



# **Welcome to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School Year 6 Transition evening**



# School Prayer

Father

Pour out your spirit

Upon our school

And grant us

A renewed vision of your glory

So that we may experience your power,

Be faithful to your word,

And consecrate ourselves to your service.

We pray that your love may grow among us,

and your kingdom come:

Through Christ our Lord

Amen



# Tutors & support staff



**7BL: Miss J Greaves**

**7DB: Mrs E Alexander**

**7MK: Mr K Smeeters-Kirkwood**

**7ML: Miss L Brennan**

**7MT: Miss R Monaghan**

**7OR: Mrs M Magdziak**

**KS3 Achievement and Pastoral Coordinator:** Mrs L Richards & Miss J Lee

**Head of BMW centre:** Mrs R Churchill

**SENDSCO:** Mrs M Edwards

**School Counsellor :** Mrs M Magdziak



# Child Protection & Safeguarding



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Miss K. Harris  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
And Mental Health First Aider For KS3

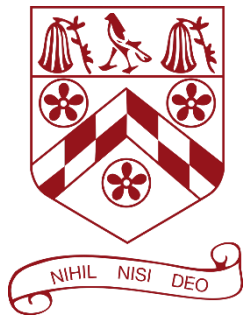


Mrs S. Matthews  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Senior Mental Health Lead  
Assistant Headteacher



Ms S Lunnon  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
And Mental Health First Aider for KS4/5

If you have a Safeguarding or Child Protection concern, in the first instance, contact the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for the appropriate Key Stage.



# Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Each child is a member of a tutor group, and their tutor is their first line of support.
- A team of Mental Health First Aiders, Emotional Literacy Support Assistants and Counsellors contribute to the Mental Health Team and support our Senior Mental Health Lead, to provide the right level of support.
- We are founder members of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) having worked with Brighter Futures and the NHS to establish the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading MHST and continue to contribute to its development.
- We work proactively with the MHST and other external agencies to provide additional support where needed.
- From September 2025, we will continue to have a weekly lunch time wellbeing drop-in opportunity, for Year 7 students, in collaboration with Soulscape.



# September

Timings of school Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.25am in school.  
Tutor starts 8.35am – school finishes 3:05pm



# Throughout The Year



Transition Evening – meet the form tutor.



Welcome Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Sept and Curriculum Evening  
in the Autumn term.



Reports and monitoring sheets throughout  
the year.



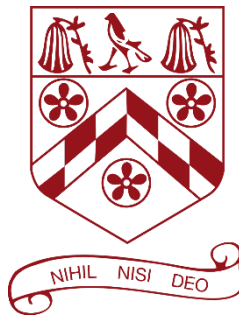
Parents' Evening in winter term.





# Communication

Please be aware of the following for up to date information:



- **School website** – [www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org)
- **Email HOY or Tutors or Teachers**
- **Groupcall** - Correct contact details are vital for Groupcall to be successful.
- **'X'** - @ BHFCs or @ BHFCs Sports
- **Facebook** - [www.facebook.com/bhfcs](http://www.facebook.com/bhfcs)
- **Classcharts**
- **'Heads up'** - weekly e-news letters





# Communication



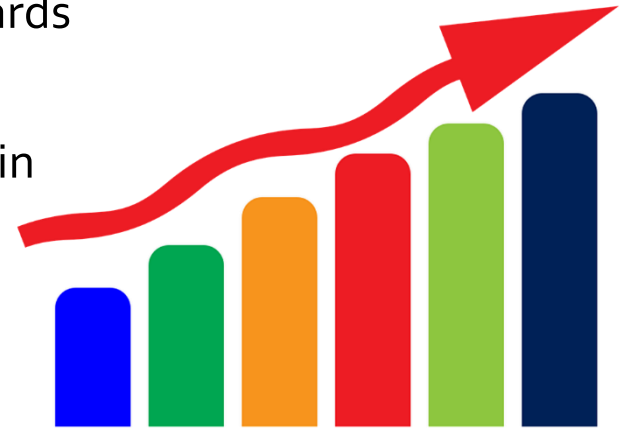
- Almost all communication is sent to parents via our online messaging service Groupcall.
- Please ensure we always have your up-to-date mobile telephone number and email address.
- So that emails don't end up in your spam or junk files, please add [8705411@groupcallalert.com](mailto:8705411@groupcallalert.com) to your safe senders list



# Academic Progress



- Builds upon the approach used in your primary schools.
- Track and monitor your son/daughter's progress towards their potential
- Teachers will assess your child's skills and knowledge in the various subjects.
- Judgement will encompass the student's holistic performance in and outside the classroom.
- The aim of Key Stage 3 curriculum is to equip our students with the necessary skills to achieve at GCSE.



