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Cardinal Allen Catholic High School



School Newsletter

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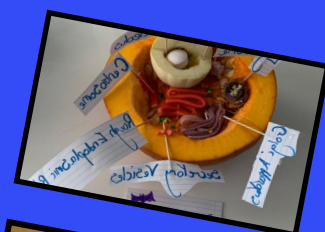
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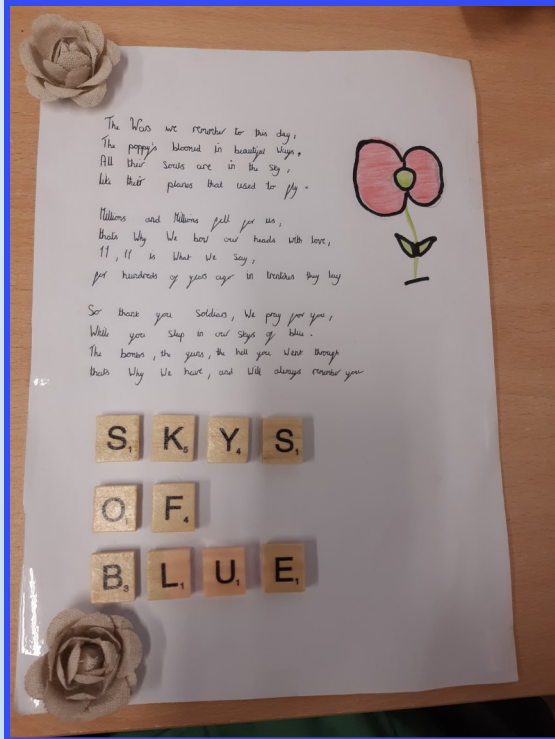
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CONGRATULATIONS TO...

MATILDA, YEAR 7

WINNER OF THE ENGLISH REMEMBRANCE POETRY COMPETITION



Skys of Blue

The Wars we remember to this day,
The Poppy's bloomed in beautiful ways,
All their souls are in the sky,
Like their planes that used to fly.

Millions and millions fell for us,
That's why we bow our heads with love,
11, 11 is what we say,
For hundreds of years ago in trenches they lay.

So thank you soldiers, we pray for you,
While you sleep in our Skys of Blue,
The bombs, the guns, the hell you went through,
That's why we have, and will always remember you.

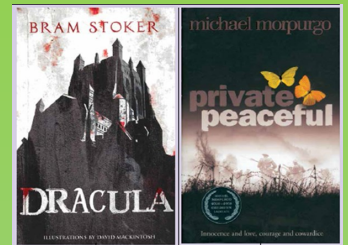
To commemorate Remembrance Day and coincide with work on war poetry in English lessons, students in KS3 were invited to enter a poetry competition on the theme of Remembrance. The standard of entries this year were excellent. We are pleased to announce that the winner was Matilda from Year 7. she received a prize of chocolate and merits. Congratulations Matilda! Well done to all students who entered and we look forward to reading your entries next year.

Attendance Reminder

Please can parents / carers be reminded that if your child is absent from school you must call the School Absence Line (01253 873659 **Option 1**) to report the absence. Emails, texts and phone calls to other members of staff or the School Office will not be accepted. We appreciate many of you have built relationships with teachers and staff over the phone during lockdown but please now contact the Absence Line directly to report an absence or appointment—many thanks for your continued co-operation.



Teen Titles



In the Spring Term of 2020, two Year 9 pupils Jack and Finley, submitted book reviews to 'Teen Title's' Magazine.

Jack wrote about "Private Peaceful" by Michael Morpurgo and Finley wrote about "Dracula" by Bram Stoker.

The boys were lucky enough to have sections of their reports published in the Autumn 2020 edition, and would have been recipients of their own copies of the magazine were Covid restrictions not to have hampered publication.

Well done boys!! Continue with the reading!

HOW TO REVISE AQA ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Language:

There are a number of useful suggestions in a booklet called 'Revision Guidance' available at the link below if you scroll down to that title: <http://www.cardinalallen.co.uk/revision-support/>. You will also have received an announcement on Class Charts with lots of useful resources to help you revise.

Useful sites for Language:

1. SENECA – An interactive and fun way to study.
2. AQA Past Papers <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse>
3. GCSE ENGLISH BBC BITESIZE <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>
4. Mr. Bruff's Website <https://mrbruff.com/>
5. Mr. Bruff's Playlists <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w>
6. Various Resources <http://www.geoffbarton.co.uk/student-resources.php>
7. CGP Revision Tips https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_tips_exam
8. The Science of Revision <https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/apr/19/students-revise-exams-revision-science>

There are also lots of example responses and other revision resources available in Moodle > English > Years 10 and 11 > Revision Tips.

