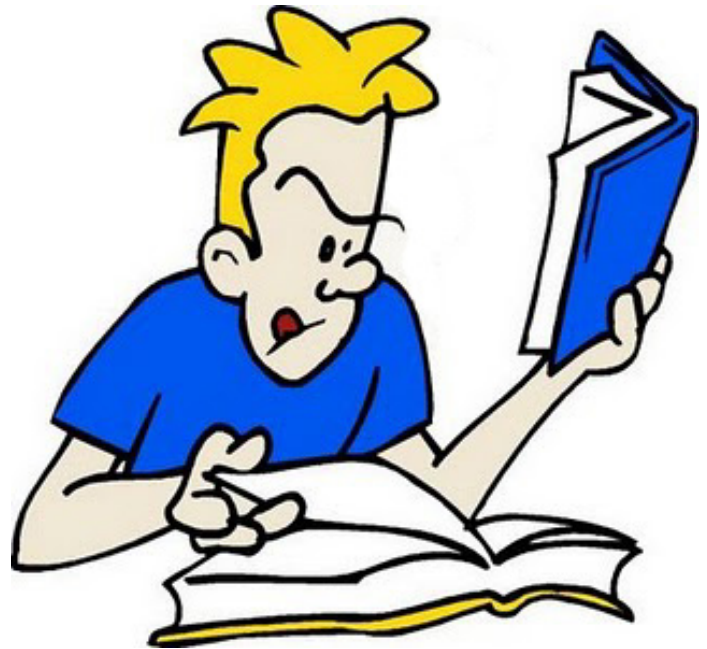


## Message From the Principal

Dear students,  
Welcome back after the half term break. It was good to see you looking so smart and enthusiastic coming back to the academy on Tuesday. This is an important half term for everyone especially those who are taking formal examinations at the end of this year. Year 11 will be sitting their mock exams in December and Year 13 will be sitting their mocks in January. Both of these year groups need to think about their revision programmes. Good revision involves putting together a timetable of planned revision tasks focusing on one or two subjects per night. It also involves preparation in terms of ensuring that you have the information to revise from and practice papers to complete. There is no such thing as good luck in your examinations there is only good preparation and this should start as early as possible.

Have a good weekend,  
Ms Downey



## Author of the Week: Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman OBE was born in Clapham, London on February 8th 1962.

After leaving school she worked as a systems programmer and is a graduate of the National Film and

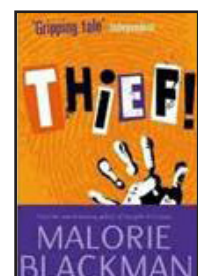
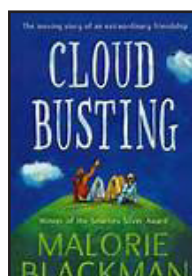
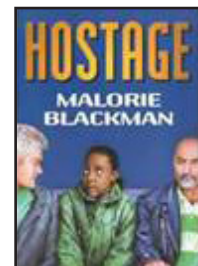
Television School.

Her first book Not So Stupid, a collection of short stories, was published in 1990.

Since then, Malorie has written over fifty children's books, television scripts and a stage play; all of which have earned her many awards.

She is the author of the award winning Noughts and Crosses series and her novel, Pig Heart Boy has been adapted for television.

In the 2008 Birthday Honours, she was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE). Malorie Blackman is married with one daughter and now lives in Kent.



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# Message From the Heads of House

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## **BRUNEL: Mr Glyn**



I would like to welcome everyone back, for what is always a busy and exciting term in the lead up to Christmas. Thanks to the House Council for meeting so early in the term and thinking of some of the ideas we could use to raise money for Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and we are going to look into the idea of adopting a dog or cat if possible. I wonder if we could call it Brunel? Any ideas or suggestions please see me or Maia Drummond our House Captain. It has already been mentioned that we might be able to run a tuck shop on Fridays.

The winter months are starting to close in now and it has been noticeably colder these last few days. Please remember that all jackets/coats, scarves and

gloves should be black in colour. Please remember that the performance of Macbeth will be on the 11th November 2013 at 7:00pm at the Shaw Theatre in Euston and it would be great if we could come along and support Ms Chaudhry and everyone who has worked so hard on the production.

November is also known as 'Movember' so many male staff will be growing a moustache, as they will be trying to raise money to combat cancer. Please give generously if you can, to help combat this terrible disease.