KS3	Band	Developing	Secure	Extending
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# Setting



- BHF have moved away from setting students in sets
- Students are now taught in mixed ability sets.
- Students are taught in tutor groups throughout the year
- Mathematics and Science will have some light setting

## Reasons

- Research has shown that this is beneficial to students
- Inclusive learning environment for all students
- All students will access the same curriculum
- Differentiation will take place in all lessons to stretch and challenge all students
- An ambitious curriculum for all our students.



# The Blessed Hugh Faringdon way



Belief-in God

in ourselves  
in each other



Happiness-in our work

in our play  
in our goals



Family –family and school together  
school as family

family of God



Caring-for ourselves

for each other  
for our world



Service-in leadership

in our career destinations  
in generosity of spirit



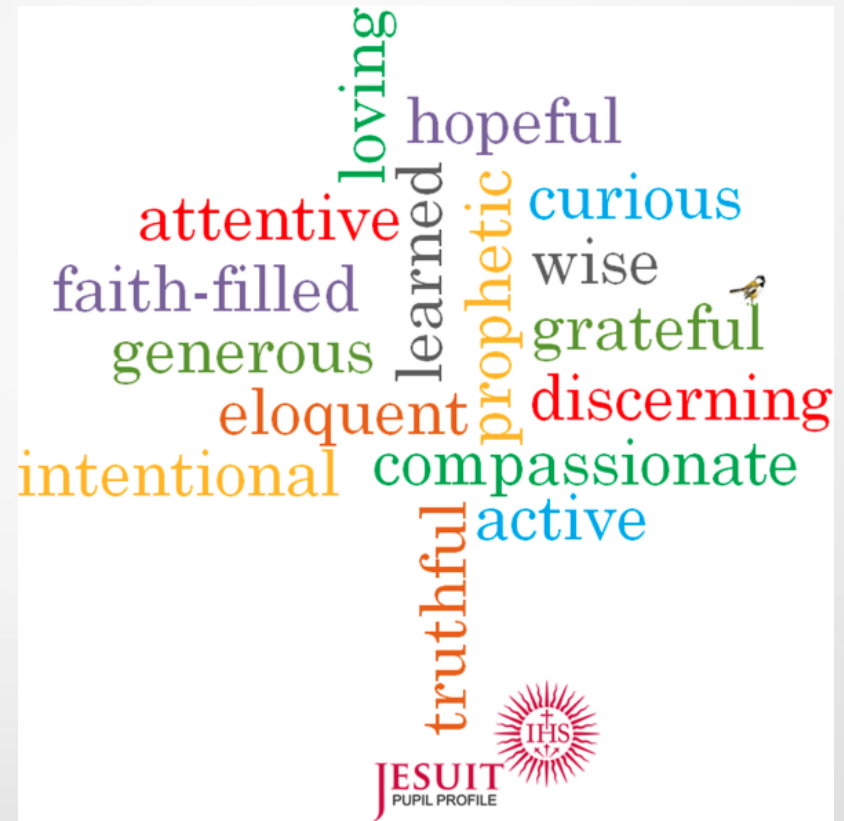
*'patience  
is a virtue'*

# Virtues...

## Qualities for living

Our behaviours, showing  
***high moral values*** and  
***standards***

Good ***behaviour*** and good  
***character***



The development of virtues in all of us in the school community, lead to our realisation of our core aspirations (**the 'BHF Way'**) and realising our mission '***Nothing without god'*** *Lively faith, active minds and the best place to learn and work*

