

P7/S1 Transition

CULLODEN ACADEMY BOOKS

Welcome to Culloden Academy Library

We know that moving from P7 to S1 can be an exciting time but we know that you might also be feeling a bit nervous about starting a new school.

We have plenty of books in the library here at Culloden Academy that can help you with this transition. We have graphic novels with characters that are going through the same emotions that you are, non-fiction books that can help you with any anxiety or worries that you have and fiction books with characters just like you.

Graphic Novels

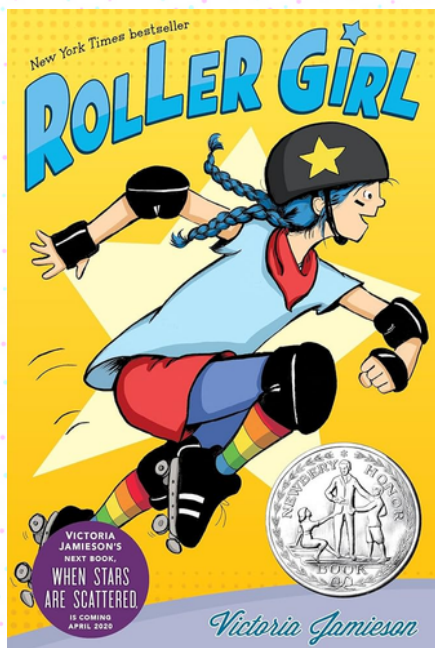
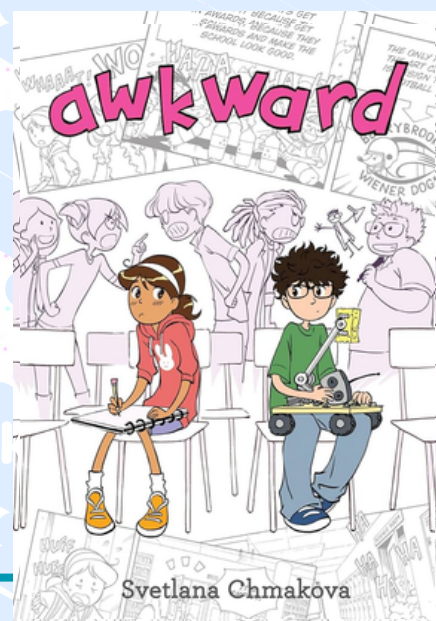
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova (Graphic Novel)

Cardinal rule #1 for surviving school: Don't get noticed by the mean kids.

Cardinal rule #2 for surviving school: Seek out groups with similar interests and join them.

On her first day at her new school Peppi Torres reminds herself of these basics. But things start to go wrong when she trips into a quiet boy in the hall, pushes him and runs away.

Sometimes you need to break all of the rules to survive middle school.



Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson (Graphic Novel)

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side. That is, until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead – with Astrid's worst enemy.

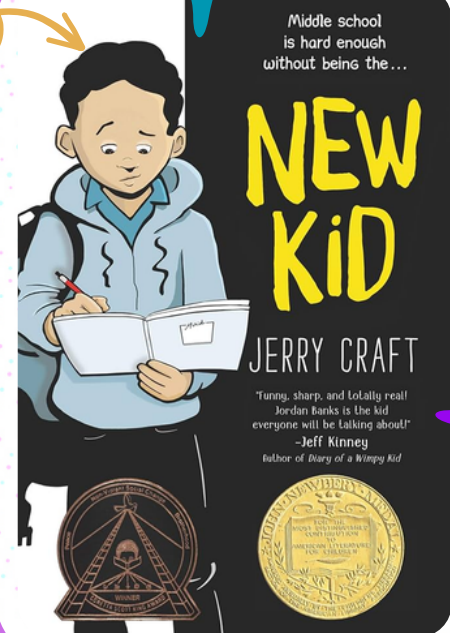
So begins the hardest summer of Astrid's life, as she struggles to stay on her skates, to learn who she is without Nicole...and to find out what it takes to be a strong, tough, awesome roller girl.

