

# Year 9 Newsletter

Issue 1 - November 2023

## Welcome

Year 9 have continued to excel so far during this academic year. Their maturity and approach were particularly evident in their preparation for latest Tracking 1 assessments. The efforts students made in preparing revision materials were particularly pleasing and it was great to see the pride they took in this. It will no doubt stand them in excellent stead for future assessments. Year 9 continue to do Mrs Bibby and I proud.

Mr Tootle

Mrs Bibby



Achievement  
Leader



Head of Year

## Home Learning Focus

Home learning tasks continue to be set on ClassCharts. Support from parents and carers is always hugely appreciated and valued in this area. Log-in codes are available at request from myself. Computers remain available for students to complete their homework during break, lunch and after school until 3.40pm. These are available in E-Block and students' use is always encouraged. Many home learning tasks are designed to feed into the following sequence of lessons, so it is paramount that students hand their home learning task in on time.

## Achievement

We continue to celebrate the success of our students that continue to shine. Particular credit to the following students who make-up our 'Top Ten' highest achievement points scorers for October;

*Aksheka 9Y*

*Hannah 9Y*

*Maisie 9Y*

*Lily C 9Y*

*Crystal Q 9Y*

*Kai 9C*

*Josh 9Y*

*Hannah 9C*

*Chloe 9A*

*Danni 9C*



## Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities remains student attendance. A key message that is shared with students is "*better attendance leads to better academic outcomes*". We have an aspirational target that we want all students to strive to achieve which is **96% and above** and we work hard with students to achieve this. I have been working closely with Assistant Principal Mr. Hodgson to provide a range of prizes and incentives to reward those students for weekly and cumulative attendance across the half-term. Our reward strategy will continue to be a key feature of our assemblies in Year 9 and attendance a key criterion for participation in rewards events.

## Curriculum Spotlight

### Humanities

This edition focuses on the various topics students are currently studying in Humanities;

In **RE**, Year 9 students will be studying 'Matters of Family, Life and Death'. In this unit students will consider religious and secular views on homosexuality, sex outside marriage, abortion and euthanasia.

In **History**, students will be studying causes and key events of World War I. There will be particular emphasis on trench warfare and experience of soldiers of empire.

In **Geography** students will be studying 'Geographies of Conflict'. This will include case studies on countries such as Russia and Congo.

## Trips and Events

Preparations are underway for Year 9's next trip. Early next year we plan to visit the campus of a local university in what should be a hugely rewarding stimulating trip for our students.

We will also be holding our annual winter-term celebration event in December. As always eligibility will depend on excellent attendance, punctuality, and conduct. We look forward to welcoming as many students as possible!

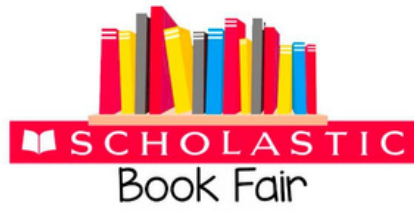
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# Assessment Focus

Tracking reports were for Tracking 1 will be circulated later this month.

As always, the opportunity exists for any parent/carer to meet with Mr Tootle to discuss any queries or concerns which may be arising.



We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the academy from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 6th December. Buying books at the book fair will support our academy in receiving free books for our library. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the book fair too.

Further information about the books available to buy, and the timings for the book fair, will be shared two weeks before.

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

## COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

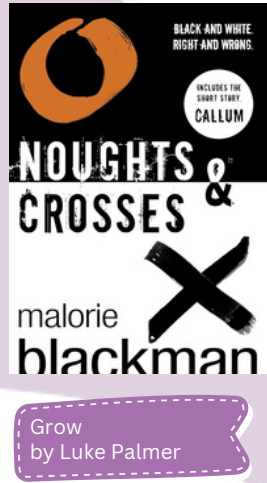
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# Reading Spotlight

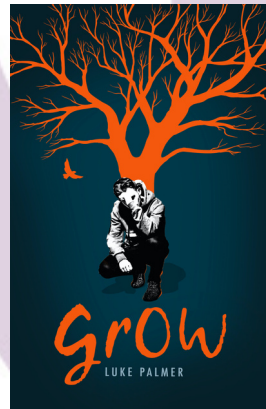
Year 9 have two Ready to Learn sessions each week devoted to Reading (Thursday and Friday).

At present Band 1 are reading Noughts and Crosses (Malorie Blackman) and Band 2 are reading Grow (Luke Palmer).

Reading continues to play a huge part across all curriculum areas and further information regarding academy's reading policy and ways in which parents and carers can support at home can be found as per



Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman



Grow by Luke Palmer



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