Literature:

- Use your CGP revision guides to make mind maps and flashcards about key characters, key events and key themes and include important quotations.
- Use 'Seneca' regularly to help you revise the set texts.
- Download the 'Gojimo' App and 'My Learning' App through the AppStore or Google Play for resources for English Literature.

There are also lots of revision resources available in Moodle including the LitCharts in English > Years 10 and 11 > English Literature.

Useful sites for Literature:

1. AQA Past Papers <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources>
2. GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE BBC BITESIZE <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>
3. Mr. Bruff's Website <https://mrbruff.com/>
4. Mr. Bruff's Playlists <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM2vdqz-7e4HAuzhpFuRY8w>
5. Free to sign up for revision resources: <https://revisionworld.com/>
6. CGP Revision Tips https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_tips_exam
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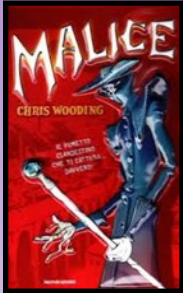
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Suggested Christmas Reads

Looking for something to read over the Christmas break? Here are some suggestions to keep you entertained...

For more information: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/t/teenage-christmas-books/>

Suggestions for Year 7s who have been studying gothic horror:



Malice

Author: Chris Wooding

If someone told you there was a comic book that was a view into another, darker world, would you believe them? Seth and Kady think the tales of Malice and Tall Jake are just rumours and urban legend, until their friend Luke goes missing... Taking it upon himself, Seth carries out the ritual to call Tall Jake to take him to Malice – and what he finds is beyond his imagination, and it's very real and very, very dangerous.

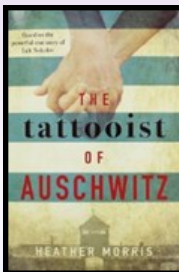


Coraline

Author: Neil Gaiman

One day Coraline unlocks a mysterious door that opens onto another world, a twisted parody of Coraline's own dimension. She discovers something very sinister about her 'other mother', who has trapped her real parents and plans to keep the family there forever. As Coraline tries to escape, she is faced with a fantastical series of macabre and bizarre situations.

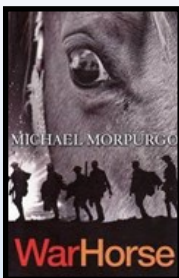
Great for Year 8s and 9s who have been studying war and conflict poetry:



The Tattooist of Auschwitz

Author: Heather Morris

Although often harrowing, the novel is a beautiful story based on the true life of Lale Skolov, 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz'. Heather Morris creates an all too real tale of the horrors of the concentration camps and how a resilient person seemingly defied their situation and found love.



War Horse

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Steven Spielberg enjoyed this story so much, he turned it into a film. Joey is a young farm horse, sold to the army at the beginning of the First World War. Through his eyes, the reader experiences the devastation of the Western Front, his capture by Germans and entrapment in No Man's Land.



When the Guns Fall Silent

Publisher: Oxford University Press

A boy's understanding of the First World War changes as he visits Flanders Fields with his Grandfather and hears his stories of being a soldier in the war.

If you prefer short, romantic tales—this one is for you:



My True Love Gave to Me

Author—Various

A collection of Christmas themed romantic short stories, one for each of the 'twelve days', by some of the best known American YA authors.

Careers News

This half term has been a busy one again interviewing pupils and helping them make decisions about their future. Although we are not able to offer our pupils visits and taster sessions at local colleges, it is still important that they are given the best opportunity to explore their ideas. All colleges are offering 'virtual' open events which are accessible through their websites. Feedback from pupils so far is great!



St. Mary's
Catholic Academy



We held a 'virtual' live assembly with ASK—Apprenticeships, Skills and Knowledge. This was to give the Year 11 students a presentation on all things relating to apprenticeships. Anyone interested in apprenticeships should register their details on the government website

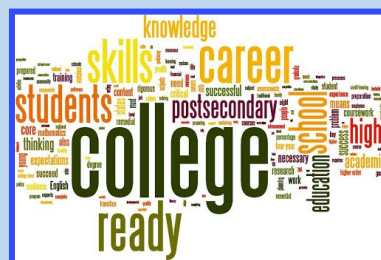
www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch



We have been lucky enough to welcome tutors and pupils from Fleetwood Town Community Trust BTEC Sport Programme into school to speak to our Year 11s about the courses they offer. They provided us with

lots of information about their Programmes and the opportunities it can lead onto. For more information see Mrs Sumner for an expression of interest form.

