

Fundraising is no laughing matter

STUDENTS and staff painted the academy red last month to raise money for charity.

Wearing a variety of shades of red, students and staff donated money to Comic Relief.

From red trainers, to red jumpers, red noses and even red hair, Orimston Six Villages Academy was awash with the vibrant colour.

Comic Relief is a British charity, founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Sir Lenny Henry in response to the Ethiopian famine of that time.

The appeal, known as Red Nose Day, seeks to find humorous ways to raise money for charity with over £38 million raised in 2024.

Students also helped fundraise within tutor groups, while staff volunteered to be locked in the pillary where wet sponges could be purchased and thrown at them!

Overall from the two days of events, a grand total of £670 was raised by students, parents, carers and staff in our community.

Principal, Mr Slaugh-



ter said of the occasion: "We are committed to the personal development of our students and aim to teach them the importance of helping charities work towards creating a society that benefits everyone, leaving no-one behind."

Our 'Wear it Red' activities raised money and demonstrated the 'fun' in fundraising, including having cold, wet sponges thrown at staff in the pillary!"

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Hello and welcome to the OSVA Times! A school newspaper written by you, for you.

We welcome any contributions or ideas for input, so please get in touch.

We welcome new members to join the club.
Please come to English 4 on Thursday lunchtime.

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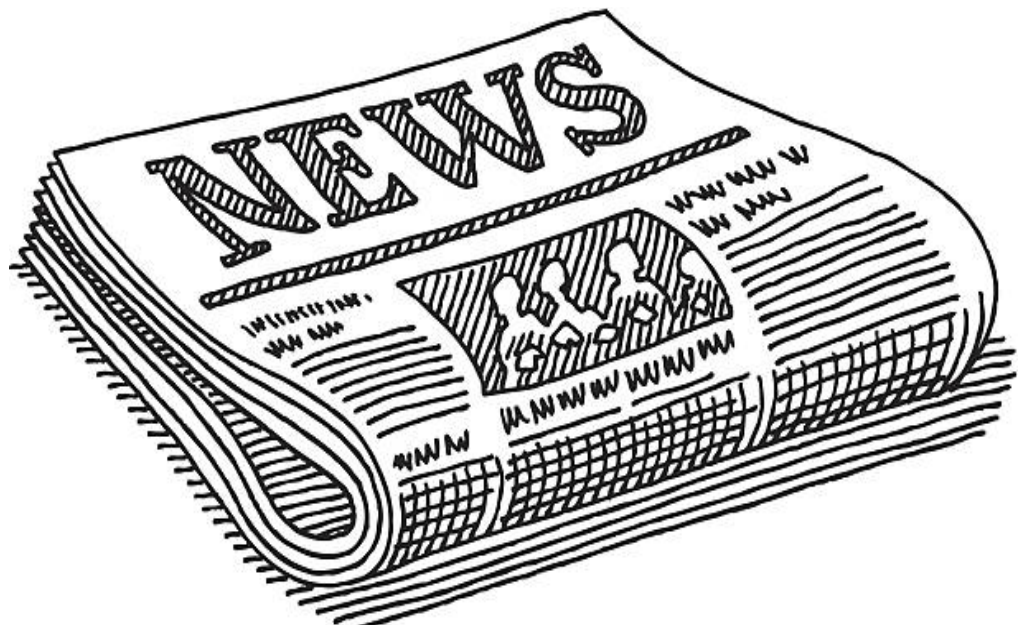
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A close-up photograph of a woman's face, heavily covered in multi-colored body paint (purple, pink, orange, blue). She is wearing a matching colorful knit headband. Her mouth is wide open in a shout or cheer. The background is blurred.

OSVA Colour Run June 2025

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A novel way to celebrate

BOOK characters were brought to life in March when students and staff celebrated World Book Day.

Staff came dressed as their favourite characters to help encourage students to pick up a book.

There was a huge variation in characters including Mrs Trunchball, The Cat in



the Hat, Mary Poppins and Cruella De Ville.

