

## Dates for your Diary

Parent Consultation Day - Thursday 25th January  
Teacher Training Day - Friday 26th January - Students not in school



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It was lovely sharing the outstanding OFSTED report with the school community - our students should be so proud of what they achieve - I know staff are incredibly proud.

This week continues to be a real hive of buzz and activity.

The Year 7 Navy Activity Day is just one example of this. I'm also thrilled to see how much the Santa Sleigh raised for charity before Christmas.

Finally, I'm excited to see the Year 7 Shrek production next week. I know students have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals and Ms Walsh and Miss Danni have been glowing about how wonderful the cast have been.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at PCD and the Shrek performances.  
Have a great weekend,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Year 7 Navy Activity Day



Year 7 spent some time this week with The Royal Navy building helicopters...sounds simple enough!

The focus of the sessions were for the Year 7 students to start working on skills they would use in the wider world. We worked on team building, communication, engagement, problem solving, design and included some really interesting Science facts.

Students were given a talk about helicopters, how they work and how the Navy use them. They were then given a template of a paper helicopter from which they were asked to create their own design. The aim was to keep the helicopters in the air for as long as possible.

Once the designs were complete, students competed against each other to see whose helicopter design could stay in the air the longest.

Year 7 did a fantastic job and the designs were well thought out.

The Navy personnel were very impressed with the quality of the designs and the construction from our Year 7 cohort and said they were some of the best they had seen!

Year 7 had a brilliant time and have been a credit to the school. Well done to all involved!

We can't wait to do some sessions with The Royal Navy and with Year 8 - watch this space!

**Miss Worwood, Leader of Careers**

## Post 16 Raise Money for Myton Hospice and Air Ambulance

Before Christmas, students from Post-16 volunteered to do the annual Santa's Sleigh charity collection through Holbrooks.

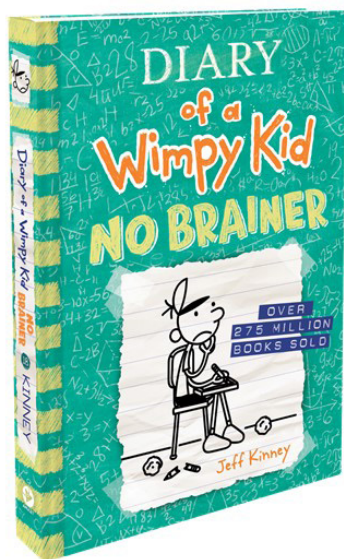
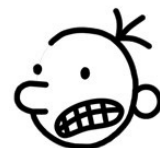
Students followed Santa's sleigh through the local community collecting money for Myton Hospice and the Air Ambulance.

It was a magical evening filled with Christmas spirit and so nice to spend time out in the local community.  
They raised £720.88!! Well done all involved!

*Mrs Mitchard, College Director of P16*



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## **FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...**

This week the Library's recommended reads are...

### **The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow**

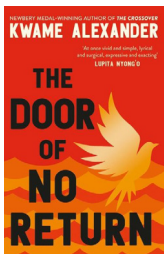


Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

When they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.

His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough? A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.

### **The Door of no Return by Kwame Alexander**



Dreams are today's answers for tomorrow's questions. Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming. But when the unthinkable - a sudden death - occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom...

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

**Library Staff**



  
**SHREK**  
The MUSICAL JR.

A Bridge production  
Thursday 25th and Friday 26th January  
7pm  
Tickets £3 adult £2 child

Tickets purchased from the dance studio at lunchtime from 9th January  
(cash only)

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture  
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by      Music by  
David Lindsay-Abaire      Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway  
by DreamWorks Theatricals and  
Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by  
Jason Moore and Rob Ashford  
"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

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