



Message from the Principal



We are now coming to the end of the second week of the new term and everybody should have settled down into their lessons and in some cases new subjects.

As you will see we have updated the newsletter this week and Miss Rowe will now be in charge of it but I know that she wants to see more contributions from students.

On another matter on Tuesday I took the detention and I was amazed to see so many students who were in for non completion of homework and that they did not do because they had not written it down. Please may sure that you have your planners on your desk during lessons. I will also be asking your Heads of Year to check planners next week to ensure that you are getting them signed.

Have a nice weekend!  
Miss Downey

Good Attitude of the Week



This section is for teachers and all staff to give praise to students who have gone above and beyond to be kind or helpful to others. **Each student featured will receive 5 house points.**

**Jordan Butcher-Campbell** - was spotted taking time out to speak to a year 7 and ask her how her first few days had been. He offered to help her if she needed anything or was lost. Impressive generosity of spirit and kindness - top man! \_ Mr Davison

Word of the Week:

**Ambiguous:** *Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.*

Read of the Week:

**'The Lord of the Flies' by William Golding**

This is the new KS3 text in year 8. A fantastic read not only because of the mastery of description, 'a school of tiny fish glittered hither and thither' but also because of its powerful story telling. Follow Ralph, Jack and Piggy through their journey when they crash land on an uninhabited desert island. What will happen to them when there are no rules....and no grown-ups?

Author the week:

**Agatha Christie**



Agatha Christie was born in Torquay, Devon in 1890.

Agatha's writing career began when her sister challenged her to write a novel. The result was 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles'.

Her most famous characters are the Belgian Private detective Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple an elderly amateur sleuth.

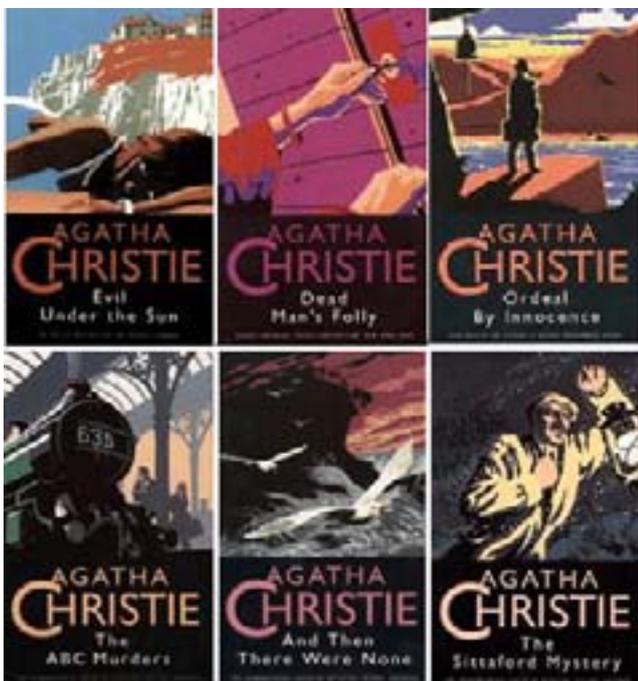
She is the bestselling novelist of all time having written 67 novels, 150 short stories and 16 plays. 'The Mousetrap' is the longest running play in the world.

**Do you think you could be the next Agatha Christie?** If you have any creative writing or short stories you would like to share with the school please submit them to your form tutor and we will put them in the school newsletter. **Anyone who's work goes into the newsletter will receive 5 house points!**

**Sky Ryan** - For making all the year 7s feel so welcome at lunchtime and break - well done Sky! \_ Miss Treadaway

**Duejon Baker** - For opening the door for me when I had my arms full of books - Thank you Duejon! \_ Miss Shaw

**Nikola Szyszka** - For helping Natalie and translating for her during her first week at school - Well done!\_ Miss White





*'Let go of yesterday. Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can, and you'll get to where you want to.'*  
Joel Osteen



*'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible' -*  
St Francis of Assisi.

Welcome back Dickens House! It is so good to see you all wearing your red ties with pride! We need to start the new academic year as we mean to go on by achieving, progressing and winning!

Here are a few quotes to, hopefully, inspire you to embrace the new academic year:

*Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning.*  
Desmond Tutu

*Much as we may wish to make a new beginning, some part of us resists doing so as though we were making the first step toward disaster.*  
William Throsby Bridges

*Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.*  
Seneca

*Every day I feel is a blessing from God. And I consider it a new beginning. Yeah, everything is beautiful.*  
Prince

Welcome back to everyone in Year 9 and Brunel House. The start of a new school term is always an exciting time and a time of change, moving from Houses into Year groups, although the House system still remains throughout the school. Year 9 is an absolutely vital Year for students as they choose their Options for next year and of course start many of their G.C.S.E classes before the end of the year. I have been asking them to reflect on their reports from last year and to think of their targets for the coming academic year, and they are working on these with their Tutors on a weekly basis. The aim is to get off to the best possible start and to build on this in the coming year, so that students can all make the best progress possible and make a smooth transition into KS5.

I am very pleased to say that we have been considering a number of House activities for our Charity, 'Battersea Dogs and Cats Home', which hopefully will be a lot of fun and help everyone become involved with fund raising and details of these will follow at a later date. I hope that everyone makes the best possible start to the new term and look forward to a busy and successful year.

