

W/C 13th
October
2025

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Principal's Message

Last week, we celebrated World Teachers' Day in assemblies, encouraging our learners to show appreciation for the incredible work our staff do every day.

Miss Sheerman also shared an important message about the value of a healthy breakfast in fuelling our bodies and minds for the day ahead. At Cockshut Hill, we're proud to support this through our Summit Base Camp offer, which includes free bagels served each morning in the restaurant and at our Inclusion Breakfast Club, as well as free fruit provided at the end of each week—a nutritious snack to keep our learners energised.

Some of our Year 8 learners took part in an inspiring literacy session with the poet Spoz last Wednesday. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore creativity and the power of words.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind learners and parents of the many ways concerns or worries can be raised with school. We are committed to listening and responding with care and respect.

Learners can speak to:

Pastoral Managers | Form Tutors | Support Staff | Student Services | Safeguarding Team

Or report anonymously via the SHARP system – via the school website – this is signposted to learners in assemblies

Contact details are available on our website, in reception, and in every learner's planner.

Parents and carers can raise concerns through:

- The school website (safeguarding contact details)
- Parents' evenings and settling-in events
- Parental meetings
- Parent Voice forums

Or by telephone contact with the school

We are here to listen, support, and work together to ensure every child thrives.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership.



Half term Travel



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FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, **unlimited** travel from
27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy
unlimited free bus travel across the
West Midlands during these dates.

How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6
October until Wednesday 15 October.
Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!

Once applications close, we'll email you
with instructions on how to redeem your
free travel through your Swift account.



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Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- **learn about ADHD**
- **Understand the effect on our mental health**
- **Understand the reasons behind behaviours**
- **Gain confidence in advocating for our children**
- **Learn new strategies**
- **Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves**

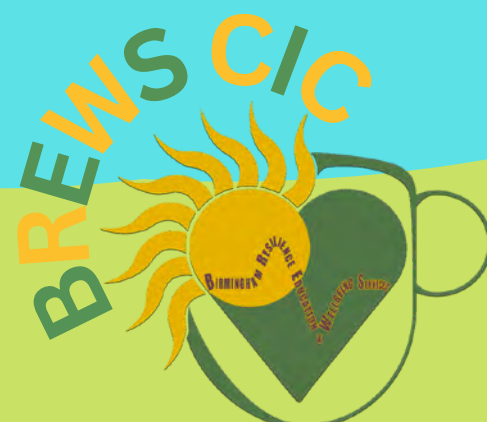
What parents have said about this course

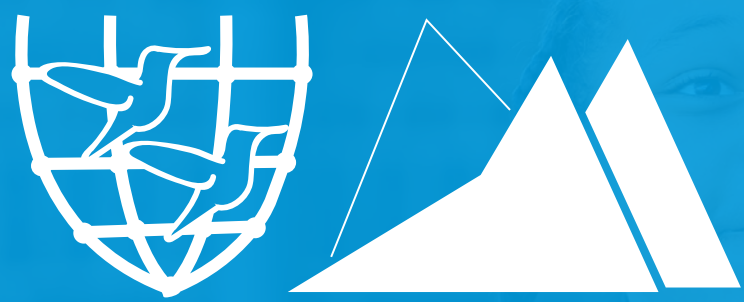
This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org





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Menu Restaurant

HAPPY
Diwali
Monday 20th October
Chicken Tikka Masala
or
Potato, Chickpea & Spinach
Curry
~
Served with Pilau Rice &
Bombay Potatoes
Naan Bread
Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries

Learn with
caterlink
feeding the imagination



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Spoz Poetry Work

Cockshut Hill School was delighted to welcome back the poet SPOZ to work with our Year 8 learners sponsored by Pantene. His workshop was full of fun and live performances which brought poetry to life. Learners explored many different types of poetry and were encouraged to play with words and rhythms for the theme Power of Hair. Working in teams, learners got to use their literacy skills and flair to create and write their own poem with a performance in front of their peers. A brilliant display of confidence and resilience shone brightly in the classroom. SPOZ brought the house down..... a great fun workshop, in which all the learners thoroughly enjoyed.

Learners feedback:

"I really enjoyed the workshop – it couldn't be better!"

