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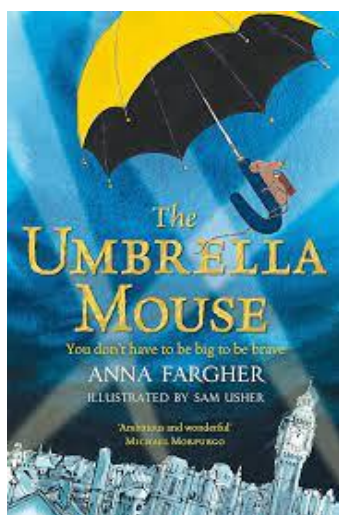
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Humanities google sites

On the front page of the student school page, students will find links to the Humanities google sites. There are three sites. Please encourage your children to use them.

- a. Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9)
- b. Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
- c. Key Stage 5 (A-level)

Reading recommendation for half-term



Mrs Greatrex recommends for this half-term 'The Umbrella Mouse' by Anna Fargher



### Trip to Iceland

Over half-term, students in Year 12 and 13 will be visiting Iceland. We look forward to hearing from them all on their return. Thank you to Miss Alaadin, Mr Macleod, Mr Mistry and Miss Pearse for taking time out of their half-term for the trip.

### Year 10 trip to Poland

During a very cold weekend at the start of February, Mr Millard Healy, Mrs Charlton, Mr Foxall & Mrs Manning accompanied 40 Year 10 students to Poland. Students visited Auschwitz Birkenau, the Salt Mines and Krakow. They also met a survivor who was born at Auschwitz. The conditions in Poland gave our students and staff an experience they will never forget. Many thanks to Mr Millard Healy for arranging the visit.



### Holocaust Memorial Day 'Fragility of Freedom'

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day this year, there were a number of key events.

- Mr Cohen led assemblies on the theme 'fragility of freedom'
- In Year 12, Megan Raymond and Olivia Church were selected to represent our school on the Lessons from Auschwitz Project run by the Holocaust Education Trust. They will be attending two seminars run by the Holocaust Education Trust and visiting Poland for a day next half-term. Please look out for the project they will be completing on their return.
- Many thanks to Mrs Greatrex and the library team for the display in the Library
- Year 12 heard the testimony of Michael Bibring as part of 'Generations2Generations'. Many thanks to Mr Moore and Miss Aladdin for arranging this.
- Year 7 and 8 were invited to enter a poetry competition. Congratulations to all students who entered.

### The winning poem

## Fragile Pages of Freedom by Mariam 8FD

In the quiet refuge of bound delight,  
Books unveil worlds in black and white.  
Yet within the lines of freedom's decree,  
A fragility hidden, losses we see.

Characters dance on the paper's stage,  
In the script of life, a delicate page.  
But as the plot twists, and turns unfold,  
Losses echo, a tale untold.

Each chapter flips, a freedom embraced,  
Yet in the margins, losses are traced.  
A character departs, a liberty fades,  
In the fragility of words, sorrow cascades.

Worn pages hold the weight of being free,  
A subtle ache above the sea.  
In the story's fabric, losses entwine,  
A reminder of freedom's fragile line.

The pages of time, stained with tears,  
Fragile hopes crushed by well-known fears.  
Yet, from the ashes of the scorched past,  
A phoenix of remembrance emerges at last.

So let the chapters of life tell a story so true,  
Of freedom's dance and its losses too.  
In the silence of a closing book,  
The fragility of freedom, a vulnerable look.

Amidst the losses, resilience found,  
In this fragility, strength is bound.  
As new chapters turn, and old ones close,  
Freedom persists, in highs and lows.

In the worn spines, a history etched,  
Of fragile freedoms, tightly stretched.  
Yet with every loss, a star weeps light,  
In freedom's fragile grasp, books alight.

### Geography News

Geography has been an exciting place to be this half-term. **Geography club** has been explosive, with students making volcanoes. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed this event and learned more about how and why volcanoes explode.

**Geography in the news.** Iceberg A23a is on the move after 30 years of being stuck to the ocean floor. This colossal iceberg is twice the size of



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Greater London and is reported to be drifting at speed out of Antarctic Waters. Icebergs are often viewed as being hazardous but they add huge value to marine life as they add millions of nutrients back into the water, which are vital to the existence of marine creatures such as whales.

As the half-term draws to a close, we remain with an icy theme as our **Year 13 students** head off to Iceland with Miss Alaadin, Miss Pearce, Mr Mistry and Mr Macleod! This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to see plate tectonics at work. We hope that you have an amazing time and we look forward to the photos and hearing all about the trip on your return.

### History News

Well done to all of our Year 11 and 13 students for completing their mock examinations. We look forward to seeing more of their hard work and progress over the next few months.

Please look out for information on revision sessions and extra support.

### PRE News

- To mark World Religions Day on Sunday 21st January, during form time from the week of 22nd-26th January, as a form time activity, form tutors were able to show the clip 'Nobody stands nowhere' to aid a discussion about worldviews.
- Now that the mock exams have taken place, Year 11 and 13 Religious Studies students will be starting revision during their lessons until their actual exams.
- Students in Year 7 and 9 (x40 students in each year group) will be going on exciting PRE day trips after February half-term to aid their learning.

### Politics News

A huge well done to your Year 13 Politics students for completing their mock examinations. Students will be finishing up their USA Politics content and then focusing on revision, remember to always keep up to date with current affairs to use as reference examples in your essays.

We have our Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court trip coming up for Year 12 so continue to keep an eye on your emails. This trip was a great success last year, hopefully we'll be lucky again this year and be able to sit in and watch a live case in the Supreme Court.

***Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.***

***Mrs Charlton  
Head of Humanities***