The behaviour team donned their robes and wands and came dressed as Harry Potter witches and wizards, including Mr Slaughter, OSVA's very own Principal dressed as the dark lord, Voldermort

Meanwhile the English department stuck to the curriculum and dressed as characters for A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Students also visited local nursing home, Nyton House to read to the resi-

dents and explain their roles as librarians.

Every KS3 student received a free World Book Day book and book token.



Poetry Foundation

The Auromancer By Sophie G

This morning,
I woke up and my room
was coated with silver mist.
I am still exhausted.

I went to the kitchen;
My mother was there,
Veiled by a blue cloud.
My sister left yesterday.

I went to the end of my road;
My friend was waiting there,
Swathed in a gold blanket.
She has a story to tell me.

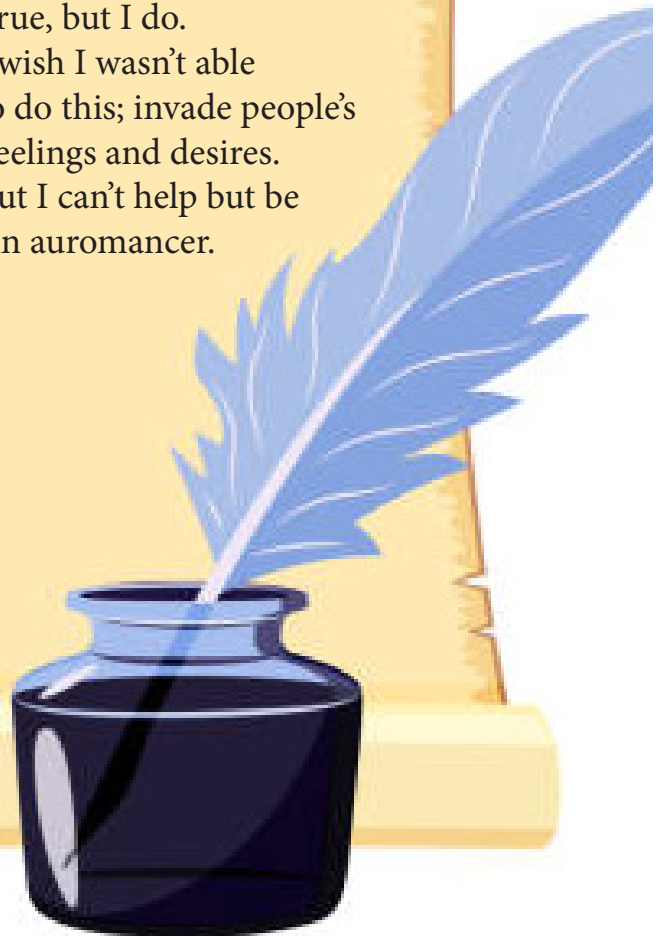
My boyfriend and I met
at our seats in the library.
We were enveloped in pink.
It's bliss to be in his arms.

In my Spanish class,
Red shrouded my teacher.
Deeper shades every second.
Explosion commencing in
3,2...

At lunchtime,
My enemy saw me with him.
She looked engulfed in acid;
Well, she can't have him.

There is only one person
Who can say they're clean.
Bathed in a soft, white glow.
We wish they stay that way.

I should have no way to tell
If these emotions are
True, but I do.
I wish I wasn't able
to do this; invade people's
Feelings and desires.
But I can't help but be
An auromancer.



The Green Gazette

The Arctic's links with Westergate

By Scarlett S

CLIMATE change is the long term change in the average weather patterns that have come to define earth's local, regional and global climates. These changes have a broad range of observed effects that are synonymous with the term (NASA).

Although the arctic may seem far away, the significant changes that are underway there, as temperatures rise, impact all life on planet earth. The extent of the arctic sea ice is a crucial habitat for many animals and in the past decade has been declining drastically, almost unrecognisable compared to those in the past.