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in the prestigious Riverdale Academy Day School, where Jordan turns out to be one of the few kids of colour in his entire grade.

As he makes the daily trip to school, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds – and not really fitting into either one.

Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighbourhood friends and staying true to himself.



Graphic Novels



CITY OF DRAGONS BY JAIMAL YOGIS & VIVIAN TRUONG

When Grace moves to Hong Kong with her mom and new stepdad, her biggest concern is making friends at her fancy new boarding school. But when a mysterious old woman gifts her a dragon egg during a field trip, Grace discovers that the wonderful stories of dragons she heard when she was a young girl might actually be real - especially when the egg hatches overnight.

The dragon has immense powers that Grace has yet to understand. And that puts them both in danger from mysterious forces intent on abusing the dragon's power. Now it's up to Grace and her school friends to uncover the sinister plot threatening the entire city!

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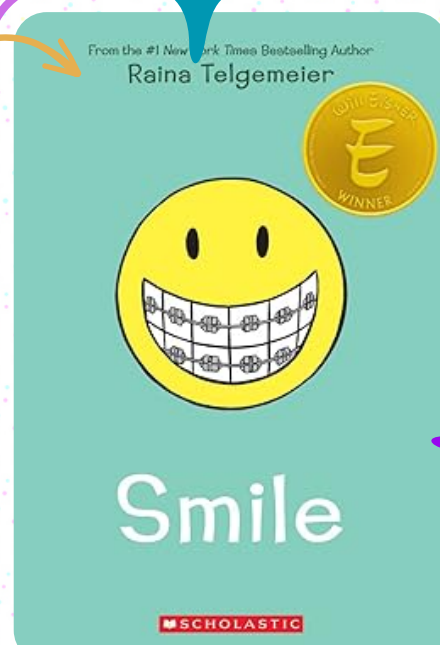


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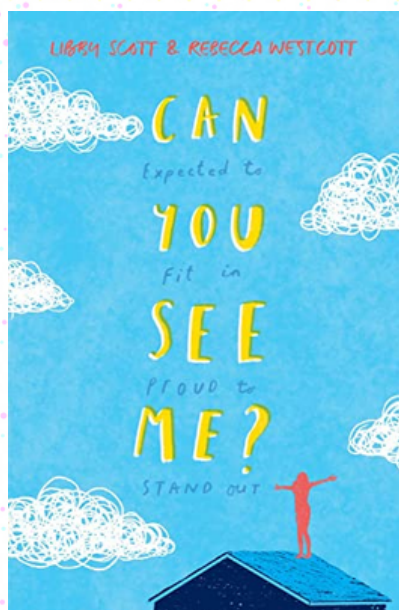
Smile by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

Raina's story takes us from middle school to high school, where she discovers her artistic voice, finds out what true friendship really means, and where she can finally...smile.



Graphic Novel



Novel

Can You See Me? by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott

Tally is starting secondary school and she's anxious about lots of things. Acclimatising to new surroundings and learning the ways of different teachers is tough.

Plus there's the boy who calls her names, and her friends from primary school who she's always depended on before have started talking about things that just don't interest her (like boys) and cautioning her when her behaviour is embarrassing.

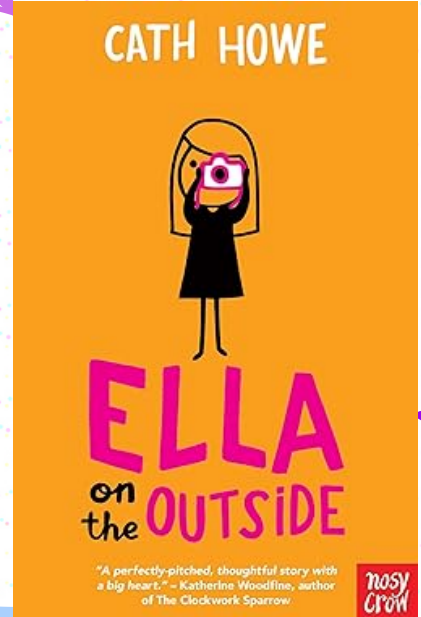
Tally knows she's different: she's autistic, meaning she sees and feels everything differently to her friends and family. Now, as she enters this new stage in her life, she is painfully aware of the way she is perceived and feeling an almost unbearable pressure to try to fit in. But what exactly are the rules for being "normal"?