"It was fun and interesting."

"It was amazing"

"Entertaining and very enjoyable, I loved the battle of the rhymes and winning. I learnt new vocabulary."

"I enjoyed performing, reading out loud my own poem to the class, built my confidence."

"The workshop is very supportive and helped my friend get out of comfort zone, she got up to perform at the end."

SPOZ feedback: "What a great bunch of Year 8 students – the best I've come across lately. It was great to see their journey from being shy and reserved at first but then oozing in confidence throughout the day. Great tenacity and resilience. It will be a pleasure to come back – some great students here! "

Teacher feedback: "SPOZ set the tone of the day right from the very start. To see learners going from really unsure of what to expect, to them driven and confident by the end of the day was truly commendable. I am super proud of the way our learners conducted themselves and it was brilliant to see those students who first lack confidence – shine!"



Personal Development



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
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GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

Article of the Month: 28 – The Right to Education

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

We have chosen this article as receiving an education is valuable for our future aspirations. It helps us to develop skills as well as understanding the world we live in and understanding ourselves better as individuals.



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 21st October: Year 7 Settling in Event

Friday 24th October: Half Term School closes at 3pm (4pm Y11)

Monday 3rd November: School returns



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Birmingham
Mental Health Support Teams



Mental health support for children, young people, and their families



*up to 25 years old for care leavers with special education needs or disability

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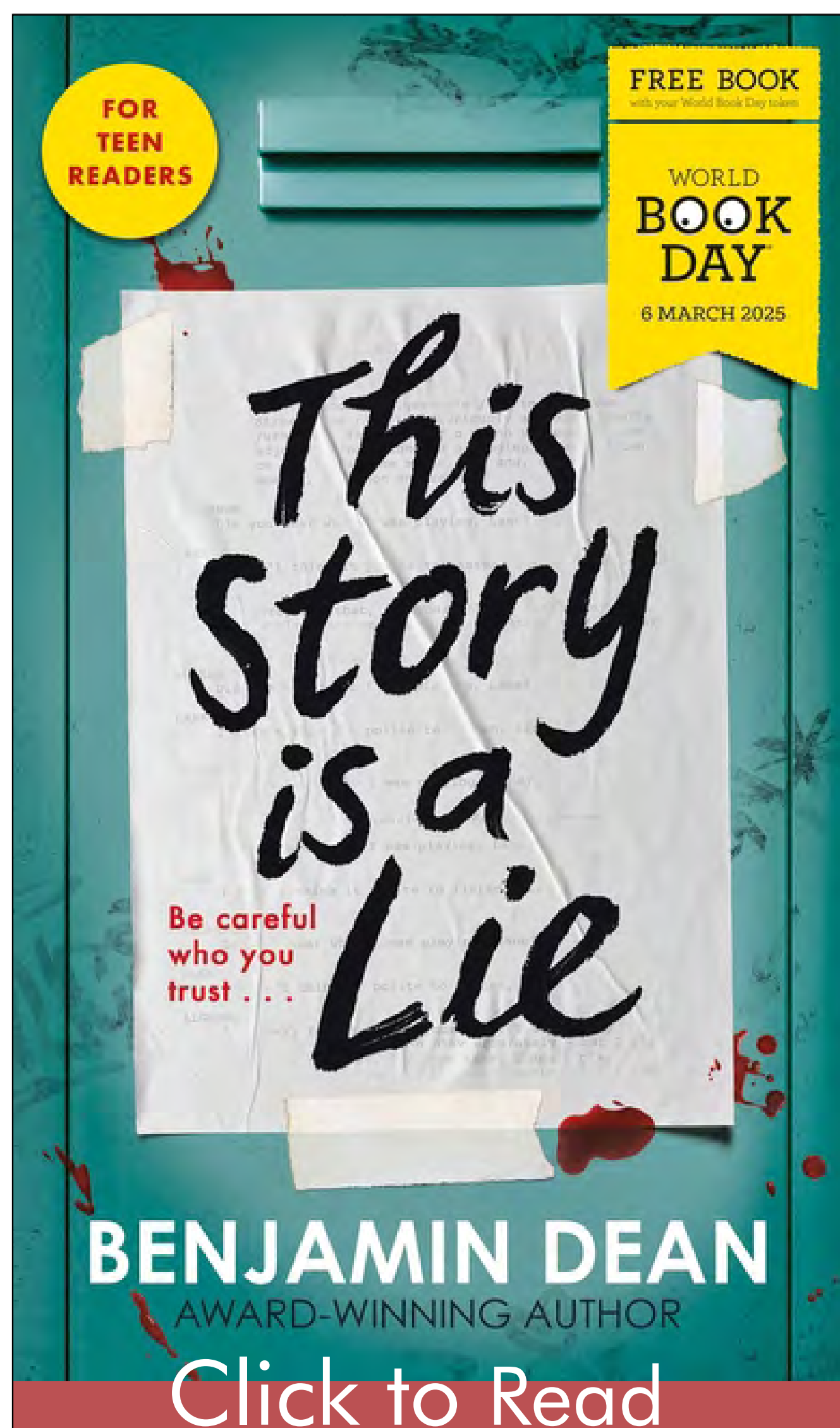
DIGITAL BOOK OF THE WEEK

