



## Student Achievement

Harry Daw 10DD was awarded the John Embley Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contribution 2019. The award is in recognition of John Embley who worked voluntarily as a Special Constable in Hertfordshire for 49 years. Harry was nominated by his fellow cadets and leaders and John then selected who he felt deserved acknowledgement for their contributions this year.



## English Stars of the Month for October

The following students have been recognised by their English teachers for producing outstanding work and making excellent progress.

James Rumsey, Olivia Turner, Alex Shelley, Syanne Taylor, Andrea Jenkins, Joshua Gibbons, Lauren Masoero, Lottie Parker, Kira Temple, Finley Deacon, Deborah Akowa, Abbie Bierman, Dina Said, Liam Vaughn, Jay Butler, James Dodd, Olly Brannan, Evie Summers, Ben Goldsmith, Lottie Parker, Honor Wild, Jack Arnold, Jolie Paveley, Emily Smith, Emily Boughton, Felix Stanley, Tai Stajonovic, Grace Scott, Libby Douglas, Alice Key, Scarlett Hammond, Lui Page, Nicholas Runjic, Ella Fox, Oscar Niel, Ellen McCloy, Zoe Decruz, Denise Xhepa, Ben Coxall, Honey Smith, Sam Rowland, Lista Veneti



## Student Achievement

Edie Austwick and Megan Adams 8AD were recently awarded the St. Stephens Parish Council Youth Community Award and were presented with certificates at the end of September.

Both girls are members of 1st Chiswell Green Guides and the award is in relation to the Girlguiding Anglia Macmillan Smarties challenge, where the aim was to raise £28 each, enough to pay for one hour of Macmillan nursing care (28 x £1 coins fit into one Smarties tube). Edie and Megan made beeswax wraps that they advertised for sale to friends and family for £2.50 each. They spent much of the May half term making the wraps and aimed to make as much money as possible as well as doing their bit to tackle the use of single use plastic as the wraps can be used as alternatives to Clingfilm. They even received orders from overseas and managed to raise £335.50. Having been nominated for the award they were successfully selected by a panel of judges from St. Stephens Parish Council and were presented with certificates at a ceremony at Greenwood Park in September.



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## The MO

The latest edition of the MO is out now. Click on the image below or visit the school website at

[https://  
www.themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/](https://www.themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/)



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# THE MO



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for the students

2019  
**Shine** School Media Awards  
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## The Science Section



The beauty of Science is that anyone can take part in it, anyone can be a scientist. Science is all about asking questions about the world we live in and then trying to discover the answers.

Over the years many famous and not so famous scientists have asked those questions and have discovered answers that allow us to predict and understand events and to explain various

phenomena that we witness. The trouble with Science is that sometimes it is over-complicated and inaccessible and that can prevent people from engaging.

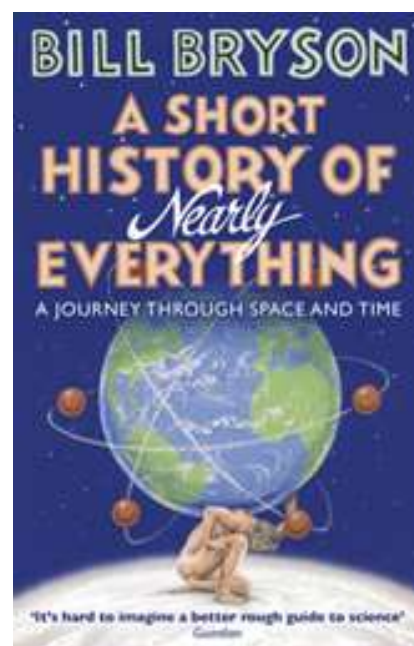
As with any school subject wider reading and engagement out of class will go a long way to boosting engagement and exam performance.

To boost this interest I would like to recommend a book and an upcoming TV documentary to help families get engaged in Science this half term.

### **The Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson**

Bill Bryson is an American author who has lived most of his adult life in Britain. He is well recognised as a travel and popular science writer. The book that I recommend is one of his science offerings.

A Short History of Nearly Everything, was written in 2003 and details many of the significant discoveries and developments across the whole spectrum of scientific disciplines that have helped shaped our current understanding of the Earth, ourselves and our place within the wider Universe.