# The Spiritual Life of BHF



- Religious Education is a central part of the school curriculum
- Daily prayer (Tutor time)
- Weekly collective worship
- Whole school Mass
- Yr7 attend mass at English Martyrs church
- Pilgrimages and retreats
- Meditation areas (Daily)



**Mrs Carroll – Chaplain**



# Homework



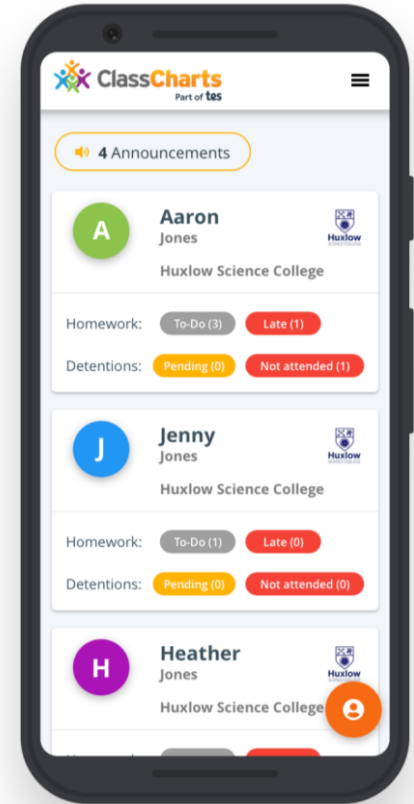
The programme covers homework setting, seating plans achievements and behaviour.

Parents will need to download the App to access their child's homework and other information.

There is an App for students that has been developed for them to use.

All information on the app have been sent to you if you wish for more details please email [admin@hughFaringdon.org](mailto:admin@hughFaringdon.org)

[www.pages.classcharts.com](http://www.pages.classcharts.com)

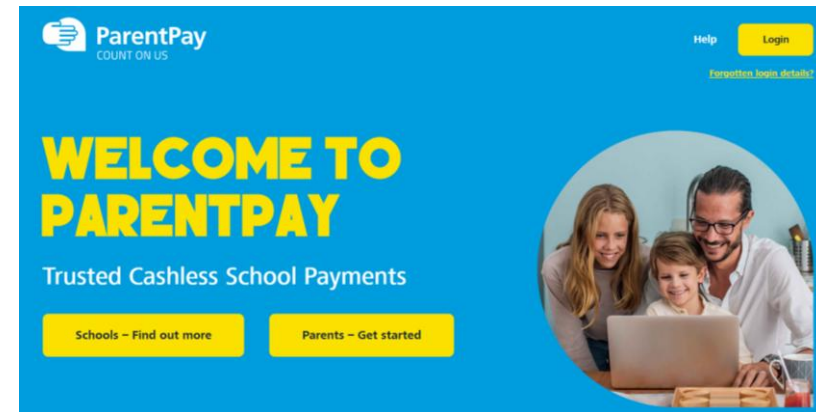




# Parent Pay



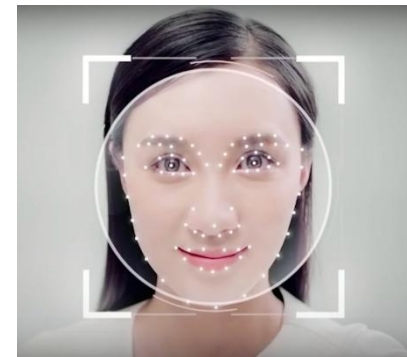
- The school is a **cash free environment** and we use ParentPay to allow parents to make payments for all school trips and canteen services.
- If your child uses the school canteen services, **you must ensure that the account is kept in credit**
- Free School Meals are automatically added – please remember to apply for FSM via the school website if you haven't already - <https://www.hughfaringdon.org/you/free-school-meal>.



# Biometric System



- Students do not carry a card or cash tills are facial recognition.
- Cashless system in place (no cash to be taken in the canteen)
- Any amount of money can be paid into a student's account, and any money spent on food and drink will be deducted daily.
- A daily 'spend' limit of £5 is programmed into the system.



