

## Message From the Principal

Dear students

As you know we had an inspection team visit us this week at the academy. The response of the team to students at APA was extremely positive with the inspectors saying how well behaved and engaging you were as a student body. Whilst I was observing lessons with the team I clearly saw this. Students enthusiastically answered questions in lessons and worked well together in groups. Taking pride in their written work and the school. My particular thanks to all the students who sat on the panels and met with the inspection team. Again the maturity of your responses and the excellent manners impressed the team.

Have a good weekend!

Ms Downey



## Author of the Week: Anthony Horowitz



Anthony Horowitz was born on the 5th April 1955 in north London.

He says, "I think I knew with certainty that I wanted to be a writer around eight."

Anthony was sent to boarding school, which he hated. He says that one reason he began writing books for young people was "to make up for the shortcomings of my childhood".

As well as being the author of over 50 books including the bestselling 'Alex Rider' series, Anthony is also an award winning screenwriter, playwright and journalist.

He is the writer and creator of 'Foyle's War' and has also written for 'Poirot' and 'Midsommer Murders'. Anthony is married with two children and lives in London.



# Message From the Heads of House

## BRUNEL: Mr Glyn



Well done to all the following students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year, a very praiseworthy achievement. Keep it up.

WING, Cashel; TOVAR SANCHEZ, Kenny; STRONG, Kieran; SMAJLI, Fisnik; LONGUEHAYE, Kayla; LONGUEHAYE, Corey; LONGUEHAYE, Caitlyn; KARIKARI-ABABIO, Akwasi; HIERONIMCZAK, Oskar; FRANCIS, Moesha; DRUMMOND, Maia; CELECIA, Alex; CASADY, Aaliyah Matisse; BAFFOUR-ASARE, Joshua; ARYEE, Javan

The theme for last week was 'Peace', which we discussed in Assembly and I thought this would be a good chance to include 'The Geography Poem' by Zulfikar Ghose, (born in India (now Pakistan) on March 13, 1935) which poses an interesting and relevant question.

### The Geography Poem

When the jet sprang into the sky, it was clear why the city had

developed the way it had, seeing it scaled six inches to the mile.

There seemed an inevitability about what on ground had looked haphazard, unplanned and without style when the jet sprang into the sky.

When the jet reached ten thousand feet, it was clear why the country had cities where the rivers ran and why the valleys were populated.

The logic of geography, that the land and water attracted man was, clearly delineated, when the jet reached ten thousand feet.

When the jet rose six miles high, it was clear the earth was round and that it had more sea than land. But it was difficult to understand that the man on the earth found causes to hate each other, to build walls across cities and to kill. From that height, it was not clear why.

Zulfikar Ghose

Have a good weekend.

## DICKENS: Ms Chaudhry



### Dickens News:

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this academic year:

WAUGH, Camille; ROYE, Tia; PIEDADE, Troy; Piedade, Teon; Loverez, Lenie Marie; KHAN, Sharo; EDGLEY, Tomas; DJE, Jewell; COYLE, Shania

Well done for coming 2nd in the attendance race with 92%; congratulations to Mr Powell's tutor group for achieving 93%!! However, you must remember that the school's target is

We have achieved another successful week by coming top of the House Competition board with 89 points; well done! Keep up the great work and effort!!

The theme of the week was Spirit; here are some

inspiring quotes to, hopefully, lift your spirits over the weekend:

1. There is no telling how many miles you will have to run while chasing your dreams.
2. Remember that you were born to live, don't live because you were born.
3. Don't go the way life takes you, take life the way you go.
4. Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine.
5. Ships are safe in the harbour, but that's not what they were built for.
6. Just because you're on the right track doesn't mean you should just sit there.
7. Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself.

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8. The mighty oak was once a nut that stood its ground.
9. There are two ways of spreading light, be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
10. The most beautiful things in the world must be seen from the heart.
11. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!
12. Don't be discouraged, it is often the last key in

the bunch that opens the lock.

## Drama News

Drama Society has been cancelled at the moment as we are still trying to find a suitable day after school where we can all meet up. Sorry for any inconvenience caused but I will keep you posted!

