



TGAW NEWS

Remembrance



Our Combined Cadets Force (CCF) led our annual remembrance parade on Friday, 10th November. The Last Post was performed by Maddy Palmer.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

***Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

CCF

The TGAW contingent passed their annual inspection on Tuesday 7th November.



Colonel Nutton expressed his admiration of the members of the cohort and the leadership of 2Lt Bowyer, SSI Lt Peil and Sgt Rees. Prizes for outstanding contributions were awarded to Sam Arnott (pictured above), Sway Awford, Sophie Leyland, George Boyle and Caine Nicolls Davies.

College News

KS3 Sports Competition

Our dedicated PE Department ran a whole day of challenging competitions for Year 7 & 8 students. Marlowe College was declared victorious and Harri Mathias received the cup on behalf of the College.



History Department News



Students take on 1,000 years of history

On the centenary of the end of the First World War (1918), 44 students in year 8 have taken up the fantastic opportunity to travel to Normandy to experience over 1,000 years of French military and cultural history. The students will be tracking the changes in warfare from the Battle of Hastings in 1066 with a visit to the infamous Bayeux Tapestry, to the D-Day assaults of 1944. Stopping along the way to visit the stunning Norman town of Mont St Michel.



The events of 1917

The penultimate year of the First World War unleashed events that would reshape the world in the 20th century. As the USA entered the war, Russia exited. Deadlock and massive casualties continued on the Western Front. On the Home Front, Britain faced its greatest challenge; the Germans were using submarines to stop supplies reaching Britain and at one point Britain had only 6 weeks' worth of food left.



A photograph from the taking of Vimy Ridge, April 1917

Erich Maria Remarque hauntingly captures the feeling of the war in 1917: *'we saw there was nothing of the world left... we were all at once terribly alone; and alone we must see it through'*.

Coming Up:

- KS4 Awards Evening
Wednesday, 15th November at Worcester Cathedral.
- Hidden Charity Day Friday,
17th November



Winter Fayre Saturday, 25th November
12.00 p.m.

Raffle results 2.30 p.m.

Year 10 parents' evening

Wednesday, 29th November



97% of students have now logged onto Show My Homework.

Staff and Student Reading for Pleasure

I read for pleasure and that is the moment I learn the most.
Margaret Atwood

Aftermath

Have you forgotten yet?...

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gaggled days,
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow

Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man re-
rieved to go,

Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.
But the past is just the same--and War's a bloody game...

Have you forgotten yet?...

Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.

Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz--

The nights you watched and wired and dug and piled sand-bags on parapets?

Do you remember the rats; and the stench
Of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench--
And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?

Do you ever stop and ask, 'Is it all going to happen again?'

Do you remember that hour of din before the attack--
And the anger, the blind compassion that seized and shook you then

As you peered at the doomed and haggard faces of your men?

Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back
With dying eyes and lolling heads--those ashen-grey
Masks of the lads who once were keen and kind and gay?

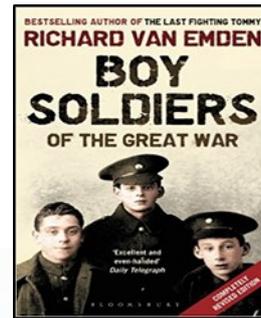
Have you forgotten yet?...

Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

Siegfried Sassoon

March 1919

Book review



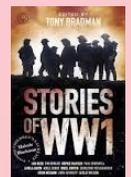
Richard Van Emden's 'Boy Soldiers' details a little known fact from the Great War; that over a quarter of a million underage boys volunteered, fought and as many as 100,000 died. Boys as young as 13 were motivated to enlist by feelings of patriotism, adventure, peer pressure or guilt for not doing 'their bit' to help in the war. This was illegal, so how did so many cases slip through the net? Richard Van Emden's photographs of a number of these boys as well as moving stories threaded throughout the years of the war give us a rich insight into this hidden part of history. A highly recommended read for all of our students, who can empathise with someone of their own age facing the terrifying prospect of fighting and dying at war.

Recommended books:

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo is great for KS3 readers.

Year 7 is currently reading *War Horse*.

Stories of WW1 - a collection of short stories by Tony Bradman.



Attendance Matters

To ensure all pupils fulfil their potential they need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less. Last year attendance was 94.29%: this year to date it is 95.5%. Keep it up!

*I don't want to go into school today; Mum,
I don't feel like school work today.
Oh, don't make me go to school today, Mum
Oh, please let me stay home and play.
But you must go to school, my cherub, my lamb,
If you don't it will be a disaster,
How would they manage without you, my sweet,
After all you are the headmaster!*
Colin Mcnaughton



Every half term we celebrate staff who have made a difference by awarding them the Tudor Rose. Congratulations to last term's winners: Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs K Milner.