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Dear Parent / Guardian,

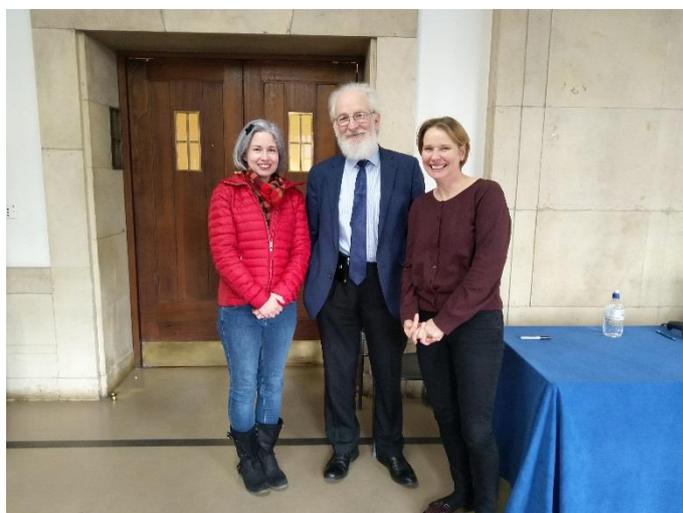
A Level English Language students attend English and Media Centre Conference in London



Rugby High School Language students and teachers at Friends House

On Tuesday 26th February our A Level students had the opportunity to attend a full day conference in London, to hear lectures from a variety of academic experts, linked to their examination topics and beyond.

Students were able to consider accent and dialect and theories of divergence and accommodation. There was a fascinating lecture on Online Language and Anti Social Online Behaviour, as well as real life cases of forensic linguistics being used to contribute to the conviction of criminals. The day, of course, was brought to a happy conclusion by the Language Guru David Crystal who talked about Child Language Development in the first year, as well as the performance poet Luke Wright, who explored identity through a diverse range of startling, funny and clever poems. Thank you to Mrs Newman for organising the trip!



Mrs DB and Mrs Newman with David Crystal

Mrs DB

MiSAC Competition

Please see attached details for the MiSAC Competition. For more details and entries, please see Mr. Koe

Jessie Wright Poetry Competition:

The Jessie Wright poetry competition is a celebration of poetry and creative writing in both KS3 and KS4. The competition is named after a former Rugby High School pupil, this year was the 21st annual poetry evening and on Thursday 28th February the recital took place. However, a lot of preparation went into our performances before this evening.

The process started with each English class from Years 7-9 being given the task to find a poem, which would fit the theme of "Lost and Found", to then recite to their class members. After three lessons practising, each pupil performed to their peers and then the class voted on who they wanted to represent them at the poetry evening. Then came a month of stress for the pupils who would be performing; constant practise and pure adrenalin over the exciting opportunity.

Fast forward to Thursday 28th February and the nervous energy in the room was static! All our parents, carers and friends were present as well as the three judges who would be marking our performances. The Year 7 pupils performed first and started the evening with some great recitations they were followed by the Year 8s and finally the Year 9s. The feeling of performing was indescribable: everyone was incredibly nervous beforehand but once you stood under the bright spotlight all nerves vanished and the poem came rushing out just the way you had practised. The adrenalin afterwards kicked in and no one could stop beaming with happiness.

The interval then proceeded with an array of home baked goods and hot drinks to enjoy (organised by the Prom Committee) shortly afterwards, the poet Matt Black performed two entertaining poems about staff room conversations and camping with a teenager. At this point the awards for best in year were given out.

The final part of the evening was the Year 10-13 poem recitals. These poems were hand written by the students and were all introduced by Ms Dermott-Bond. We heard an array of poems ranging from dystopian to those based on childhood memories. Awards for this key stage were then handed out and the evening finished with another reading by Matt Black. Overall the evening was a brilliant celebration of poetry at Rugby High School that showcased the talent at our school.

1st place: Jess Matthews

2nd place: Anjelica Solomon

3rd place: Holly Weston and Lucy Reynolds

Highly commended: Emily Brummitt- Brown

By Fatima Krida 9H

Thought of the Week from the Languages Department

Mon livre préféré est...

Mi libro preferido es...

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: Never stop trying!

Looking for something to read? KS3 Book Recommendation

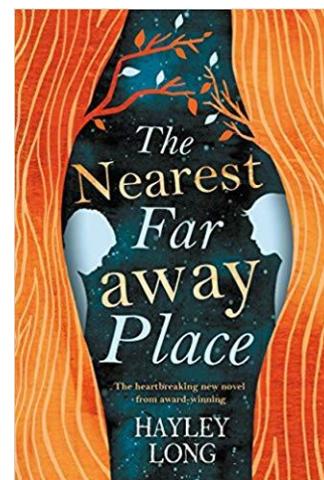
A powerfully told story of the love between two brothers in the aftermath of a family tragedy

Griff and Dylan are driving into Manhattan with their parents when the worst happens. There is a terrible car accident and Dylan and Griff's parents are killed.

The boys are suddenly orphans with nowhere to go, until a kind aunt and uncle give them a new home in Wales. Now Dylan and Griff have everything they need love, a happy home and a future. But Dylan is worried about Griff: whether he is OK, whether he is coping with his grief. He doesn't seem to want to speak about it or really acknowledge the loss of their parents.

But Dylan needs to be even braver than Griff, because there is something very important he needs to face up to before he can move on.

The heartbreaking new novel from award-winning author Hayley Long



Maths Quiz 534

What number is this?

It has three digits and is odd.

It is a multiple of 53.

When rotated through 180 degrees it is an even multiple of 53

Answer to Quiz 533: 256

Diary Dates

World Book Day

Year 13 English Language students to Bawnmore Infant School

Thursday 7th March

Book Character Fancy Dress Day

Friday 8th March

Year 11 & Year 13 Group Photos

Monday 18th March

Year 10 Careers Speed-dating

Wednesday 20th March & Thursday 21st March

Year 13 Drama Examination

Thursday 21st March

Year 13 Sociology students to Trinity School Leamington Spa

Thursday 21st March

Year 10 Mock Examinations Begin

Monday 25th March

Year 9 Go4set students to Coventry University

Tuesday 26th March

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Practice

Thursday 28th March to 30th March

Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Drama students to Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

Thursday 28th March

Year 11 GCSE Art Examination Day 1

Friday 29th March