



Dates for your Diary

- Tues 10th Dec – Year 11 Parents' Evening, 2.30 to 6pm
- Tues 17th Dec – Christmas Performing Arts Showcase
- Fri 20th Dec – end of term. 3pm finish

Friday: 6th December 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.

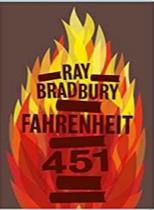


HAL tip of the week:
 Feeling hungry between meals? This may be a sign that you're not drinking enough water. Rather than reaching for a snack, try drinking two glasses of water instead.

Book of the Week
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

"There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." Ray Bradbury

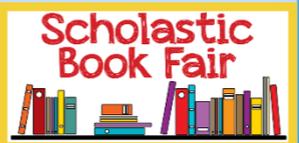
Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the source of all discord and unhappiness: the printed book. Montag never questions the destruction, or his own bland life, until he is shown a past where people didn't live in fear and a present where one sees the world through ideas. Montag starts hiding books in his home. Soon they'll make him run for his life.



School Book Fair

Our Librarian, Miss Agar, is holding a book fair in the OLA next week (Mon 9th to Thurs 12th). There'll be lots of exciting, age appropriate books on sale for half price. Please encourage your children to visit the OLA and see what's on offer.

Payment can be made via Parent Pay or with book tokens.



Aim Higher

Last week was Aim Higher week for Year 9 students. Mr Payne, Director of Year 9, organised several trips to universities around the Midlands and beyond, including the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Our students sat in lectures and seminars, and spoke to students, getting a real feel for what life at university is like.

The Royal Marines also came into school, and spoke to around 50 students about life in the forces and how to apply. It was a very motivating and inspiring week for all.

Ofsted Inspection

We were delighted to welcome Her Majesty's Inspector and her team from Ofsted into the school this week to inspect our provision. We look forward to their report early in the new year, which we will share with you once received.

Academic Words

Year 7: area, concept, data, established, formula

Literacy Focus

Semi-Colons
 Semi-colons can be used instead of a full stop between two sentences that are closely related, to show contrast or to separate longer lists, for example:

- The workforce walked out; they couldn't tolerate the situation any longer.
- I love classical music; my sister hates it.
- He won many prizes: a holiday for two in Barbados; a new BMW 3 series; a luxury cruise around the Mediterranean and £50,000 prize money.

Thought of the Week

The expert in anything was once a beginner.



Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Davi Cappato
Year 7	★	Hane Salim
Year 8	★	Sophia Merk
Year 8	★	Jaisha Ahmed
Year 9	★	Corey Painter
Year 9	★	Gurtaj Singh
Year 10	★	Hemali Daji
Year 10	★	Isaac Hussain
Year 11	★	Treynesse Skeen
Year 11	★	Pavlos Ghoufas

