

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4

What a wonderful term we have had. The weather has improved and we have been able to use our beautiful outdoor spaces more. We are very lucky to have our grounds and we have some exciting plans over the next few months.

We were delighted with our Ofsted report which we hope you have all read - it is on our website if you haven't seen it yet.

We also launched our Facebook page this term, please do follow us as we will be sharing lots of news and information there.

I am sure many of you have watched the Netflix drama Adolescence - we have included a parents guide to Incel culture on the back page of this newsletter. Please do contact us if you have any concerns or would like further information

A reminder that students return to school on Wednesday 23rd April.
We all hope you have a lovely break and a Happy Easter.



Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Ms Avery and Mr Mears after the Easter Holiday. Mr Mears is going to visit his family and then go travelling and Ms Avery is going to her dream job at Camp America! We wish them both all the very best and thank them for all of the amazing work they have done at Bricklehurst. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.



Outdoor Education

Mr Rummery has been working with our students to develop our outdoor spaces into a Forest School.

This term our students have been learning about fire lighting and fire safety.

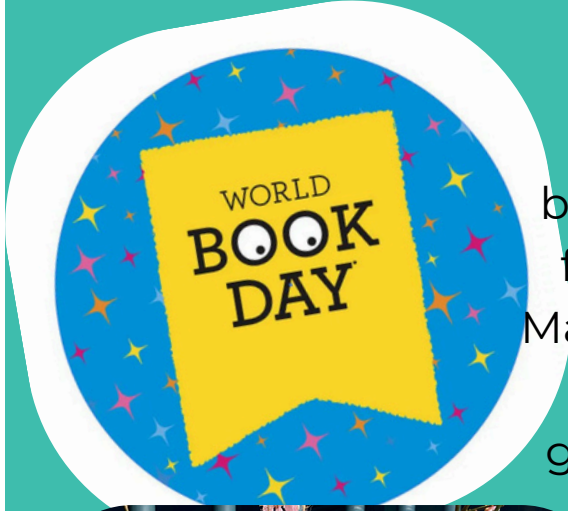
More than just playing in the woods, Forest School offers a unique and enriching educational experience. It's a place where children learn through hands-on, nature-based activities, fostering crucial skills that extend far beyond the forest's edge.



We are currently advertising for a Forest School Lead and a number of other roles - if you are interested gives us a call.



JOIN OUR TEAM



A big thank you to parents, carers, taxi drivers and chaperones for sharing your book choices with us as we celebrated our first Bricklehurst World Book Day on 6th March. We enjoyed a day buzzing with book talk and our tree is now planted in the grounds where it will continue to grow, as will our budding readers.



In Term 5 we will be rolling out some new programs to support our student's learning and progress. We are particularly excited to be launching Accelerated Reader to support with our existing literacy and reading programme.

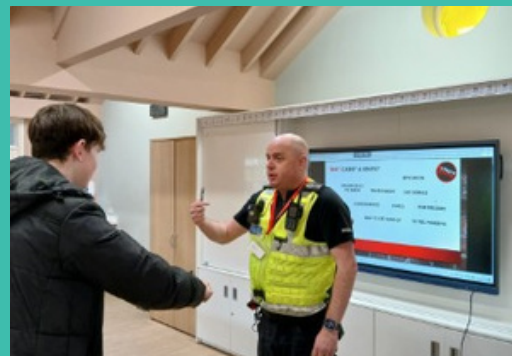


Scan the QR code to visit the Accelerated Reader webpage





We were very happy to welcome PC Donaldson into school again this term where he delivered some very important messages around peer pressure and knife crime. A really good session for our students.



Incel culture *PARENT GUIDE*

The recent Netflix drama **Adolescence** has highlighted the troubling rise of incel (involuntary celibate) communities and their influence on young people. As a parent, it is important to understand this online subculture, recognise warning signs, and engage in open conversations with your child. This guide explains incel ideology, key terms, signs to look out for, and conversation starters to help you support your child. You can find further support on our website.

What is an incel?



The term **incel** stands for 'involuntary celibate' and refers to men who believe they are unable to form romantic or sexual relationships despite wanting to. Some incel communities foster resentment towards women, blaming them for their perceived misfortune. These forums (often online) can promote misogyny, victimhood, and, in extreme cases, radicalisation.

Key Incel Terminology

Red Pill – From The Matrix, refers to 'waking up' to the 'truth' of gender dynamics, as incels perceive them.

Chad – An attractive, successful man who is desirable to all women.

Stacy – An attractive woman who is seen as prioritising men like Chad.

Becky – An average woman, often contrasted with a Stacy.

Femoid/Foid – A dehumanising term, implying women are inferior.

Black Pill – Belief that nothing changes with self improvement or effort.

80/20 Rule – A theory suggesting that 80% of women are attracted to 20% of men, fuels resentment.

Andrew Tate – A key promoter of incel ideology.

Signs to Look Out For:

- Low self-esteem
- Use of incel language
- Hostility towards women
- Isolation and secrecy
- Increased frustration & anger

Conversation Starters:

- What do you think makes a healthy relationship?
- Do you think it's fair to blame one group of people for personal difficulties?
- How do you decide whether something you read online is trustworthy?



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