As a result of the ice caps melting, sea levels are rising which will affect nations from Bangladesh to the U.S. In schools, there

are many simple things we can all do to help prevent climate change such as, recycling soft plastics such as crisp and sweet packets (you can do this at your local Co-Op or supermarkets), putting litter in the correct bin, switching off lights

when you leave the room, and many more.

If we all do our little bit, we can slow down and even prevent climate change. We need to act now before it's too late.



Littering Around School: We Need to Sort This Out

By Sophie G



WE NEED to sort this problem out at once. Over the school year, I have seen our breaktime spaces covered in litter, as well as the field.

This is just not acceptable. We should take pride in our community spaces, not leave them in an unfit state to do anything in. There are so many bins around the school that are clearly marked with what can go in them, but no one uses them properly.

The littering makes

it harder to do P.E on the field because there is rubbish scattered all over the playing field. Also, there would be fewer seagulls which would lead to fewer incidents surrounding being defecated on. It will make a more eco-friendly, cleaner space to work, play and relax in.

Look after the space we have, do not ruin it! Clean up after yourself and put any rubbish in the right bin. Let us make our school a litter-free space

The perfect picture

ARTISTIC skills were put to the test recently when living art was created.

The art department got creative with some donated pot plants, paint and picture frames.

Hanging in the courtyard from the trees, the new living art

has been created thanks to donated spring flowers from Ferring Nurseries.

Head of Art, Mrs Gavin said: "We found inspiration from an image of hanging plants and thought it was a lovely idea to brighten up our courtyard and for

students or staff to sit and enjoy, especially now the sun is shining and the weather is getting warmer!"

The displayed art installation is available for all members of the academy to enjoy.



A heartfelt moment

ARE you a triangle? Because you're certainly acute one!

Luckily, Valentine's Day was not so cheesy for students this year at the academy.

A year 7 and 8 disco was

held in the Gate Theatre in February with huge romantic hits blasting out, a conga line and even a game of limbo.

Students were also able to show a loved one, friend or crush they cared by purchasing a rose.

The artificial flowers were delicately wrapped in tissue paper and contained their admirer's secret message and were delivered by student leaders during form time.

Those sending the roses were able to stay anonymous if desired.

Love was most definitely in the air!



An outdoor tweet



NESTLED among the trees and foliage of the Six Villages campus, plenty of wildlife can be found at Six Villages Academy.

From magpies and seagulls to pigeons and pied wagtails, the school site is alive with a variety of British birds.

Students in year 7 were treated to a special lunchtime with Site Manager,

Mr Manser who took the

amateur twitchers to count the birds for the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

The eleven-year-old pupils spent their break from lessons counting

which species landed into the fields and greenspaces, recording the results on their RSPB forms.

Mr Manser said: "It was a really fun activity to take part in with the students. With birds facing many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved and what a lovely thing for our younger students to learn about and appreciate.

"This information is vital in order for the RSPB to know which British garden birds are or aren't around and why.

"It's this time of the year which our beloved garden birds need us the most. They come looking for food and somewhere to shelter from the cold weather."



The right space at every degree

STUDENTS have been enjoying a special garden area which contains a quiet space for all.

Space 180 is currently being redeveloped with a herb garden by the school's bereavement group.

Mrs Skinner, part of the pastoral team said: "This gives students the chance to be removed from screens and connect through nature, to talk or be quiet and enjoy the outdoors.

"The dream is to see a working space outside with sensory and herbs, where students can help nurture and care for the space! We have a pond which we hope to start clearing soon as well as a memory tree with ribbons hung in memory of lost

loves."

The school has had many lovely plant donations from parents and carers, helping the dream come to life and as the weather improves

the group hope to start planting more.

The polytunnel currently has no roof but once it's fixed the group are going to start using it for some garlic and onions.



I don't want to close my eyes

By Isla Scott

OSVA DRAMA club will be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

We are very excited as rehearsals are underway, and the main casting has been announced!

