

# MCA TODAY

## THE ASPIRE EDITION



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



#### YEAR 7

Parliament and Politics: This week, Year 7 are exploring the role of the monarchy, focusing on King Charles and his place in modern British politics.

#### YEAR 8

Law, Crime and Society: Year 8 are continuing their Desert Island Project, examining how law and society respond when survival is threatened.



#### YEAR 9

Extremism and Terrorism: At the moment, Year 9 are investigating what terrorism is, including its causes, methods, and impact on communities.

#### YEAR 10

Hate Crime: This week, Year 10 are learning about hate crime in the UK, exploring legislation, examples, and its effects on society.





## YEAR 11

Fertility and its Impacts: Year 11 are studying fertility and its wider social, economic, and personal impacts on individuals and society.

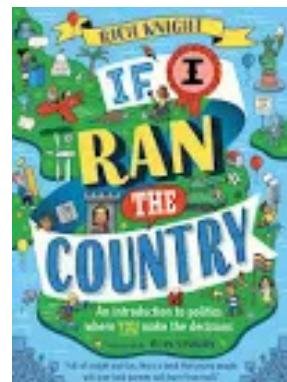
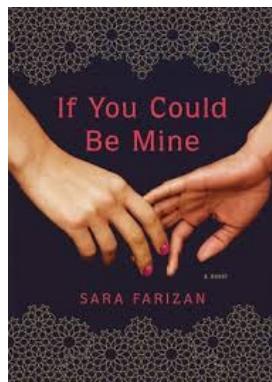
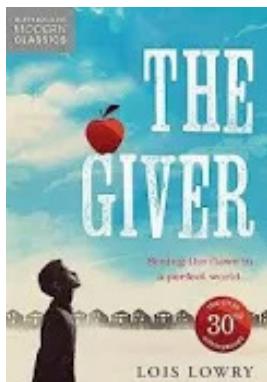
## BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

Here are some recommendations for books that deal with real world issues and societal rules, all available at the MCA Library:

The Giver- Lois Lowry

If I Could Be Mine- Sara Farizan

If I Ran the Country- Rich Knight and Alan Sanders



Aspire lessons give students the chance to share their opinions, justify their ideas, and listen respectfully to the viewpoints of others. They cover important topics that help students think critically, discuss real-world issues, and build the skills and understanding they need to navigate life beyond school.

Parents can support their children by encouraging them to follow age-appropriate news, watch or read current events summaries, or discuss topics happening in the world. These conversations help students connect what they learn in Aspire lessons to real-life issues and develop a broader understanding of society and politics.



## CELEBRATIONS



A massive congratulations to Debate Mate Club, who, last week, took part in their first competition of the year with Mrs Fujikawa and Mr Taylor. They won three out of six debates and we are so proud of them! The club is a great way to build skills developed across MCA and is perfect for anyone interested in politics.



### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr Wanjohi is a Director at MCA who teaches Aspire. He is currently reading *The Marble Hall Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. Mr Wanjohi describes it as a gripping mystery, full of twists, red herrings and suspense that keep readers guessing right to the end — perfect for fans of clever crime fiction!

### WHAT'S COMING UP?

Next half term, our Year 8 students are exploring law, prison reform and punishment. All of this learning will culminate in a lively debate where they will get to share and defend their opinions. It's a fantastic opportunity to develop critical thinking and public speaking skills.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#### ABDUL T - YEAR 8

Abdul consistently demonstrates confidence and thoughtfulness in class, articulating his opinions clearly during discussions with Mr Neild and his peers.

He listens respectfully to others while backing up his ideas with reasoned arguments, showing maturity beyond his years. Abdul is a role model to his classmates and a fantastic example of the curiosity, critical thinking, and engagement we value in Year 8.  
Well done Abdul!