# School meals



- A free breakfast is available every morning from 8am provided by BHF.
- Snack Shack in the KS3 playground
- Own packed lunch is an option.
- Eat in canteen, main hall, canopy
- Our catering manager is available this evening in the canteen area where you can ask about allergies and any other concerns about food and to taste samples
- FSM get the SET meal and pudding at LUNCH **£3.10 any purchases at break will reduce options at lunchtime**



# School Uniform

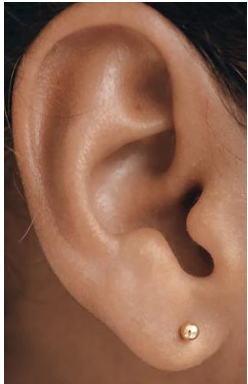


- Uniform now supplied by Valentino School wear (here tonight in the main hall)
- Parents can order by telephone, website, school shop or Valentino shop (Hook or Woking).
- School shop is open for drop in every Wednesday 10.30 – 2.30pm from September.
- List of available opening dates for BHF shop on Valentino website but you must ring to make an appointment so that they can meet you here
- School also offer refurbished uniform for parents to purchase from the office





# School Uniform





# School PE Kit



All students must own the following items:

- Plain Black Polo (no football kits or large logos)
- Plain Black Shorts
- Black Football Socks
- White Trainer Socks
- Trainers
- Football Boots & shin pads



Optional Items:

- Black Long sleeve underlayer/skin (for under polo)
- Crested Black Crested Tracksuit
- Crested Black Crested Fleece

**Please LABEL**  
**ALL clothes**



# Hair cuts

Inappropriate haircuts, unnatural hair colours or patterns are NOT permitted; this includes hairstyles which are less than Grade 2. Long hair should be tied up for PE & practical subjects.



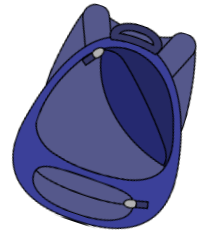
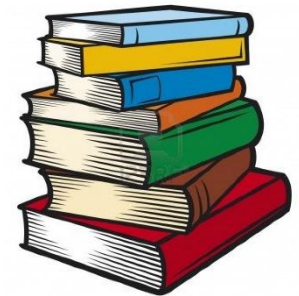
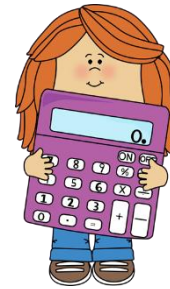


# Equipment



- Being ready to learn is essential for academic success.
- School bags should be large enough to hold an A4 folder and plain dark colours.
- Pupils must have the following items each day:

- Pen/Pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Correct books/equipment to meet timetable needs
- Correct PE kit



# Maths Equipment



## Required Equipment:

- Every student should have the following
  - Ruler
  - Pair of Compasses
  - Protractor

## Scientific Calculator;

- Casio FX-83GT-CW or
- Casio fx-85GT – CW
- There will be a bundle pack available on parentpay from September for approximately £12.





# What NOT to bring

We **DO NOT** accept responsibility for the loss or breakage of any personal equipment, e.g. mobile phones, airpods, etc.

*If students do need to bring them to school, please hand them into Reception on arrival or switch off in their bags*

**Phones are not to be used in school**



# Sports Fixtures



Fixtures will happen throughout the year in a number of sports:

- For each set of fixtures letters will be sent out for home to sign.
- Fixtures, Squad lists and results can be viewed by clicking the PE fixtures link on the school website or SOC's
- The school runs a 'X' account with updates regarding sports fixtures

@BHFCs PE & Sport



# Recognising Achievement



- Achievement is recognised in assembly every term (attendance, punctuality, behavior & contribution to school life)
- Attendance and Punctuality Rewards Day
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> term rewards event
- Headteacher's 'student of the week' award
- Deputy Headteacher breakfast
- Golden Tickets weekly
- School colours
- Pledges





# School Colours



To be awarded school colours is a highly prestigious and sought-after recognition.

You can achieve school colours through 4 ways:

- Leadership
- Service
- Volunteering
- Representation in a sport or other area of skill.



This can be achieved from a number of things in and outside of school and in a number of levels.