The classic musical follows the biblical story of Joseph, who is sold into slavery by his envious brothers. He is imprisoned by an Egyptian noble, where he discovers he can interpret dreams. He goes on to assist the Pharaoh and help cure the famine Egypt was suffering.

Drama Teacher Mr Palmer said: "This is an iconic musical; it's the first successful musical written by the song writing team of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

I first saw this production in 1992 with Phillip Scofield at the London palladium. He took over from Jason Donovan who was the original Joseph in the palladium production, and it was phenomenal, one of the musicals I have always remembered.

"Despite being a drama teacher a very long time, I've never directed this show, and I've always wanted too! So, that is why we're doing it!"

Students from year 7 to year 10 are involved which is brilliant because it gives everybody a chance. It's also a really big cast, lots and lots of characters, so it gives people from all year groups a chance to have a named character who they can play.

"There are 11 brothers, a

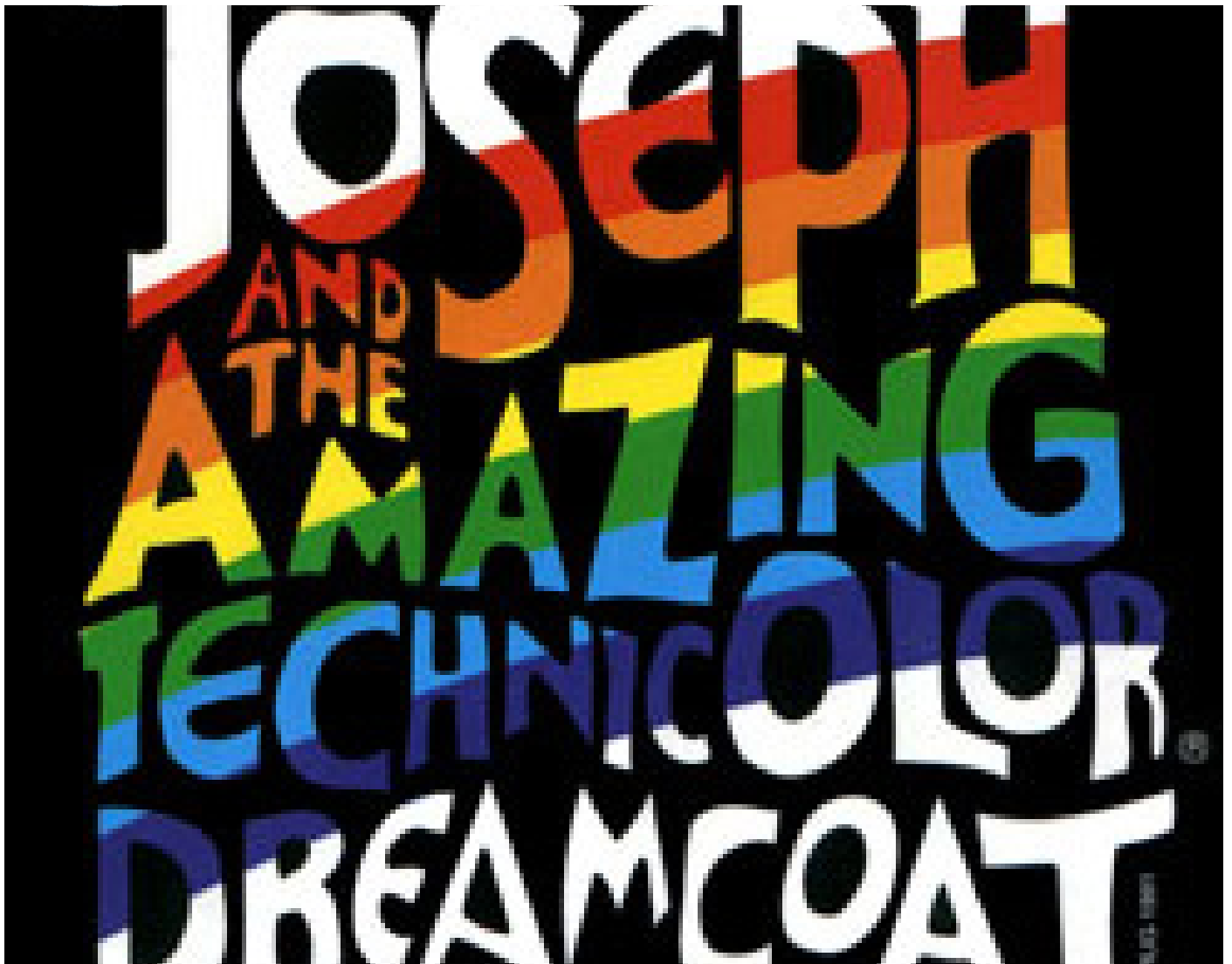
pharaoh who's in the style of Elvis!"

