

### Explore – The home of big questions

Each term I will pose a question and provide you with some extra research to help you think about your answer to that question.

It's just to get you thinking bigger – consider more, open your mind to new ideas, opinions and concepts.

You don't need to do anything more than think about your answer, or you could investigate further...

### Can we ever have nothing?

[Click here](#) to investigate further.

### Riddles to make you think...

1. What are the next two letters in this combination? OTTFSS
2. Which word in the dictionary is always spelt incorrectly?
3. A man is looking at a photograph of someone. His friend asks who it is. The man replies, "Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man's father is my father's son." Who was in the photograph?

Email answers to – [l.cotham@burford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:l.cotham@burford.oxon.sch.uk)

Answers from bulletin 20 –

1. 7 has 2 syllables, 2. Friday, 3. Yes! But its tricky!!

### Opportunities outside of school...

#### Aristotelian Award (Year 9 Research Essay Competition)

The Perse School is pleased to announce the launch of the Aristotelian Award, a research essay competition for Year 9 students across the UK in the 2021-22 academic year.

Deadline is **Monday 21 February 2022** and the essay titles and competition guidelines can be found [here](#).

You can find details about last year's winners [here](#).

Over the course of this competition, we will be adding resources to help Year 9 students with their research.

For hints and advice on database searching, click [here](#).



#### Speakers for Schools National Teen Book Club

Our four-week [National Teen Book Club](#) programme begins on January 19th, 3-30-4.30pm, and gives students the opportunity to:

- Meet the UK's top writers, literary agents and journalists, including [Kit De Waal](#), champion of working class writers; Jo Unwin, literary agent to Charlie Brooker and Richard Ayoade; and Jon Day, who is a Booker Prize judge and teaches English and Creative Writing and Kings College London.
- Become a published author themselves – and win masterclasses from top writers and literary agents.
- Engage in activities and conversations online with students from across the UK, related to the book we'll read together.

The programme is free and fully facilitated and runs for four weeks. Students can [sign up individually here](#).

**Deadline to register is 13 January.** Contact [ntbc@speakersforschools.org](mailto:ntbc@speakersforschools.org) with any questions about the National Teen Book Club

#### Just a reminder... opportunities at school...

- TedEd Club Tuesday Week 2, 3.15 – 4.15pm, Room 16
- Puzzle Club, Wednesday lunchtime (1.15pm), Rm 16.

