



# MCA TODAY

THE ENGLISH EDITION



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



### YEAR 7

Our Year 7 students are currently developing their skills in rhetoric. They are learning all about how to persuade through language, using myths from around the world as stimulus.

### YEAR 8

This half term, Year 8s have been exploring creative writing. They are studying Gothic texts and using them as inspiration for their own creative writing pieces.



### YEAR 9

Creative writing is also the topic for our Year 9 students, however, they have been focusing on how to create an authentic narrative voice.



### YEAR 10

Year 10s are currently studying poems from the 'Power and Conflict' anthology. The poems deal with many of different types of conflict – from internal conflict to world wars.





## YEAR 11

Year 11s have just finished their PPEs (mock exams) and each class is now working on an area of English that has been identified by their teacher.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Holt is an English Teacher at MCA. She is currently reading **Witchcraft A History in 13 Trials** by **Marion Gibson**. She decided to read this book because it links well to some of the ideas in Macbeth, which our Year 11 students study. Mrs Holt says that this book is fascinating and full of shocking, interesting, historical facts.



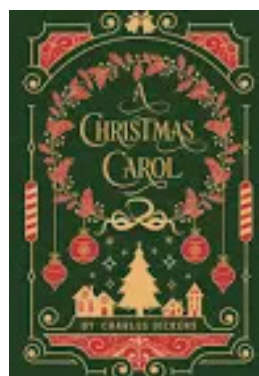
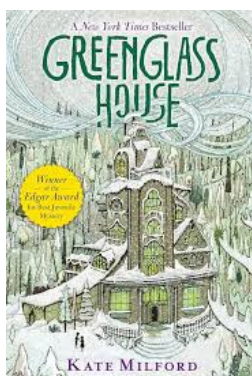
## CELEBRATIONS

This half term, we have launched the **Lexonik** programme with a group of our Year 10 students. **Lexonik** is an award-winning literacy programme designed to strengthen reading, grammar, spelling and punctuation skills. It has already been very well received by students, who are enjoying the interactive nature of the sessions. Many have reported seeing instant results as they work through the programme and are beginning to feel their confidence grow.

## BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

Here are some brilliant Christmas related reads, all available at the MCA Library.

Greenglass House– Kate Milford  
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens  
The Legend of Holly Claus – Brittney Ryan





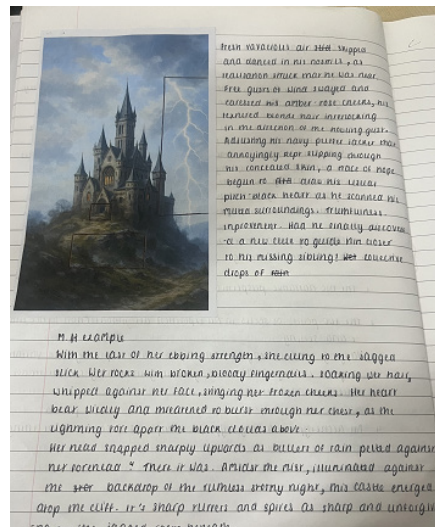
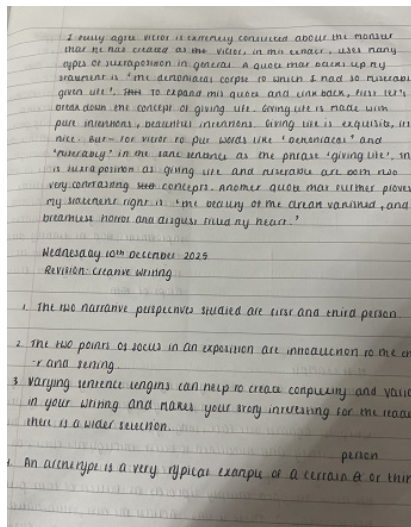
## FAMILY FOCUS

All students now have a login for Bedrock Learning, which means they can access the programme from home as well as in school. Bedrock Learning is an excellent tool that supports the development of reading comprehension and strengthens students' knowledge and use of vocabulary. We encourage you to support your son or daughter in using Bedrock regularly at home. It's a fantastic programme that can make a real difference to their progress.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT MELINA A - YEAR 8

Melina, one of our Year 8 students, has produced incredible work in English since the start of this year. Her teacher is so impressed with her creative writing – her vocabulary is sophisticated and she creates characters that are convincing and relatable.

Well done Melina!



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

Next week, some of our Year 11 students will be taking part in a mock court case during their English lessons. Students will step into the roles of characters from *An Inspector Calls* to explore who was responsible for the death of Eva Smith. This exciting activity not only allows them to develop their critical thinking skills but also deepens their understanding of a key GCSE text. It's an engaging and fun way to bring the story to life!