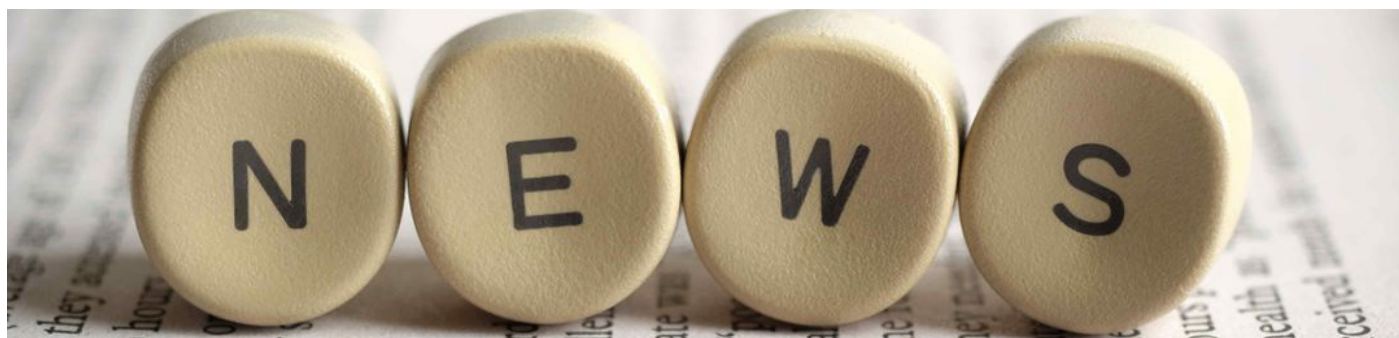
The narrator, who plays a really key part in this show, is going to be played by 3 year 10 students, who are going to do the part as a trio. It's really exciting with loads of people involved!

Mr Palmer added: "You should come to see this production if you want a really fun night!"

"The story is a Bible story, but it's done in a really fun and silly way! And we're going to make the absolute most of the comedy value and the fun.

"There's really good sing along songs, and even if you don't know them already, I guarantee that when you leave at the end of the performance, you'll be singing them on the way home!"





MATHMATICIANS in year 10 showed off their skills in February when Miss La took them to Worthing College to participate in the Maths Fest. Students worked extremely hard and won one of the rounds.

THE SIX Villages Futures/ Careers fair was a huge success in February. Students were able to talk about post-16 options and beyond with sixth forms, colleges and universities.

Information stands were also available for future careers from businesses and organisations. Thank you to Mr Marsh for organising another wonderful event.

YEAR 8 Students visited Guildford theatre to see a production of Animal Farm.

The year group have been

studying the text in their English lessons and were able to watch a live production of the show in March.

Meanwhile, Year 9 students enjoyed a trip to see Dracula at the theatre following their studies of gothic creative writing.

The students are currently working as classes to write a completed piece of writing for a competition.

A NEW social media page has been created for the Six Villages PE department.

The new Instagram page contains all the latest results, fixtures and news. Just follow @sixvillagespe.

STUDENTS celebrated one of the Six Villages core values, 'Kindness' in March.

All students were asked to write a thank you note to an adult who supports them in the academy. Staff were blown away by the lovely comments they received.

A HORTICULTURE assembly was provided for Year 7s last month.