D. Glyn (HOY 9/Brunel).



To the incredible members of Turner House (that's all of you)- I am delighted to welcome you back.

I hope you had a lovely summer and an even better start to the new school year. There are many great things ahead for us as a House, including charity events: a Rowing Challenge, Pancake Challenge and Car Wash and Summer Fete at the end of the school year. It will be your role to organise these events so anyone interested please let me know. Also I will be picking the House and Sports Captains, so whoever would like these roles please write a statement explaining why you would like the role and why you would be suited. I will be picking on a number of the Year 10s in Turner to take on some responsibility in organising, volunteering and supporting our younger students. Lastly well done and commiserations on coming second in the whole year House Competitions-a step up from where we were the year before-we were right on top the whole year until Sports Day. This year I want to see more of you come forward and show off your skills to help Turner House be at the top where it belongs.



To the great House of Turing, welcome back! I hope you had a restful break and managed to enjoy some of the London sunshine. It has been great to see you all settling into the new tutors as well as helping the year sevens find their way around the buildings. Remember to reflect on your targets, make use of the extra-curricular clubs and...win the next House competition!

Here are some inspirational quotes for you all about education:

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*  
Nelson Mandella

*Education is not the preparation for life; education is life itself.*  
John Dewey

*My Mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors.*  
Maya Angelou

# The Lowdown: APA's new additions: Part 1



## 5,4,3,2,1

5... People you would invite to your dream dinner party:

The Dalai Lama  
Barak Obama  
Shakespeare  
William Wallace  
Malala Yousafazi\*

4... Books or films you'll never forget:

The Lord of the Rings  
Inception  
Birdsong  
One flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

3... Courses you'd have for your last meal:

Gnochi with homemade pesto  
Chateau Briande (steak!)  
Carrot cake

2... Locations in the world you'd love to visit:

Japan  
Cuba

1... Day of your life you'll never forget:

The day I sky-dived over Dubai.

\*As a young girl Malala Yousafazi defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012, but she survived and has continued to campaign for the importance of education.



## 5,4,3,2,1

5... People you would invite to your dream dinner party:

Marilyn Monroe  
Marlon Brando  
Frank Sinatra  
Virginia Wolfe  
Benedict Cumberbatch

4... Books or films you'll never forget:

Noughts and Crosses  
The Ragged Trousers Philanthropist  
All of the Harry Potter books and films (is that cheating?)  
The Freedom Writers

3... Courses you'd have for your last meal:

For the starter anything with prawns.  
My mum's lasagne for main with salad and garlic bread.  
For desert... Strawberry pavlova, chocolate fudge cake and banoffee pie with cream ice cream and fresh fruit... If its your last meal you might as well go all out!

2... Locations in the world you'd love to visit:

Thailand  
Hawaii

1... Day of your life you'll never forget:

My graduation was amazing, but also going to Vegas with my friends, travelling is a great experience if you get the opportunity.



## 5,4,3,2,1

5... People you would invite to your dream dinner party:

Mark Cavendish  
Barack Obama  
Ryan Gosling  
Nelson Mandella  
Albert Einstein

4... Books or films you'll never forget:

The Impossible  
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry  
Harry Potter  
To Kill a Mockingbird

3... Courses you'd have for your last meal:

Smoked Salmon and salad  
Chilli con carne  
Chocolate fudge cake with ice cream and strawberries

2... Locations in the world you'd love to visit:

The Himalayas  
Antarctica

1... Day of your life you'll never forget:

The day I graduated university was a great sense of achievement.

**Keep an eye out for next weeks newsletter when we will be introducing more of our new staff with 5,4,3,2,1!**

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## GUESS THE FLAG

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Can you write down the names of the places these flags come from?



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## RIDDLE ME THAT

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1. What tastes better than it smells?
  2. What is as light as a feather, but even the strongest man can only hold it for a couple of minutes?
  3. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
  4. 100 feet in the air, yet my back is on the ground. What am I?
  5. What starts with an e but only has a single letter in it?
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## NEW SCHOOL MASCOTS!

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Take a look at our new school mascots Boris and Max!

Can you think of a caption for this picture? Please give your ideas to your form tutor and the best one will be featured in next weeks newsletter...**The winner will receive 5 house points!**

Can you guess which teacher they belong to?

If you'd like your pet to be the new school mascot tweet a picture of them in their uniform to @ARKPutney and we'll choose our favourite for the school newsletter. **The winner each week will receive 5 house points!**

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

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If you would like to contribute to the school newsletter please see your form tutor or come and see me (Miss Rowe) directly in room B15.

It would be great to have as much input as possible from the students so if there's anything you'd like to see in the school newsletter, as a one off or a regular feature this is your chance to say!

Keep an eye open for more news, competitions and games on the school twitter account @ARKPutney



GRAB YOUR FLORESCENT GEAR AND JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER FOR A RACE / FUN RUN IN  
BATTERSEA PARK  
YOU CAN RUN 5 OR 10K

AGE 14+

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME – YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN  
THE WHOLE WAY!

THE RACE IS RAISING MONEY FOR A CURE FOR  
PARALYSIS

ASK THE PE DEPT FOR MORE INFO BEFORE FRIDAY 19TH  
SEPTEMBER