Ella on the Outside by Kath Howe

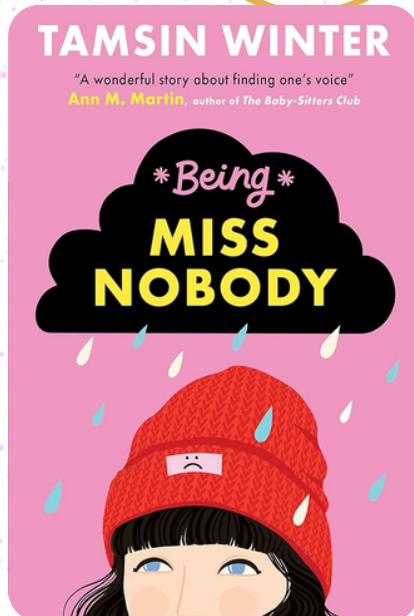
Ella is facing some big changes. She's just had to start a new school, she's moved away from her best friend Grace, her eczema is acting up, and on top of all that, she has a huge secret to keep about her family. So when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, wants to start hanging out, things must be on the up... right?

The only problem is, Lydia really wants to know what Ella's hiding and she's also desperate for intel on the quiet girl in class, Molly.

Ella on the Outside is a hugely relatable tale that will strike a chord with anyone who has felt the pressure to please a new friend or has struggled to fit in.



Novels



BEING MISS NOBODY BY TAMSIN WINTER

Rosalind hates her new secondary school. She's the weird girl who doesn't talk. The Mute-ant. And 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 is a problem...

Is Miss Nobody becoming a bully herself?

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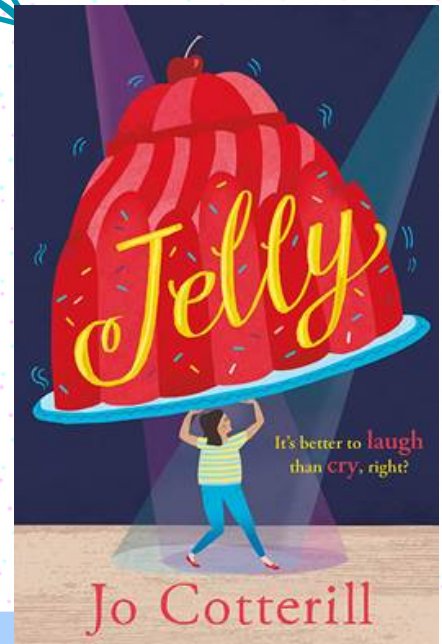


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Jelly by Jo Cotterill

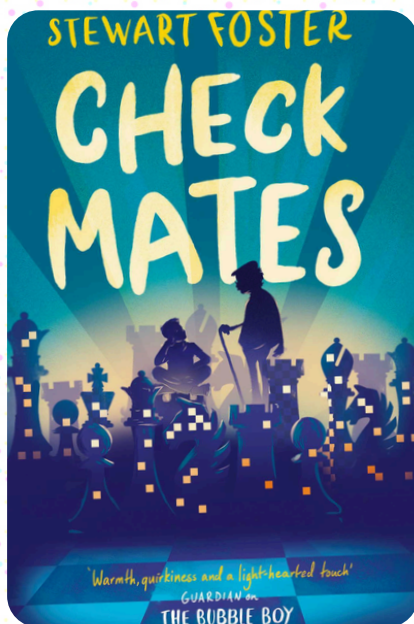
Jelly, aged 11, is the life and soul of the classroom. She's popular and great at doing impressions. She's also overweight. She's learned to deal with the put-downs by brushing them off and pretending she finds it all very funny - while making up poems and writing her private worries in a notebook.

