



**Dates for your Diary**

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Inset day. School closed to students.
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – end of term. 3pm finish

**Friday:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

**Attendance:**  
**95%** - while this is slightly improved it is way below where we should be for our students to reach their potential. Please ensure your child is in school every day.

**HAL tip of the week:**  
**There's most likely some truth in this old Tibetan proverb:**  
 The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure.

**Academic Words**

Year 10 & 11: foreshadow, discipline, oppose, summary, suspend

**Literacy Focus**

**Prefixes**  
 Prefixes can be used to create antonyms. The most common prefixes are: Un, mis, dis, in, ir, im, il.  
 Unhappy, misjudged, disable, inactive, irregular, Impossible, illegal.  
 Can you think of other words which use these prefixes?

**Thought of the Week**

**Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn.**

**Book of the Week**  
 Tinder by Sally Gardner

Wounded in battle, Otto Hundebiss defies Death and finds himself on a journey to a realm of dark magic and mystery.... He meets Safire, brave of heart and pure of spirit, and learns the powers of the tinderbox and the secrets of the wolves. An exquisite fairy tale of cruelty and great beauty.

**BBC Young Reporter Club**

The English Department is launching 'BBC Young Reporters' next week. This is an exciting opportunity for all students in Years 7-10 to write for a real audience under the guidance of the English Department and the BBC on issues that matter to you. You choose the story, you research and conduct interviews, you write or record your news report, and we upload to the BBC News Young Reporters webpage.

**Literature Conference**

The English Department took seven Year 9 students to London on Wednesday to take part in a Diversity in Literature conference run by Edexcel. The students did us proud with the way in which they conducted themselves, and it was wonderful for them to see authors and playwrights, such as Tanika Gupta and Jamila Gavin, talking about their experiences and the obstacles they have faced. Both staff and students left the event feeling very inspired.

The issues and stories that matter to you will have a national audience. The BBC Young Reporters club will start on Wednesday after school in Room 2, from 3.05-3.45. Please speak to Mr Collins, Mr Flowerdew, or Ms Nelson if you would like more information.

**Students of the Week**

Year 7	★	Abdimalik Mohamed
Year 7	★	Luca Agavriloeaei
Year 8	★	Leah Crocombe
Year 8	★	Cameron Mills
Year 9	★	Safira Ali
Year 9	★	Hamza Junaid
Year 10	★	Armaan Hussain
Year 10	★	Amrita Kaur
Year 11	★	Luca Mundy
Year 11	★	Shruthi Rajan