This Story is a Lie
by Benjamin Dean

Harley Matthews is used to fading into the background. But all that changes when he's selected to compete in the Rising Stars programme for gifted and talented students.

Harley's world is soon turned upside down as he's thrust into the school's limelight. So much for laying low. But with new-found supporters comes envious enemies. And when he finds a chalk outline of his body drawn at the bottom of the school stairs, he has to face the reality that someone wants him out of the competition - permanently. But the underdog deserves to win, right?

Remember, this story is a lie.



[Click to Read](#)

Literacy Tip

Studies have shown that using closed captions regularly can help with improving reading speed, developing vocabulary, and strengthening reading comprehension. Next time you're watching a movie or a YouTube video, try turning them on.

Literacy Learner of the Week

Aaron James Pope, Year 7



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Learner Praise

House Stars of the Week



Alder House
Shiloh Mapp



Oak House
Nyima Sanyang



Maple House
Demarco Thomas



Yew House
Leo Jones

Principal's Commendation

- Muhammad Zafar
- Ibrahim Rehman
- Ana Tasleem

For excellent entries into the recent Modern Languages competition



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Learner Enrichment

Enrichment Opportunities

Half Term	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HT1	Library Club – after school Coding Club – CGR W84 Netball Club – EJO Netball Courts 3-4:15 School Band & Choir – Music Block Creative Writing Club-HMI-M16		Library Club – after school Dance Club – CGR M96 Table Tennis – ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Year 7 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 8 Football- DHA Boys Gym Badminton Club – EJO Sports Hall	Craft Club – after school week 2 only. RTH M23 Art Club – JSK W83 DT Club – OSH G61 Library Club – after school Pride Group – M17 – lunchtime Year 9 Football- JMI Boys Gym Year 10 Football- DHA Boys Gym Drama Club – Drama studio	Library Club – after school Board Games Club – CGR W89 Volleyball Club – Mr March (Boys Gym) Table Tennis invite only - ACR Maxstoke/Boys Gym Science Club in W69

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After School
Activities
3pm - 4pm

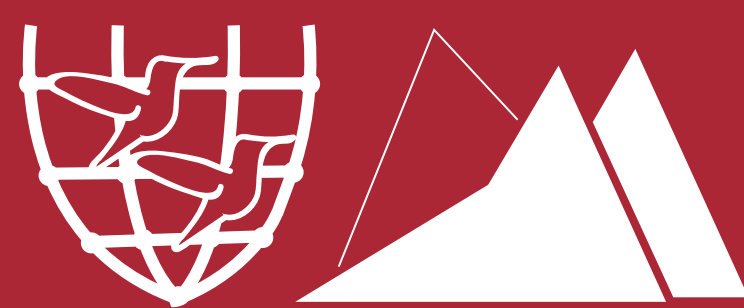


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We will shortly be utilising a new platform, named **Attend** to communicate with yourselves in regards to attendance.

The email address these will be sent from is:
cockshuthill@email.attending.school

Please ensure these are not dismissed as junk, as they contain important messages and actions to follow.



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