

18 October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

English, Media and Drama Week 2021

The week of 18-21 October is our annual English, Media and Drama week, when we celebrate books, drama, film and writing of all kinds. Given the current situation regarding COVID-19 we have adjusted the activities that will be available this year to ensure the safety of all students and staff although a broad range of events will be taking place in a secure setting.

Today we are delighted to welcome The Globe Players back to our Tonbridge campus for two performances of 'Romeo and Juliet', the first for year 10 and the second for year 11. They will then repeat these performances on 19 October at the Sevenoaks campus so that all Key Stage 4 students have an opportunity to see a live performance of the play and to revise the text in depth.

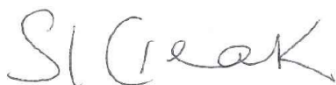
On 19 October, visiting author and Weald parent, Nathalie Abi-Ezzi, will be giving a talk to the Year 12 English students which will be a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the writing practices of a published author. A number of exciting events for Years 7-9 will take place on 21 October when students in those year groups will have an 'off timetable' day with the events set out below.

On 21 October we are delighted to be welcoming via Microsoft Teams, the authors of some of the novels students have been studying. There will be talks and workshops from A M Dassu and Lauren Wolk for Years 7 and 8 and year 9 will have a talk and a workshop from Manjeet Mann. All talks have been pre-recorded and will be streamed during lessons and will adhere to the school's risk assessment.

21 October will also be our annual 'Character Day' when all staff and students are invited to dress up as a character from a book, TV programme or film and the 'no onesies rule' remains in place. The theme this year is 'Journeys'. To raise funds for our school's chosen charities, Young Minds and the Weald Development Trust, we will be asking for a voluntary £1 donation and collections will take place during form time.

We do hope that all students will take full advantage of these activities to really celebrate the joy of reading, writing, film and drama.

Yours sincerely,



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