

# STUDENT BRIEFING

## Week commencing 4 November 2019

### REMEMBRANCE

*"The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them." (Czeslaw Milosz)*

### Important Dates

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| 4 November | Return to school               |
| 5 November | Year 9 Mass                    |
| 7 November | Duke of Edinburgh Training Day |

### Forward Notice

Swindon Youth Festival of Literature

### Term 2 Uniform Check 4 - 8 November 2019

As a new term starts, we want you to look as smart as possible. Between the 4 and 8 November you will have one week to rectify any problems with your uniform. If you do not respond to your tutor's request to resolve these issues by Monday 11 November, there will be a sanction for noncompliance.

### Student Survey 2019 4 - 15 November 2019

Your tutor will be taking you to a computer room during one of your Citizenship lessons between the 4 and 15 of November, to enable you to complete an online survey about your experiences at St. Joseph's. We want an accurate picture of how you feel about a wide range of topics, as we will be using your views to help us develop the College in the future. Past student survey responses have led to changes in the school day and in the layout of the building. Your views are important to us, so please complete the survey as honestly as possible.

### Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver students will be having their Training Day at school on Thursday, 7 November 2019. Students need to go for the morning tutor time and lesson 1. At 9.35 a.m., students are expected to come straight to the hall for the Training. The Training will finish at 4.00 p.m. There will be an Information Evening for parents at 5.30 p.m. in the hall and we recommend that the students attend it along with their parents. Thank you. Mrs C de Araujo.

**Swindon Youth Festival of Literature (SYFL)** - Monday 11 November - Friday 15 November 2019

### **Monday 11 November**

7P attending trip to the Richard Jefferies museum. This will be from 09.35-15.00 hrs. More details to follow in the next bulletin.

### **Tuesday 12 November**

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

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 in hall. Bags under chairs

Students 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.

***Next student briefing will be published Friday 8 November.***