When a talent show is announced at school, Lennon, her mum's boyfriend, persuades Jelly to sing her poem in the contest. But can Jelly find the courage to perform something so personal - especially when Lennon might not always be there to cheer her on?



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CHECK MATES BY STEWART FOSTER



Some people think that I'm a problem child, that I'm lazy and never pay attention in lessons. But the thing is, I'm not a problem child at all. I'm just a child with a problem.

Felix is struggling at school. His ADHD makes it hard for him to concentrate and his grades are slipping. Everyone keeps telling him to try harder, but no one seems to understand just how hard he finds it. When Mum suggests Felix spends time with his grandfather, Felix can't think of anything worse. But sometimes the best lessons come in the most unexpected of places, and Granddad soon shows Felix that there's everything to play for.

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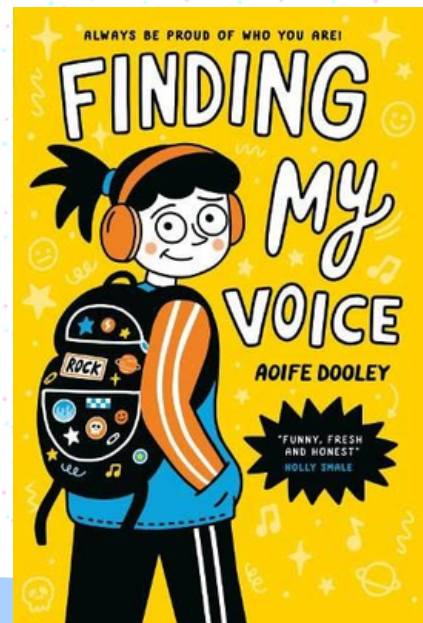
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FINDING MY VOICE BY AOIFE DOOLEY

Frankie is different, and so is her best-friend, Sam. So when they both start secondary school, it's tough. Particularly when there are so many rules to follow, like: No talking in class! Be quiet in the hallways! Silence for assembly!

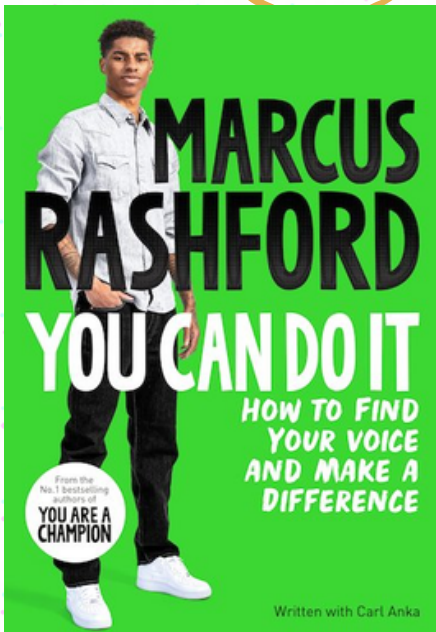
Frankie doesn't know how she'll manage, because constantly talking is how she copes. So when she gets the chance to compete in a Battle of the Bands contest, Frankie couldn't be more excited. Except, to have a band, you need to have band members. And to have band members, you need to be good at making friends...

Can Frankie learn to find her voice and stand out? A unique perspective on Autism, told with humour and heart.



Graphic novel

YOU CAN DO IT BY MARCUS RASHFORD



Non Fiction

Never underestimate your actions – even the smallest changes can have the biggest impact. That's the power of kindness.

Packed with more inspiring stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice, and top-tips from social justice educator Shannon Weber, this book will show you how to use your voice and make a difference in this world.

Shows kids how to:- Be kind to yourself – you can't change the world unless you look after yourself first!

- Be kind to other people
- That there's no such thing as normal – and it's GOOD to be different
- Celebrate and champion difference - Use your voice to make a change
- Bounce back - Appreciate the squad
- Always be a team player

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