

Extended Learning Day

On Wednesday we held our first Extended Learning Day of the Academic Year. This is an opportunity to experience a range of different learning experiences. Pupils enjoyed the day as always. Seeing so many visiting speakers and guests in the Academy is always a highlight and thanks as always for your positive comments.

Year 10 Roche Court Visit

Thirteen Year 10 artists had the exciting opportunity to visit Roche Court Sculpture Park on Tuesday. They were lucky enough to have a lecture from two practising artists who also taught them how to create their own origami-style sketchbook. This was followed by a beautiful afternoon in the sunshine drawing their own interpretations of the fascinating sculptures around the park. Pupils let their imaginations run free and some inspiring drawings were created. Well done Year 10!



Keys Stage 4 Information Evening

If you missed this event please log on to the website and check out the slides from the presentations. Some valuable information for all

pupils studying in Key Stage 4 (Year 9-11) and their parents from the Heads of Science, Maths and English.

Cake Sale



Thanks to Philips for organising the charity cake sale and to all those parents and supporters who contributed in making cakes for the event. Over £70 was raised for Macmillan. I certainly left a few lbs heavier.

Scholarships in Performing Arts – Fantastic opportunity!

Starcast School of Performing Arts joined Year 8 pupils for a morning of dance, singing and drama workshops this week. Pupils discovered talents they didn't know existed and developed performance skills throughout the day. The principal was extremely impressed by the standard of our pupils and has offered a limited number Scholarship places to talented pupils. If pupils would like to apply for a Scholarship they need to write a letter to Miss Murphy explaining why they should be chosen, the deadline is Monday 24th October!

Reading – Stuck with a stocking filler for Christmas?

Reading is an essential element in this world; we read news on our phones, contracts at work, messages from friends, novels and stories... in fact much of what we know about the world we know because we have read about it.

Reading's benefits are not limited to just information though; the internet is full of academic articles that are essentially long long lists of how reading will benefit people in terms of knowledge, vocabulary, self-esteem, empathy and memory power. (To read a fuller list visit <http://whytoread.com/why-to-read-10-reasons-why-reading-books-will-save-your-life/>)

We encourage all of our pupils to read widely as one of their Prep Time activities and we ensure we pick engaging and beautifully written texts to study in English, but this obviously only scratches the surface.

So, I am proud to include our Official Sarum Academy Book List; a selection of our staffs' favourite fiction. It includes classic literature that would be accessible to many younger readers and a mix of modern and more well-loved books from the last 60 years.

This list is just a suggestion to help you and your child pick out books that you can guarantee will be memorable and enjoyable. (It would make a cracking Christmas List too, and anyone who read all of these books would certainly be smarter, more confident and happier for it!)

We stock all of these titles in our excellent Library along with hundreds of other great books. If you or your child would like to see a title in the library that we do not currently stock, please let Ms. Senior (our librarian) know.

If your child is a "reluctant reader" the best piece of advice we can give is to read "little but often" of anything that has been carefully written (blogs, news article, match reports, cheat-guides for computer games etc...). Just 20 minutes of continuous reading a day will ensure your child will keep growing as a reader. Anything less and studies suggest our reading ability will start to slip. In short, enjoy reading, enjoy talking about reading and enjoy sharing these great stories with your child and your family.

Official Sarum Academy Reading List – How many have you read?

This is our suggested range of **English Literary Classics** that don't weigh a tonne (even in hardback)!

Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Narnia Books by CS Lewis
Jamaica Inn or Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K. Jerome
Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson
The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Watership Down by Richard Adams
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling
The Hobbit / Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkein

Modern Classics

His Dark Materials Trilogy by Philip Pullman
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Boy by Roald Dahl
Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce
I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill
I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Series) by Douglas Adams
The Hunger Games (trilogy) by Suzanne Collins
Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton
Nowhere by Neil Gaiman
The Maze Runner (series) by James Dashner
Clockwork by Philip Pullman
My Swordhand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
When the Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ by Sue Townsend
The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat by Dave Shelton
The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden

100% Attendance

This term's prize for 100% attendance for the term is a bonus (Free) Non-Uniform Day on Thursday. Enjoy the comfort of your own clothes for the day and stand out as an example to all of us.

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100%

If you achieve 100% Attendance from
2nd September – 19th October 2016

enjoy an **extra non uniform day!**
on **Thursday 20th October 2016.**



Collect your Waiver card from Pupil Services on 19th October 2016

Attendance=Satisfaction

We have noticed a 10% increase in pupils with excellent attendance this term. This is a great indicator on whether pupils are happier in school. If you enjoy coming to school – you will come to school – SIMPLE!



Year 11 Progress Check Meetings

Lovely to meet many parents on Wednesday as we launched the Year 11 Mentoring programme. If you weren't able to attend we'll see you at the Parents Evening in November. Come on the boys!

Dear me



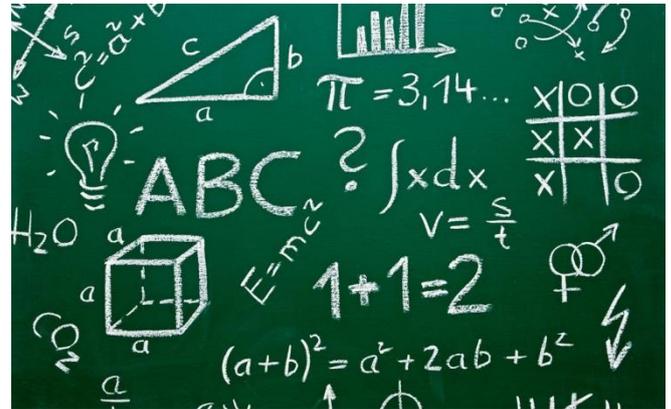
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OfSTED Satisfaction Questionnaire – Parent Voice

Thanks for taking the time to complete the Questionnaire. As always it's great to get your feedback and even better to read such positive comments. We are certainly on the right track. There will be more opportunities throughout the year if you missed out this time.



Maths online support



Stuck on maths homework? Stuck in maths? Check out the following websites and maths learning resources.

ActiveLearn

- All pupils have their own log-in and password

www.gcsepod.com

- Podcasts for all topics

www.mathsgenie.co.uk

- Past papers, marking and solutions

www.gcse-maths-revision.co.uk

- Self-marking past papers

www.mymaths.co.uk

Login: sarum

Password: range

www.mathedup.co.uk

- Video-answers-quiz for all topics
- Exam questions by topic

www.corbettmaths.com

- 5-a-day revision questions

