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Dear Parent / Guardian,

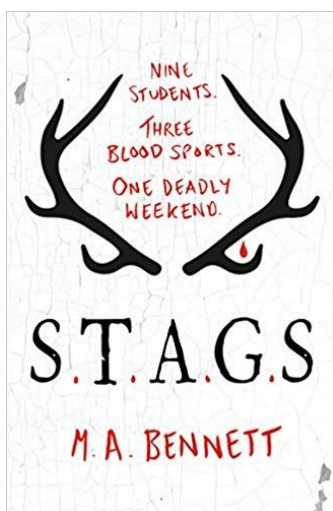
Year 9 CREST Awards

If your daughter is in Year 9, at some point this term she will begin working a project based on the CREST awards as part of her Science lessons. Students will work in groups of three or four, on one of six projects. The projects will involve both online research and practical work - more details about the project choices are available on the CREST section, under Science on Year 9's Frog. At the end of the project, each student will produce a report. The best two projects will be entered into the CREST award scheme and presented at the Big Bang show in June. The CREST project should be an enjoyable experience for your daughter, and also an opportunity to practice practical skills around experimental design and data interpretation, which are increasingly important at GCSE and A level.

Student Finance talk for Parents

On Tuesday 5th February at 6.00pm in the school hall there will be a speaker from Aston University to talk about student finance. The talk is aimed at the parents of Year 13 students intending to go to University in 2019. Year 12 parents are very welcome to attend.

Looking for something to read? KS3 Book Recommendation



Nine students. Three bloodsports. One deadly weekend.

A twisting thriller for fans of Looking for Alaska.

It is the autumn term and Greer MacDonald is struggling to settle into the sixth form at the exclusive St. Aidan the Great boarding school, known to its privileged pupils as S.T.A.G.S. Just when she despairs of making friends Greer receives a mysterious invitation with three words embossed upon on it: huntin' shootin' fishin'. When Greer learns that the invitation is to spend the half term weekend at the country manor of Henry de Warlencourt, the most popular and wealthy boy at S.T.A.G.S., she is as surprised as she is flattered.

But when Greer joins the other chosen few at the ancient and sprawling Longcross Hall, she realises that Henry's parents are not at home; the only adults present are a cohort of eerily compliant servants. The students are at the mercy of their capricious

host, and, over the next three days, as the three bloodsports - hunting, shooting and fishing - become increasingly dark and twisted, Greer comes to the horrifying realisation that those being hunted are not wild game, but the very misfits Henry has brought with him from school...

KS3 History Competition Results

We had some outstanding entries for this competition, and the judging was really difficult.

The winners are as follows:

Category winners:

War Memorial: Amelia Forbes 8G
Forgotten Story: Eve Lawson, 8H
Role of Women: Bastina Gilbert Raja, 9G
Essay: Jen Jukes-Paton, 8S

Overall winner:

Jen Jukes-Paton, 8S

House Point totals:

Ryder: 30 points
Hepworth: 70 points
Sharman: 310 points
Glennie: 140 points

House Points will be added to this term's totals.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Mrs Price

Staff in the Spotlight with Mrs McPherson:

What two things would you take to a desert island?

Mrs McPherson says she would like to be comfy so she would take a pillow and, because she would not want to feel alone, a wind up radio.

What is the most exciting thing you have ever done?

The most exciting things that she has done include going to the Himalayas, seeing wild giraffes and lions up close in Africa, downhill ski racing and being in the Army. However, she said that going down a zip wire gave her the most exhilaration!

What do you enjoy about working at Rugby High?

Mrs McPherson likes the students as they are fun, and interested in what they are learning.

What hobbies do you have?

Despite having little time, she looks after her two labradors, has season tickets to Northampton Saints and enjoys decorating, cooking and sewing.

What is your favourite book?

Mrs McPherson loves the book *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks as it is about WW1 and the chapter about the night before the battle of the Somme is so descriptive.

If you could teach any other subject what would it be?

Mrs McPherson would teach Food Technology because she loves food and cooking.



By Shireen Roy

Thought of the Week from the Languages Department

Ouf !
; Uf !

Use this phrase in your Language lessons to gain a house point.
The English translation will be in next week's newsletter.

Answer to last week's Thought for the Week: Well done - keep going!

Maths Quiz 530

Which binary number is this?

Which is the lowest multiple of 13 which when written as an eight digit binary number reads the same forwards as backwards.

Answer to Quiz 529: Minimum number of bricks 55

Diary Dates

French Trip to Versailles

Monday 28th January to Friday 1st February

British Biology Olympiad Year 13

Friday 1st February to Friday 8th February

Ski Trip Years 8 and 9

Saturday 2nd February to Saturday 9th February

Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 5th February 6:15pm

University Finance Talk Year 13

Tuesday 5th February 6pm

Year 9 Parents' Evening #1

Wednesday 6th February

Intermediate Maths Challenge Years 9, 10, 11

Thursday 7th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening #2

Monday 11th February

Year 12 & 13 Art Students to Tate Modern, London

Tuesday 12th February

Year 9 Options Deadline

Friday 15th February

HALF TERM

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

Year 12 & 13 English Language Conference

Tuesday 26th February

Jessie Wright Poetry Evening

Thursday 28th February