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## TURING: Ms Brimacombe



Congratulations to the following students who all still have 100% attendance:

ALLEN, Shai; BROWN, Shakira; DOUGLAS, Georgina; EDWARDS, Thomas; EJOH-DENNY, Joshua; ELMER, Andrew; ELMER, Joseph; FORTES, Davi; GRANT, Shameille; HOLMAN, Macaiah; RUBY, Jordan; Rutnasamy, Giovanni; SARKER, Sumol; STEPHENS, Anna-Ruth.

Unfortunately though, we are still only third in the attendance board. Please make sure you all make a concerted effort to improve your attendance to at least 95%.

So, this Monday was Martin Luther King Day. King was the chief spokesman for non-violent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested against racial discrimination in federal and state law. King was assassinated in 1968, and it was shortly after this that the campaign for a holiday in his honour began. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan agreed to this and then in 2000 it was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time. A couple of King's most famous quotes are: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." and "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience,

but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." So, how do you face challenges? Are you determined and courageous, or do you give up easily?

I know all about challenge at the moment. When it's cold and raining, it's a real challenge to pick myself up, put my trainers on and run for 3 hours. But, my training is going well and I will be running another 17 miles this weekend! Remember, to keep Sunday 13th April free to come and support me...it's a great day out and just on our doorstep.

On a fundraising note, if you have any old clothes at home that you don't wear/want anymore, please bring them in to Ms Emerton's classroom (B27) as we are doing a Cash 4 Clothing collection over the next couple of weeks.



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## TURNER: Mr Richards



Congratulations to all of you who achieved 100% once again this last week:

ROGERS, Tyler-Morgan  
WALKER-DOWELL, Emma-Marie  
SYMONDS, Christopher

PATEL, Dhruvi; NUERNBERG, Gustavo;  
NUERNBERG, Francini; NICHOLAS, Cameron;  
NEUPANE, Pradeep; MAN, Angela; LOTHIAN, Lia;  
HASSOUNA, Omar; CORBYN, Andrew; CHAVEZ;  
TALAVERA, Kevin; CHAER, Nemr; BRIDGER  
Bradley; BARHAM, Alea; ANTWI, Michael; WING,  
Gervaise

Well done again to all of you for being the highest attending house in the whole school with 93.5%

- hope you can push it to at least 95% next week. Thank you again to Mr Solari's tutor group for being the highest attending tutor in the House, with 96%, well done!

In these dark months it is important for you all to try and keep your spirits high. No matter how much work you have got to do, no matter how much other people might annoy you or how bad you think life is going – please try to hold your head up high. The spirited mind is something wonderful and means so much more than just trying to be happy. Yes, think positively, but more importantly, think imaginatively and remember this quote for me: 'Our business in this world is not to succeed, but to continue to fail in good spirits.' Don't let anything grind you down and take any failure on the chin, and use it as a chance to do better.

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## 5,4,3,2,1: Ms Lake

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### 5 people you'd love to have round for dinner:

My Gran, she was a brilliant cook.  
Kathy Burke  
Henry Moore  
Alan Bennett  
Robert Downey Jr

### 1 day you'll never forget:

First ever Judo grading when I was 11. Won all my fights (the first in 10 seconds) and got graded straight to an Orange belt, felt proud that all the training had paid off. Plus it really annoyed my brother who was still stuck on white!

### 4 books and films you'll never forget:

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert – It's hilarious  
Whatever happened to Baby Jane?  
Wuthering Heights  
Talking Heads

### 3 foods you'd have for your last meal:

Sunday roast  
Sushi  
Lots of Champagne

### 2 places you'd love to visit:

HaLong Bay – Vietnam  
Cuba

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## Reminder: Science Club

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Science Club  
Every Thursday  
Room: B05  
Time: 3.15

# This Day in History

**22nd January 1901**

Queen Victoria of England died after reigning for nearly 64 years. Edward VII, her son, succeeded her.



**23rd January 1924**

The first Labour government was formed, under Ramsay MacDonald



**24th January 1972**

World War Two Japanese soldier Shoichi Yokoi is found at his post on Guam and told the war is over.



**25th January 1759**

Scottish national poet Robert Burns is born in Ayrshire, a date marked with 'Burns Night' celebrations.



**26th January 1926**

British scientist John Logie Baird gives the first public demonstration of television.



**27th January 1945**

Soviet troops liberate fewer than 3,000 survivors from the Nazi extermination camp at Auschwitz, Poland.