Have a good week and work hard!

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## **DICKENS: Ms Chaudhry**



### **Dickens news:**

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a rest and are now ready to embark on the exciting educational journey ahead!

We ended last half term with 95% attendance; this is great as we are now meeting the school target!! However, we are currently 3rd in the House competition and we need to be back at the top, where we look best!!

Dickens House charity event will be taking place at the end of the term and we have decided to do a pantomime evening where people pay to watch the performance! If you are interested in joining the

cast then please tell your tutor asap.

### **Drama news:**

The performance of Macbeth will be on the 11th November 2013 at 7:00pm at the Shaw Theatre in Euston so please come and support your friends!

The last chance to buy tickets will be break time on Monday 11th November 2013 from B05!!

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# Message From the Heads of House

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**TURING:**  
**Ms Brimacombe**



Welcome back Turing House!

I hope you have all had an excellent week off and are feeling well rested and ready for another important half term.

This half term is an exciting time full of activities and key dates to remember. Monday is Remembrance Day and I would love to see all students wearing a poppy; so keep your eyes peeled for poppy donation stations when you are out and about over the weekend, and buy yourself one to wear in remembrance of those who have died in service to our country.

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**TURNER:**  
**Mr Richards**



After a long half-term break, even though it never quite seems long enough, you should all be ready to start the rest of this term. It is a difficult half-term, when the pressure starts creeping up on GCSE coursework and everyone cannot wait until Christmas, but it is important that you try and make the most of it. There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and creativity over the course of the next few weeks and particularly the end of term, with House competitions, charity events and whole school events, especially for Christmas. We also have the Shakespeare School festival next week, which Miss Chaudhry, Miss Hollis and those students performing have worked incredibly hard on and will no doubt give us a great show on Tuesday 11th November - make sure you get those tickets.

With Christmas on its way, I would like you all to be thinking about ways in which we can have a 'Christmassy' fundraiser for the Rainbow Trust.

Well done for the improvement in attendance. We ended last term at 96.5%, which is great and we need to ensure we keep it there or higher if we can! Remember, we are only 3 points behind Turner in the House points, so let's get the basics right and achieve those House points for clean yellow cards on a Friday.

With the theme of the week being community this week, I'd like you all to ensure you maintain the solid community that we have in this school, which Mr Glyn referred to in his assembly on Tuesday. This includes looking out for one another throughout the day, helping provide a positive environment in and out of lessons, and being polite to one another and all members of staff.

You may also have seen a number of teachers taking part in the Movember charity, where they grow a moustache for the month of November. This charity aims to raise awareness for men's health – particularly testicular cancer, prostate cancer and mental health. If you can spare any change then go to Mr Collins, Mr Davison, Mr Watton, Mr Hayden, Ms Chaudhry or myself, where there are buckets for your money in our rooms.

I hope you have a good weekend ahead of your first full week after the break.

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# MOvember

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Please support Mr Wotton, Mr Collins, Mr Hayden, Mr Richards and Mr Davison who are very MOtivated to be participating in MOvember this year. They are all growing MOustaches to change the face of men's health by changing their own faces! There are buckets in each of their classrooms to add your donations.

## HOW IT WORKS

MOvember challenges men to grow a moustache for the 30-days of November, thereby changing their appearance and the face of men's health.

In October, Mo Bros sign up at [Movember.com](http://Movember.com), and on the 1st of November, with a clean-shaven face, start their Mo growing journey.

Then for the entire month, these selfless and generous men known as Mo Bros, effectively become walking, talking billboards for 30 days. Through their growing efforts they raise awareness

for the often ignored issues of men's health, by prompting conversations wherever they go.

Another crucial part of being a Mo Bro is to raise funds for men's health. Men donate their face, and much like taking part in a run or a walk for charity, ask their family and friends to sponsor their efforts.

MOvember's not just for men. The women of MOvember, are known as Mo Sistas. They play a vital role in the success of MOvember by supporting and encouraging the men in their life to get involved. Mo Sistas also get involved by signing up at [Movember.com](http://Movember.com) and participate by raising funds and awareness themselves. Essentially, Mo Sistas do everything that Mo Bros do, without a Mo.

At the end of the month, Mo Bros and Mo Sistas celebrate their MOvember journey by throwing their own MOvember parties or attending one of the official Gala Partés held around the world.