The book is written in a lighthearted story telling fashion. It follows a chronology that details how scientific understanding developed about ourselves and the wider world. Although the book contains a lot of facts, figures and science these are all explained in a delightfully accessible way with humour, analogies and just the right amount of detail.

What makes this book particularly interesting are the stories of the scientists, some famous and some forgotten by history, that have contributed to our understanding. Bill Bryson writes about their lives, relationships and in some cases deaths intertwined with the details of their discoveries that makes the book not just interesting from a science point of view but also for the historians amongst us.

## **The Science Section continued...**

### **Seven Worlds One Planet—David Attenborough. BBC One Sunday 27th October.**

David Attenborough's natural history documentaries are always superb and provide us with an opportunity to witness truly amazing nature produced by some quite remarkable film makers from the comfort of our own homes. Over the years they have become powerful tools to educate us about the plight of the planet and everything that lives on it. This is especially true recently with the documentaries detailing the effects that the human race is having with our impact on global warming and climate change and the disposal of plastics into our oceans.

This new series focuses on the seven continents and was filmed in 40 different countries over 4 years. New filming technology including drones promises to get the viewer even nearer to nature.

The message running through the series will most definitely highlight our responsibility to good stewardship towards our planet. Surely an essential watch for us all.



**Mr Eve - Head of Science**

## **Revision Guides**

Please may we request that you provide payment confirmations from School Gateway for revision guides wherever possible so that your child can show these directly to their subject teacher – they will then be given the relevant books.

Payment confirmations can be accessed by logging into your School Gateway account and clicking into the Payment History section. Every transaction will be displayed and by clicking into a transaction it will then show a breakdown of what that particular payment covers.

Your child can then either take a photo on their phone (if they have one) or you can print it off for them to bring in.

Many thanks

**Finance Office**

## The Word... from Seacole

### Key Stage 3:

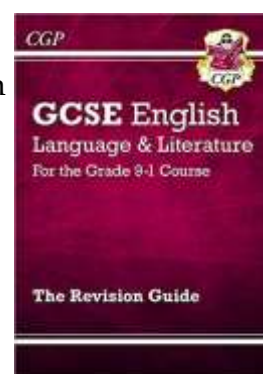
**Year 7:** Book Buzz books have been ordered from the Book Trust and will shortly be dispatched ready for all students in Year 7. The aim is simple, read for pleasure! After the half term break students will complete a poetry essay; please ensure that they revise the poems they have studied this term.



**Year 8:** After a unit exploring how to write creatively and engage the reader through a range of strategies students will now begin reading a new class novel. However, that isn't to say that they should stop reading their own Accelerated Reader book! Far from it! Please encourage your child to complete their reading book ready to take a test on their return!

### Key Stage 4:

**Year 10:** Students are now learning the skills required for success in English Language Paper 2. This unit requires students to read a range of non-fiction texts; therefore, please encourage your children to read articles, persuasive campaign letters or to watch any documentaries.



**Year 11:** The PPEs are approaching fast. All students have been told what areas to revise. They should focus on English Paper 1 and Literature Paper 2. Revision guides are still available on the Gateway for £4, should students wish to purchase these.

### Key Stage 5:

**Year 12 and Year 13:** The half term often provides students with a little time and space to watch the film version of the texts that they are studying. Rather than the Baz Luhrmann version of 'The Great Gatsby' why not watch the Robert Redford and Mia Farrow version?



**Ms Redfern**

### Quote of the Week

"Holding Eleanor's hand was like holding a butterfly. Or a heartbeat. Like holding something complete, and completely alive" ('Eleanor and Park', Rainbow Rowell)

### Word of the Week

**Skittish:** (adj) Playful or lively



## Bletchley Park Game Changer Day



On Wednesday 16th October a group of year 9 students had the opportunity to visit Bletchley Park for a Game Changer Day. On their tour, students learned about the expectations and conditions of the young people recruited to break codes during WWII. They also had the opportunity to use digital Enigma machines during their Coding Workshop!



