



MCA TODAY

THE HISTORY EDITION



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



YEAR 7

Year 7s are exploring the key question, 'What does archaeology tell us about life in England pre 1066?' They are focusing on Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

YEAR 8

The Year 8 topic is currently 'Enslaved Peoples'. They are working on questions like 'What was the Trade Triangle?' and 'What was life like for the enslaved peoples in the Americas?'



YEAR 9

Year 9 are looking at the impact of WW1 on the lives of women. They are learning about the tactics of the Suffragettes and Suffragists.



YEAR 10

The Year 10 topic at the moment is 'Superpower Relations and the Cold War'. They are studying the Hungarian Uprising and the building of the Berlin Wall.





YEAR 11

The Year 11s are currently completing their PPEs (mock exams). After this, they're looking at 'Civil Rights in the USA' - events at Little Rock High School and the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

CELEBRATIONS



On Monday 11th November, ten Year 9 pupils attended a lecture at the University of Manchester, held by the Historian Professor David Olusoga. They had the chance to hear him speak on 'History, Reimagined for a Changing World', as well as the opportunity to ask him questions and have a look at the Manchester University campus. They attended with Mr Fraser and Mrs Rowley.



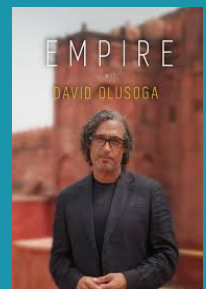
FAMILY FOCUS

If your child is in Year 10 or 11, please ensure that they are completing their 4 'Daily Goals' on Tassomai each week as a part of their homework. This is a great way for them to revise! The website is <https://www.tassomai.com/>

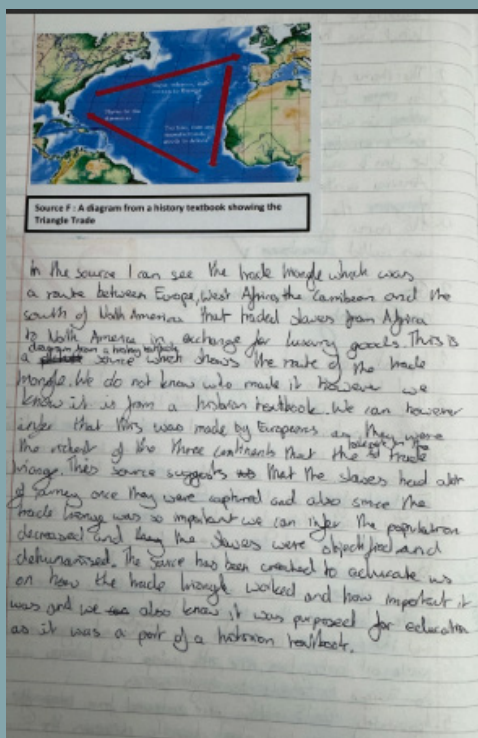


WHAT TO WATCH

Professor David Olusoga has a new BBC documentary on Empire. It can be found on BBC IPlayer.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



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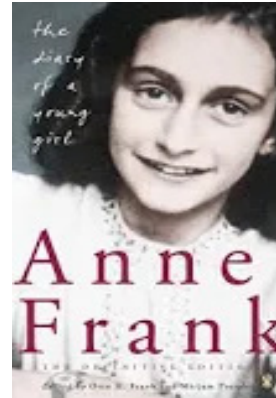
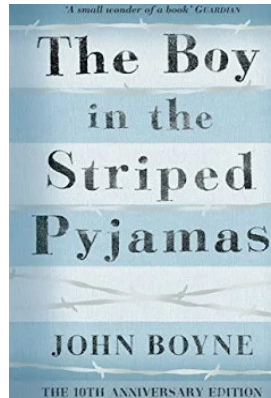
Nikodem S in Year 8 has been working hard and improving his source analysis – something that is incredibly important at GCSE. His inference skills are superb. We are particularly proud of the way that he checks through his work, making amendments where necessary to ensure that it is the highest quality answer that he can produce.

Well done Nikodem!

BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

Sticking with the theme of 'Remembrance', here are some fantastic books, all available at the MCA Library:

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas– John Boyne
The Diary of a Young Girl– Anne Frank
The Pied Piper– Nevil Shute



WHAT'S COMING UP?



Did you know that the 25th of November is 'St Catherine's Day'. Historically, this was the day that was said to mark the start of winter. It honours St Catherine of Alexandria, a young woman from the 4th century who became famous for her intelligence, bravery, and debates with leaders of her time. One of her symbols is the Catherine wheel, a spiked wheel used in stories about her life, which later inspired the spinning fireworks we know today.

In medieval England and Europe, young women would celebrate the day with special cakes called Cattern cakes, and some traditions involved wishing for wisdom or good fortune in the coming year..

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Walton is the Head of History at MCA. She is currently reading **The Impossible Fortune** by Richard Osman. The book is part of the **Thursday Murder Club** series, which focuses on four elderly friends who solve crimes. This is one to read if you like crime fiction!