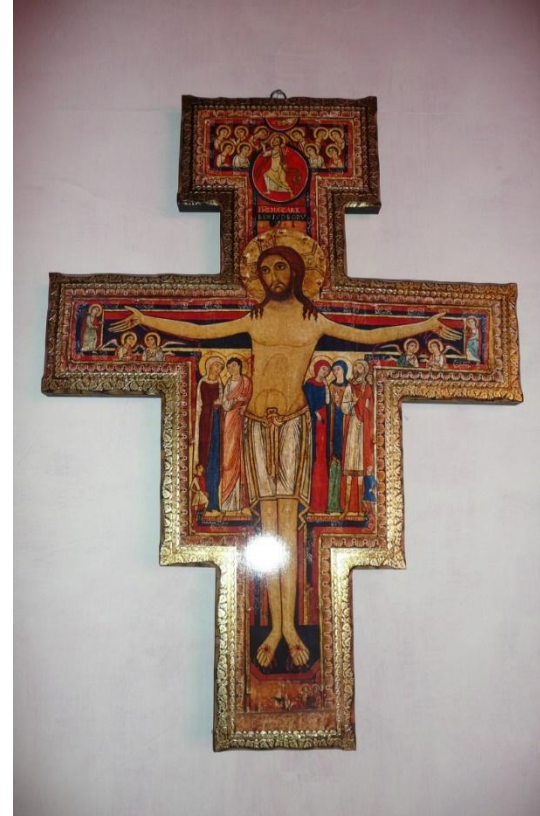
The level of dedication reflects the award you can receive bronze, silver or gold awards.



# What else can you expect this year?



- A curriculum designed to bring out the best in our children.
- Spiritual, social and personal development.
- Charitable activities.
- Lunchtime clubs
- After school activities.
- Sports/Drama/Music/Council groups/Journalism and more!





# Attendance and Punctuality



PLEASE do not take students in term time.

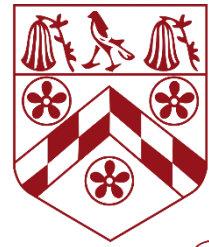
Please inform the school if your child is not attending school via phone or email

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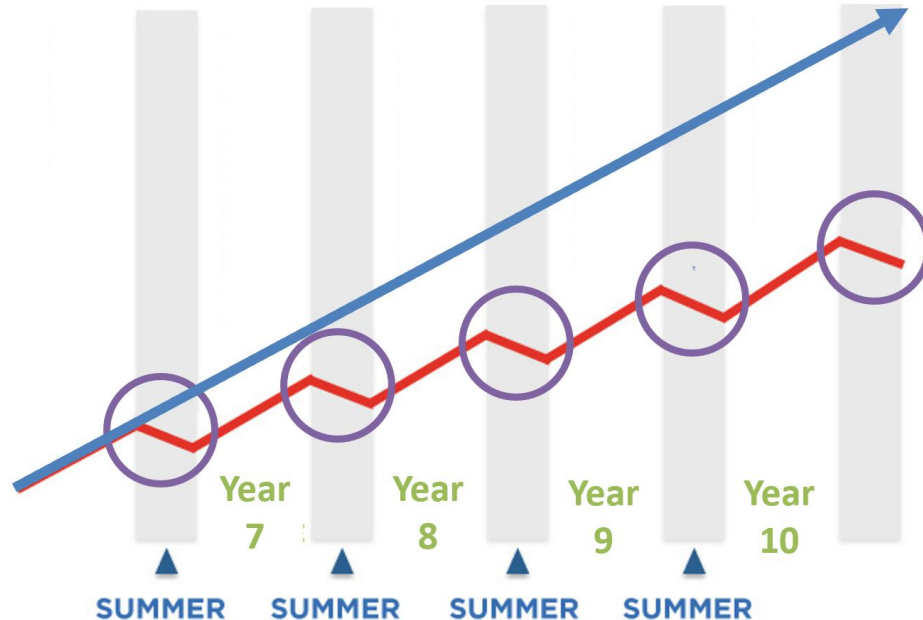
- Students must arrive to school each day on time (8.25am recommended)
- Students must arrive to each lesson on time, if arrival is more than 5 minutes late to the lesson, L mark will be given & persistent tardiness will result in sanctions
- 25 minutes of missed learning everyday
- 2.08 hours of learning every week missed = 3.4 days in a year = grades achieved



# Summer Literacy Challenge



When children read over the summer they are more likely to leap ahead when they return to school? This is often called the “summer leap.”