**Mrs Gustafson**



*"This was the best school trip I've ever been on!"*



*"I really enjoyed this and am excited to do more with ciphers in the future!"*



**St Albans Sleepout**  
#SAsleepout

**REGISTER TODAY**

**Friday 6th December 2019 9pm-7am**  
**Oaklands College, St Albans**

*'One of the best experiences...really thought-provoking and a fantastic way to raise awareness and funds for homeless people' Lizzy Bell, Sleepout participant*

**Join us with family, friends or colleagues**  
**For more information and to register**  
**[www.stalbanssleepout.org.uk](http://www.stalbanssleepout.org.uk)**

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Housing homeless people in St Albans

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## Community Events



### The Pioneer Friday Night Project

**Are you interested in Music or Art?**

At this project you can;

- Learn new skills
- Improve confidence
- Perform on the stage
- Collaborate with other musicians
- Participate in event planning
- Learn Technical Skills






**Project Details**

Age: 13-17 years  
 Day: Friday's  
 Times: 6:30-8:30pm  
 Address: The Pioneer Club  
 Heathlands Drive  
 St Albans  
 AL3 5AY

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### St Albans & Harpenden Youth Council



**Project Information**

If you are aged 11 to 17 years and you are looking for something to do in your local area.

Our youth council is a group of young people keen to change things in their local area, whether it is looking for somewhere for young people to meet, improving facilities in your local area, or raising awareness of wider issues such as mental health, transport, sexual health and personal safety.




**Project Details**

Age : 11 – 17 years  
 Day: Monday  
 Times: 19:00 – 21:00  
 Address: Harpenden Young People's Centre, 27 High Street, Harpenden, AL5 2RU.  
 Cost: FREE

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## EVERY WEDNESDAY IN TERM TIME

## 3.10PM - 4.15PM



The PTA are delighted to announce the total raised at the MFest this year was over £17,000. The M Festival will be returning in 2020 on Saturday 4th July as an all-inclusive festival. More details will follow but for now save the date!



### Winter Wonderland Ball

The PTA is organising a Winter Wonderland Ball, which is taking place at the Mercure Noke Hotel in Chiswell Green on Saturday 9th November and they are looking for companies that may be able to sponsor a table for £100, offer auction and raffle prizes or take an advert out in the ball programme (£30 for half page or £50 for a full page).

As well as playing a key role in a big fundraising event for the school, this is a great marketing opportunity for any business as companies that take part will be mentioned in school communications to the hundreds of parents/carers at the school in the lead-up to the ball.

If you would like to place an advert and/or sponsor a table or have any questions, please can you email Angie Cronin at [loudbird@btinternet.com](mailto:loudbird@btinternet.com) or telephone 07970 810302

We really hope you can help us to make this a fantastic fundraising event for the school.

Angie Cronin and Nathalie Johnson

Co-chairs





## LRC News

### Scholastics Book fair

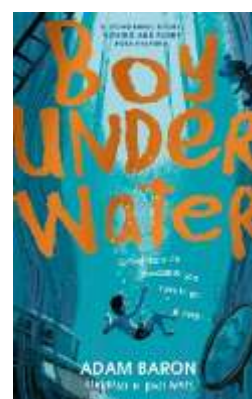
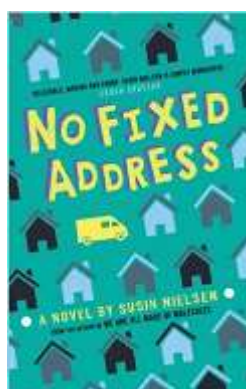
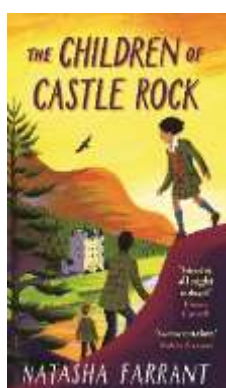


Thank you to everyone who bought from our book fair last week. We took over £300 which means we can choose £75 of new books for the LRC.

### St Albans School's Book Award



Year 7 and 8 students are invited to participate in this year's St Albans School's Book Award. The three shortlisted books are shown below and there will be a discussion morning at St Columba's College on Thursday December 12th, which will include a talk from Lisa Thompson author of last year's winning novel *The Goldfish Boy*.



### The Big Read

Don't forget this year's TMSA Big Read — *Car-Jacked* by Ali Sparkes. There are copies available to borrow from the LRC or maybe you could ask for a copy for Christmas.

