



LITERACY

AUTUMN TERM 2

NEWSLETTER



What have we been doing this half term?

This has been a very busy and productive half term! Students in years 7-10 put their extended writing to the test during the first set of 'Trust Assessments' and our year 11 students successfully completed their first round of mock examinations. Well done all!

The literacy team have been busy organising brilliant, new interventions which have been fantastic so far.

After a little time away, the Sixth Form news team have been busy writing the first 'Tudor Times' newspaper of the school year!

Sixth Form News Team



Christmas Tongue Twisters

Sleds sliding steadily on the slippery slope
Robyn Perkins (yr9)

If Thomas Tubb twirled tinsel on the tree, where on the tree would Thomas Tubb's tinsel be?
Morgan Davies (yr7)

Sandy slid down the snowy slope.
Now say it quickly 3 times.
Sebastian Strek (yr7)

Rudolph runs rings round the other reindeer.
The reindeer rest while Rudolph runs rings.
Elliot Tobin (yr7)



Word of the half term: 'Jolabokaflod'

Jolabokaflod is an Icelandic tradition in which books are given as Christmas presents and opened on December 24, after which the evening is spent reading the books and drinking hot chocolate.



Competition Winners!

We had a huge number of students enter the literacy competitions this term! Below are the names of students that were selected as winners and who will have poems and short stories published in an anthology in February:

Lilia Keenan
Logan Johnson
Sophie Williams
Lucy Minter
Noah Briggs
Christopher Fletcher
Addison White
Lexi Burton
Oliver Summers
Mara Dascalu
Logan Huxley
Adam Walker
Isabelle Sparkes
Hera Mclean
Dimana Panauova
Sadie Mckenna

Oliver Bushell
Emma Robinson
Amelia Matthews
Lillie-Mae Burne
Oscar Farmer
Jessica Rowlands
Elli-Mae Edwards
Lottie Singleton
Tabitha Keenan
Louie Smith
Christopher Fletcher
Layton Farnsworth
Olivia Cook
Charlie Smith
Kurtis Nolan



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The Tudor Canon

Following assemblies about the 'Tune Into Tutor' programme with all colleges this term, the Tudor Canon section of the programme has continued with roaring success this half term! Over the last few weeks, students have had the opportunity to read the opening chapters of the following texts: 'Bridge to Terabithia', 'Goldfish Boy', 'Persepolis' and 'Nowhere'.

In light of the sad news about the recent death of Benjamin Zephaniah, Mrs Mills recommended him as one of the authors to read this term. We chose his text 'Windrush Child' and thoroughly enjoyed both the author's note and chapter 1. Voting for the Canon will take place in the final week of the term.



Tune into Tutor



50p

All books in the Fayre are 50p

THE BIG BOOK FAYRE



During the final week of term 1, students will get the opportunity to take part in the 'Big Book Fayre'. Students and staff have been donating books for the fayre all term. The fayre will take place during lunch times on Wednesday 20th December and all donated books will be available to purchase for 50p. All money raised will go towards purchasing the new 'Tudor Canon' books!

After School Literacy Activities

- Book Club with Miss Dewe (Tues)
- 'Lit & Lang' GCSE Revision (Thurs)
- Debate Club with Miss Wilkinson (Tues)

WHAT'S PLANNED FOR NEXT HALF TERM?

We have lots of fantastic literacy opportunities and events coming up next half term including:

- The Performing Arts and English departments are hoping to get students involved in 'Worcester Competitive Arts Festival'
- STEPS, Geography and the Eco-committee will be promoting 'Be The Change' - a 'National Literacy Trust' writing competition.
- The very popular TGAW Valentine's postal service will be back!
- Miss Haines will be offering space next half term for 'journaling for mindfulness'.