LMI—Labour Market Information is a vital tool when deciding on your career. It is important that you know what opportunities are available in the local area when considering career choices. The document on the next page shows who the main employers are in Lancashire



Labour Market Information

*LMI obtained from the Office for National Statistics and Gov.uk. Poster last updated August 2020

** Data used in this poster covers the period April - June 2020 and includes furloughed workers

**National
Careers
Service**

Lancashire LEP

Burnley, Chorley, Fylde, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribble Valley, Rossendale, South Ribble, West Lancashire, Wyre, Blackpool & Blackburn with Darwen



Employment

UK - 76.4%
LEP - 76.2%



Unemployment

UK - 3.9%
LEP - 3.1%

16-64 year old population = 915,900 Total population = 1,498,300

Full-Time Salary



UK Average - £30,414
LEP Average - £27,357

Self-Employment



10.4%

103,300 people in the region are self-employed

Apprenticeships

There are approximately 1,077 live vacancies within a 40 mile radius of Blackburn, including...

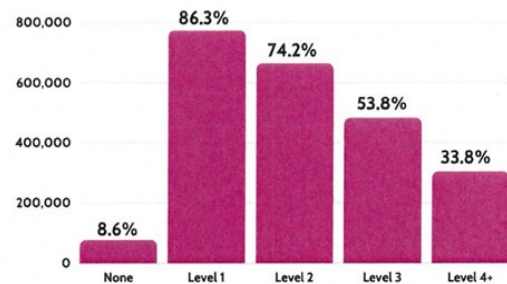
- Autocare Technician
- Customer Service
- Adult Care worker
- Accounting
- I.T
- Manufacturing
- Teaching Assistant
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Software Development

Plus many more! Find local opportunities on www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/



Qualification levels

662,400 people have at least a level 2 qualification such as GCSEs or an NVQ.



Where do people work right now?

Most jobs

- Wholesale & Retail - 112,000 (17.7%)
- Health & Social Care - 94,000 (14.8%)
- Manufacturing - 87,000 (13.7%)
- Education - 58,000 (9.1%)
- Administration - 46,000 (7.3%)

Fewest jobs

- Finance & Insurance - 8,000 (1.3%)
- Real Estate - 7,000 (1.1%)
- Water, Sewerage & Waste - 5,000 (0.8%)
- Electricity, Gas & Air - 2,500 (0.4%)
- Mining, Quarrying & Utilities - 450 (0.1%)

Growth Sectors

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health and Social Care
- Teaching and Education
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Construction

There are many other sectors that will grow in your region

What are some of the region's big name employers?



Need careers advice? Call us on 0800 100 900, contact us [online](#), or find us on Facebook, Twitter and The Student Room.

Year 7 Cells Competition

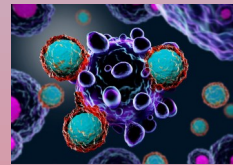
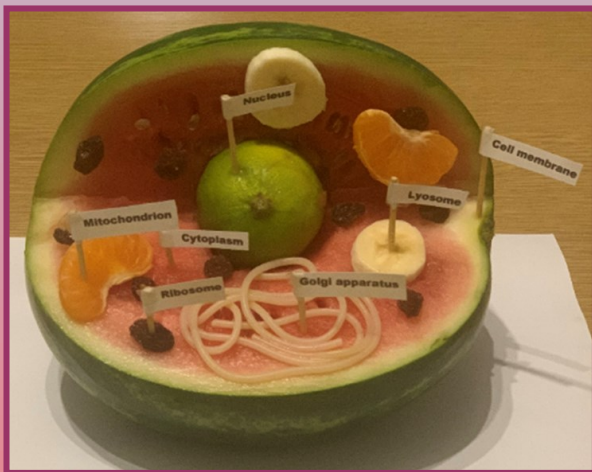
The Science Department would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and well done to all of the Year 7 pupils who entered the 2020 Cells Modelling Competition!

We have been completely dazzled by the creativity of all of the entries and are so appreciative of all of the time and effort that you spent constructing them.

We had every model imaginable, including jelly cells, minecraft cells and cell cakes! Mr Cafferkey, our guest judge, was equally impressed and said the standard was so high it made it incredibly difficult to choose a winning model.

However, after plenty of deliberation, here are our fantastic winners! Well done!

Most Creative - Liam 7AG



Most Effort Grace 7BE



Most Scientific - Georgia 7AD

Christmas Wishes

A quite extraordinary year comes to a close, and I would like to thank all our pupils, their families, and the staff for their support. Whilst not everything has gone to plan, we have got through the first term so much better than we could have imagined, but we do hope and pray for some movement towards normality in the new year.

I will be writing separately both this week, and at the start of the new term but, for now, it just remains for me to wish you and your families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and all God's blessings for what we hope will be a better 2021.

Mr Cafferkey



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