

STUDENT BRIEFING

Week commencing 11 November 2019

RESPECT

“Continue to love one another like brothers and sisters, and remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1-2) “

Anti – Bullying Week

Important Dates

11 November	College Uniform check Swindon Youth Festival of Literature week Remembrance Day
Forward Notice	
19 November	Year 11 Parents Evening (Pop X)
22 November	Activity Day

Thank you to the Chaplaincy Team for all their work in preparing for year group masses. Your hard work is appreciated by everyone.

Remembrance – Two-Minute Silence

We will be observing a two-minute silence on Monday 11 November at 11.05 a.m. A session bell will sound to mark the start and end of the silence

Tuesday 12 November

All year 8s and 9s are invited to attend a presentation by Ele Fountain, author of *Boy 87*.

Ele will give two presentations in the hall during the morning.

9.35 a.m. - 10.35 a.m. All year 8s

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon All year 9s

Please line up outside the hall in class order. Await instruction from your teacher or support staff. Your teacher will do the register with you. Bags are allowed in the hall, but must be placed underneath chairs.

During break time and lunchtime, Ele will be in the library selling and signing copies of her book, *Boy 87*. Please come to the library during this time if you wish to purchase. It would be helpful to have the correct money. Books cost £6.99 each.

During lunchtime (1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.), a selection of students have been invited to join Ele and Miss Henry to attend a riveting read session. If you have been selected, please ensure you are at the Library for 1.00 p.m. prompt.

Ele will be offering a small group workshop in the afternoon in W03 between 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Sixteen students have been selected to attend this prestigious workshop; please ensure that you are at W03 for this session. If you are unsure if you have been selected, please go to the library and speak to Mrs Kennedy or Miss Henry.

Thursday 14 November

Students have been selected on a first come first served basis to attend a trip at the Wyvern Theatre to see Anabelle Pitcher give a presentation on her books.

Letters were sent home confirming which students have been selected to attend. If you are unsure if you are attending, please check with Mrs Kennedy or Miss Henry in the library.

Please meet Mrs Kennedy and Miss Henry in the canteen by 9.00 a.m. Please sit in tutor groups. We will be travelling by coach to the Wyvern. No mobile phones or bags. Please ensure you have a pen with you. You may bring water if you wish. We will leave at 9.30 a.m. prompt. The presentation will start at 10.00 a.m. and finish at 11.00 a.m.

After the presentation, Anabelle will be signing and selling books. The titles on sale are: *My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece*, *Silence is Goldfish* and *Ketchup Clouds*. All books cost £5.00 each. Please bring the correct money.

Upon return to College, if it falls during your lunchtime, go straight to lunch. If you have missed your lunch, inform a member of staff on the trip then go straight to lunch. If you return during a lesson or citizenship, please go straight to the appropriate classroom.

Please remember that you are representing the College; high standards of uniform and behaviour are expected at all times.

Friday 15 November

Two different events taking place throughout the morning, as listed below.

Interschool book quiz at Ridgeway School

Six students have been selected to represent St Joseph's Catholic College at this event, two each from years 7, 8 and 9.

Please meet Mrs Kennedy in the canteen at 8.45 a.m. for a 9.00 a.m. departure. We should return by 12.00 noon.

We won first prize in 2017, second prize in 2018, so let's do our best and see if we can come back with more prizes! Good luck to you all.

Ash Dickinson, Poet: Main Hall 8.35 a.m. - 9.35 a.m.

An exciting opportunity to take part in creating your own poetry, guided by Ash, who is a regular visitor to SYFL and St Joseph's. Previous feedback of this event has always been very positive and constructive.

All year 7s. Registration will be in the hall. Please put your bags under chairs

Students need to go straight to their next lesson afterwards.

We hope that many of you get the chance to participate in this very significant event, which is now in its twelfth year in Swindon.

Into The Woods Auditions

Auditions for 'Into The Woods' will begin Tuesday 12 November. All students who put their name down to audition for a principal role should have been given a slip telling you the date and time for your audition. If you haven't been given this, please ask your tutors as they should have these. Please ensure that you are on time for your audition so that you don't miss it. If there is any reason you cannot attend your audition, please see Mr Halpin in advance.

Good Luck!

Mr Halpin

Chaplaincy Advent Competition (Years 7 – 11)

We are looking for a fantastic advent calendar design to display in the Chapel this advent. All designs should represent the true meaning of Christmas. Your calendar will be judged by the student chaplaincy team. All entries should be submitted to Mrs Barkham or Mrs Mobey no later than Tuesday 19 November. The winner will get a delicious Christmas prize! Good luck!

Art Club – Key Stage 3 and 4: Art Club will run Tuesdays in R10 and 11

Next student briefing will be published Friday 15 November.