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## Poetry Club: Winner

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### **A Wolf Born of Ice** by Yazan Al-Sayed

I knew a wolf born of ice, sharp skills, slippery actions.

As vicious as it is doesn't think of its emotions. Cold heart frosty soul. No owner and no bowl.

On an emotionless frenzy in the blistering snow. Crying out horrible howls, fighting everything it sees and know.

Alone as it is, scares everything it passes. Sends a shiver down every spine. This wolf cannot be trusted.

Despite it's unknown emotions, it still could have some secrets. Still lurking in the woods this wolf is not completely hated...

Cold heart and frosty soul.  
No owner and no bowl.

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## Mufti Day: 15th November 2013

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Remember next Friday is Mufti Day!

Wear something spotty and bring £1 to give to your tutor for Children in Need!



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# Art: Bulletin

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## AS/A2 Photography Trip to Shoreditch/Brick Lane (31st October 2013)

Just before half term there was an AS/A2 Photography trip to East London. The students met at Liverpool St Station and we walked through Hoxton, across to Spitalfields Market and then down Brick Lane. The area is very diverse and home to many cultures and artists, including street artists such as Banksy. We photographed the large impressive city buildings as well as the cultural diversity of the area.

At one point we ventured down a back street to look at the street art and graffiti and stumbled upon a street artist at work. He worked on as we photographed him and the environment he worked in. All very exciting stuff!

After a great deal of worn shoe leather, we made our way back to Liverpool Street Station and home. Many of the students had taken between three and four hundred photographs.

## Year 10 GCSE Art trip to the National and Portrait galleries (6th November 2013)

Under leaden skies and teeming rain the year 10 Art students heroically battled up to Trafalgar Square. The students visited both the National and Portrait galleries to study various artworks for their GCSE unit one. All students behaved impeccably and a member of the public congratulated them on their behaviour. They studied, sketched and annotated until, exhausted, we made our way back to Putney.

P Solari (Head of Art)

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### Mr Kerr: Don't Make Excuses In Your Life

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"If you envy successful people, you create a negative force field of attraction that repels you from ever doing the things that you need to do to be successful. If you admire successful people, you create a positive force field of attraction that draws you toward becoming more and more like the kinds of people that you want to be like." Brian Tracy. More directly; "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with" – Jim Rohn. Mr Kerr adds; Who are you hanging around with the majority of time? Don't ever be guilty of making excuses in the future for not being able to succeed in life – one of my favourite Brian Tracy quotes is : "It doesn't matter where you are coming from. All that matters is where you are going." Excuses make you weak. Don't be weak.



No Excuses

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## REVISION GUIDES

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CGP School Revision  
Guides  
for Year 10 and 11

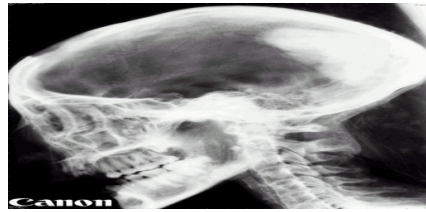
Available to buy in the  
Finance Office



## This Day in History

### 8th November 1895

On this day in 1895, physicist Wilhelm Rontgen becomes the first person to observe X-rays, a significant scientific advancement that made the invisible visible.



### 9th November 1960

Senator John F Kennedy wins the election to become the youngest president of the United States.



### 10th November 1938

German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jewish people and their homes and businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence was later dubbed "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass."



### 11th November 1918

World War I came to an end when the Allies and Germany signed an armistice. This day is still recognised as Remembrance Day.



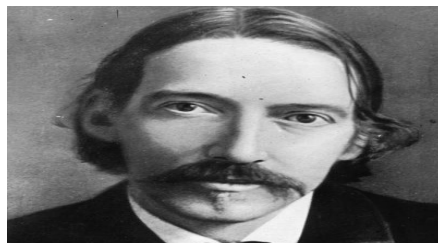
### 12th November 1954

New York's main immigration control centre, Ellis Island, shut down after 62 years. It admitted 15 million people into America from overseas since it first opened in 1892.



### 13th November 1850

Robert Louis Stevenson, best known for *Treasure Island* and *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* is born.



### 14th November 1940

German bombers devastate Coventry, demolishing tens of thousands of buildings and killing hundreds of men, women, and children. The verb "Koventrieren" (to Coventrate) passed into the German language, meaning "to annihilate or reduce to rubble."