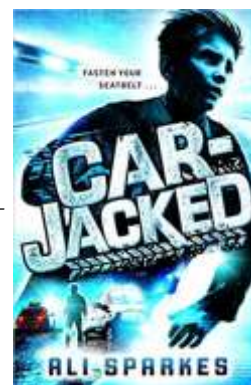
*Jack Mattingly is a genius.*

*He has an IQ of 170.*

*He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin.*

*And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head.*

*But when Jack's parents' car is hi-jacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us. The car-jacker doesn't know Jack's in the car - yet. But it's only a matter of time before he's discovered. And then anything could happen. Only one thing's for sure: Jack's in for the thrill-ride of his life . . .*





## Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome Ali Sparkes, author of our Big Read Car-Jacked, on Monday 7th October. Ali entertained the whole of year 7 with a lively presentation in Da Vinci Hall including readings from the book, a genius quiz and a story about her own 'monster mother moment'.

Students were able to buy copies of Ali's books and have them signed by her at lunchtime. Ali then worked with two smaller groups to help them create exciting titles, blurbs and introductions to their own stories.



## Tales of the Gothic

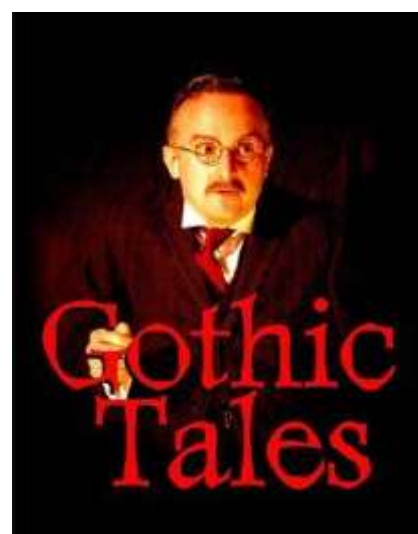
Tales of spookiness and horror were the order of the day on Tuesday 15th October as Year 8 indulged in two nineteenth century gothic tales. 'The Tell Tale Heart' and 'The Red Room' were performed as a monologue by Rupert Mason, a seasoned professional, to eager ears.

The tension in the room was palpable as the lights dimmed, the candle flickered and the eerie stories of yesteryear commenced. Students were transported to a world where the truly terrifying was possible, and it was a world they seemed to thoroughly enjoy! The visit was arranged by the English faculty as a way of supporting the students in their study of the Gothic genre and in preparation for their own creative writing pieces.

*"It was amazing. I can't believe I got so hooked."* Sam

*"Mr Mason was so good; I wanted to give him a tip."* Ben

*"I liked the Tell Tale Heart best, the heart beat under the floor boards was so scary."* Chloe



## Learning Support News

North Hertfordshire College is pleased to announce another open day event at Springboard Watford which will be held on **Thursday 21st November 2019, 12.00 – 5.00pm** at our prestigious premises. This is an opportunity for professionals, parents and prospective students to meet the team and find out more about the Springboard programme.

The address for this event will be:

**Unit 8 Wilmington Close**

**Watford**

**Hertfordshire**

**WD18 0FQ**

The nearest car park is Gade car park in Rosslyn Road and Wilmington Close is off Upton Road:

<https://citipark.co.uk/car-parks/watford/gade-car-park>

Springboard is a one year full-time course for young people aged 16-24 with a diagnosis or traits of higher functioning autism and associated difficulties who need an additional year of support before moving on to mainstream college or employment. You can find more information about our specialist provision via the link below:

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/school-leavers/springboard-send/>

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Mark Kucper on 01923 630408 or email [mkucper@nhc.ac.uk](mailto:mkucper@nhc.ac.uk)

For more information about learning support at The Marlborough Science Academy and in the local community please visit our SEND provision page on the school website

<https://www.themarlbroughscienceacademy.co.uk/page/?title=SEND+Provision&pid=38#>



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## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2019

**Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 2019**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019*

***Occasional Day - Friday 22nd November 2019***

### Spring Term 2020

**Monday 6th January to Thursday 2nd April 2020**

*Half Term*                      *Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020*

***Inset Day - Friday 3rd April 2020***

### Summer Term 2020

**Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2020**

***Bank Holiday- Friday May 8th 2020—Please note the change of date.***

*Half Term*                      *Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2020*

If you have any questions and not sure who to ask  
please click here for the [general enquiry form](#)



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