This graph shows what happens **EVERY SUMMER** when students don't keep reading.

Your literacy (reading and writing ability) **takes a tumble**.

This means students have more of a struggle when they get back to school!



# Student Voice



# Expectations – Students



Why do we have rules, uniform and expectations?

- Buying in to what this school community is all about
- Pride
- Identity
- Belonging to our school family
- Safety
- Associated with positive work habits
- Respect....



*Getting the basics right, mean we can get the really 'BIG' stuff right!*



# Expectations - Parents



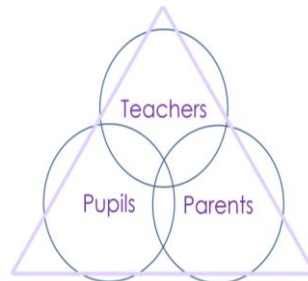
- Support us.
- Support your child to ensure that they make academic progress throughout their time at BHF.
- Ensure they are in correct uniform
- Talk to us! (Teams, email, phonecall)
- Ensure the school has your correct mobile phone number.
- Check your child's homework, attendance & behaviour via classcharts
- Ensure your children are in school by 8.25am at the latest.
- Let us know if your son/daughter has achieved out of school so we can celebrate the achievement with them.



# The Success Equation



- **Parents + Pupils + Staff = Success**
- Contact: [L.heaver@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:L.heaver@hughfaringdon.org)
  - [Transition@hughfaringdon.org](mailto:Transition@hughfaringdon.org)
  - 0118 9574730



## Our Aim

- Every student to be successful
- All students to experience spiritual growth
  - Enrichment for all students both academically and personally
- To leave at the end of Sixth Form as well-rounded young people prepared for life



# ***Thankyou for your time***

Miss Greaves



Mrs Alexander



Mr Smeeters-Kirkwood



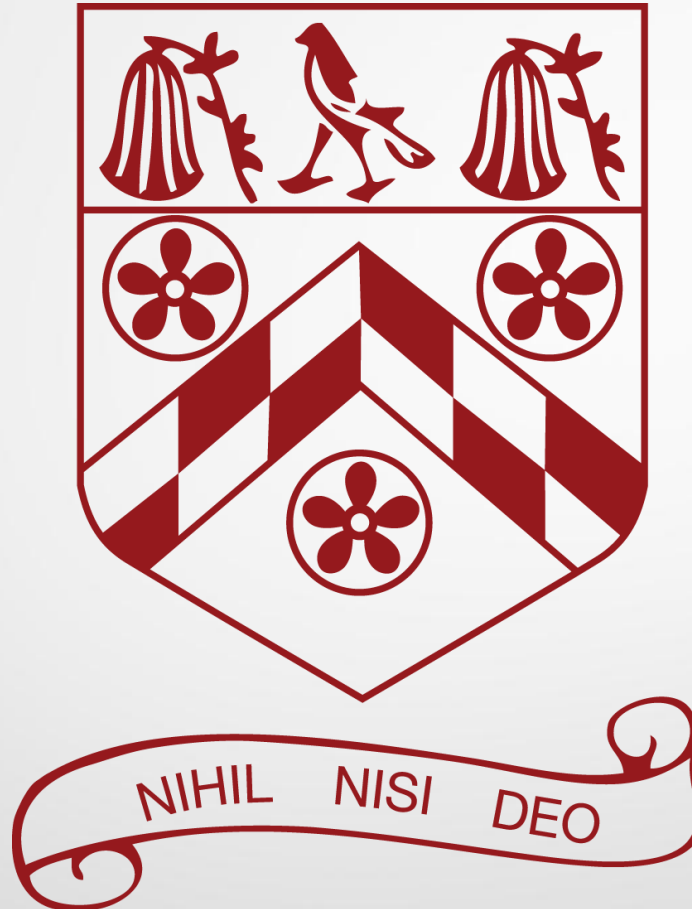
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***Please speak to your tutors if you have any concerns***