Students had a visit from Rachael W from the West Sussex Growers Association and learnt all about careers in horticulture and how computing and robotics are being used to help maintain the growth of crops.

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day was celebrated at the start of month.

Students had an excellent and thought-provoking assembly delivered by Ms Barber to explain why it is such an important day for both women and men alike.

It takes All Sorts

By Isla S

ALL SORTS is a space where everyone is welcomed, for a community to be built and diversity to be celebrated. We work towards making the school an environment where everyone feels included and accepted.

We meet weekly, on a Friday lunch time in Humanities 2.

We work to hold events to educate staff and students on the importance of all our differences and accepting people for who they are. This year so far, we have held

an 'ask me anything' for staff to ask questions about being a part of the LGBTQIA+ community and see how as a school we can improve.

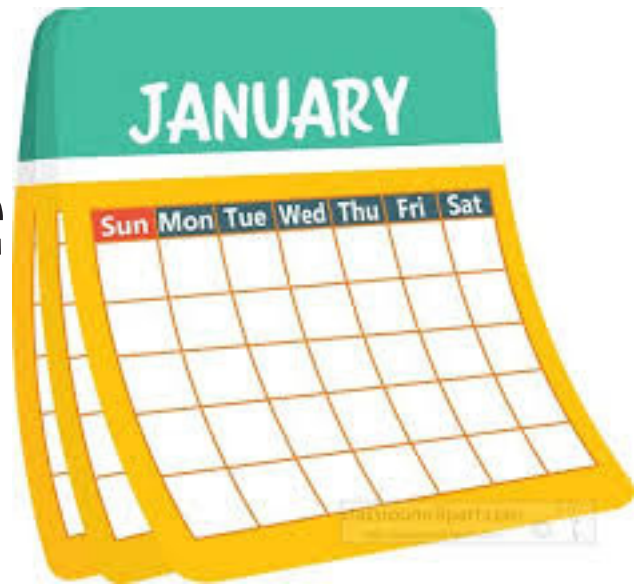
Why is it important?
Unfortunately, there is a lot of

criticism of people's differences in the world, so being able to create a safe space like this is key. Here, people can come for support and to meet others who share their aims for a positive community!



Special Days in the Calendar

by Sophie G



May 3rd - World Press Freedom Day

This UN holiday commemorates the freedom of the press, raises awareness about how important it is, and reminds governments of their duty to uphold the human right to freedom of expression. Many journalists and media professionals risk their lives and their freedom during their careers in pursuit of their stories, as some countries still put their journalists in jail to stop them from releasing information to the public. World Press Freedom Day aims to put an end to that, and to honour those who have died because of their profession.



June 8th - World Oceans Day

This day is meant to commemorate the importance of Earth's oceans as sources of oxygen and food, and regulation of the climate and to raise awareness of how crucial it is that we conserve them.

July 27th - Parents Day

It is a national observance dedicated to parents and their love

for their children. While it is not a public holiday, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role parents play in everyone's lives and express our gratitude towards them. Parents' Day recognizes the care and commitment parents provide to their children. It also encourages families to celebrate the love and dedication involved in raising children.

August 9th - National Book Lovers Day

It is a day for those who can't live without books and reading. People love books because of their immense potential. They can transport you to a new world of fantasy, or time travel back in history. They are a way to escape the problems and burdens of your life and get lost in a pool of emotions. In short, books are magical. So, spend today getting lost in a book!



Ask the staff in 10

This issue we speak to.... *Mr Aldred!*

1. **What is your job role / title in the school and what made you choose you job?**

IT Manager, this is a role I wanted to do from a child because I enjoy IT and helping people.

2. **What is the best thing about your job?**

The People and being able to support people with their IT issues.

3. **When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I wanted to be a police officer, paramedic, IT manager.

4. **What was your favourite subject at school and why?**

ICT!

5. **What would students be surprised to know about you?**

I'm currently learning Spanish and running the London Landmarks half marathon in April.

