secret police. She also falls in love, with the one person she should never have fallen in love with - an American soldier. This story is many things. It is a love story, both for a country & for a person. It is about an amazing girl, growing up in the worst circumstances imaginable.</p>		<p>Age 13+ 13-year Stewart Inkater is academically brilliant but "ungifted" socially. 14-year Ashley Anderson is the "it" girl, but her marks stink. Their worlds collide when Stewart & his dad move in with Ashley & her mom. Stewart is trying to be happy about it, but Ashley is horrified. She already is hiding the truth behind her parents' divorce & "Stewart" could threaten her position at the top of the social ladder. Both are complete opposites, & yet no matter their differences, they share one thing in common: like the rest of us, they are all made of molecules.</p>
	<p>Age 14+ This is a love story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets. It's the story of Henry Jones & Rachel Sweetie, best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother, looking for future in the books people love, & the words they leave behind</p>		<p>Age 14+ The Storys are the envy of their neighbours: owners of the largest property on their East Coast island, rich, beautiful, & close, until it all falls apart. The four children are suddenly dropped by their mother with a single sentence: You know what you did. They never hear from her again. When 18-year-old cousins Aubrey, Milly and Jonah Story receive a mysterious invitation to spend the summer at their grandmother's resort, they follow their curiosity & meet the woman who's been an enigma their entire lives. This summer, the teenagers are determined to discover the truth at the heart of their family.</p>		<p>Age 14+ Delliah, LA Internet-famous & at the start of something incredible & everything is going to change, but not in the way she imagines. Jaasmine is a child star; her selfie breaks Instagram. But if the world knew who Jaasmine really was? Cancelled. Fiona is everyone's best friend, always smiling. But on the inside, she is mess. If they discovered her secret, it would ruin her. Scarlet is perfection with a famous boyfriend & an online fanbase devouring her every move. But every perfect thing has a fatal flaw. To everyone clicking, DMing, following & faving, these girls are living the dream; but are they really? The sun is hot in California, & someone's going to get burned.</p>
	<p>Age 15+ All's fair in love & cheese — that is, until Pepper & Jack's spat turns into a viral Twitter war. Little do they know, while they're publicly duking it out with snarky memes & retweet battles, they're also falling for each other in real life — on an anonymous chat app Jack built.</p>		<p>Age 15+ Mille Michalchuk has gone to fat camp every year since she was a little girl. Not this year. This year she has new plans to chase her dream — & to kiss the boy she's crushing on.</p>		<p>Age 15+ 17-year Rukhsana All tries her hardest to live up to her conservative Muslim Bengali parents' expectations. She is looking forward to her new life in Caltech, Seattle pursuing engineering. But when her parents find out about her girlfriend Ariana, all of Rukhsana's plans fall apart.</p>