6. **What is your dream holiday?**

Travelling Asia.

7. **If you won the lottery, what would you buy first?**

A new house and/or a new car!

8. **What is your favourite book and film?**

The Harry Potter series.

9. **What makes a "good day" at school?**

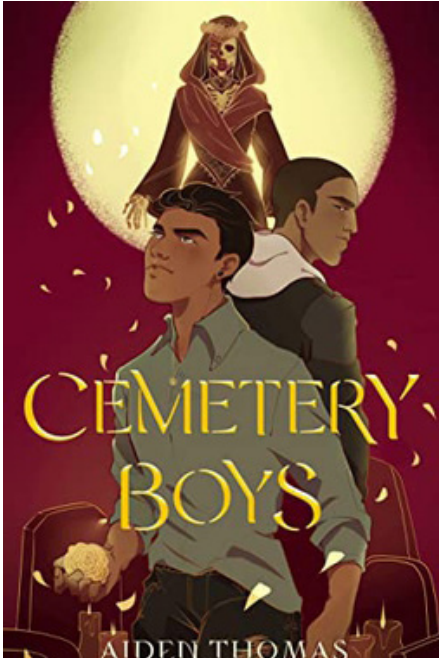
A good day is a day where everyone is able to get on, learn and not be distracted by poor behaviour.

10. **If you could pass on any wisdom to students, what would it be?**

Be you, don't worry about mistakes but do learn from them, life is about taking risks. Life moves very fast, come out of that comfort blanket.



Book Corner



Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

Review By Isla S

Genre: YA Paranormal Fiction

Page Count: 352

Age Rating: 13+

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas is the story of Yadriel, trying to get his family to accept his true gender, and him as a brujo, those in their family able to summon the dead. So, he takes it upon himself to perform the ritual, and summon his cousin's spirit, but summons the ghost of a local boy, Julian Diaz, instead. He tries to figure out what had happened to his cousin and Julian, all before Dia de los Muertos, when the dead can come back, which is only a few days away. But the more time

Yadriel and Julian spend together, the less they want to say goodbye.

The novel explores many different dynamics; parental relationships, friendships and romantic bonds, all beautifully played out. The characters emotions are so beautifully described, you can picture them as real people easily. There is amazing representation of Latinx traditions and culture within Yadriel's family. The book is so heartfelt, and you can really feel the love between characters. I would rate this novel 5 stars.

Do you have a brilliant book that you'd like to share?

Send it to: kwm@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk or pop to Newspaper Club on Thursday lunchtime!

Book Corner

Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

Review By Kai Z

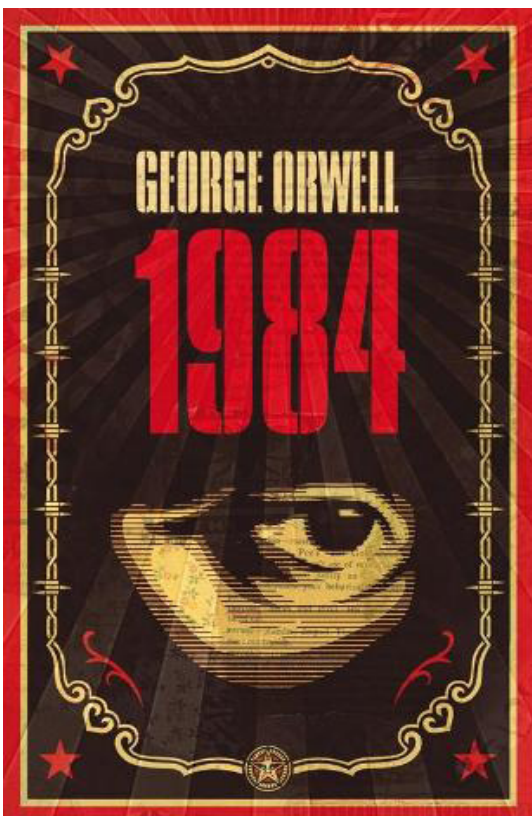
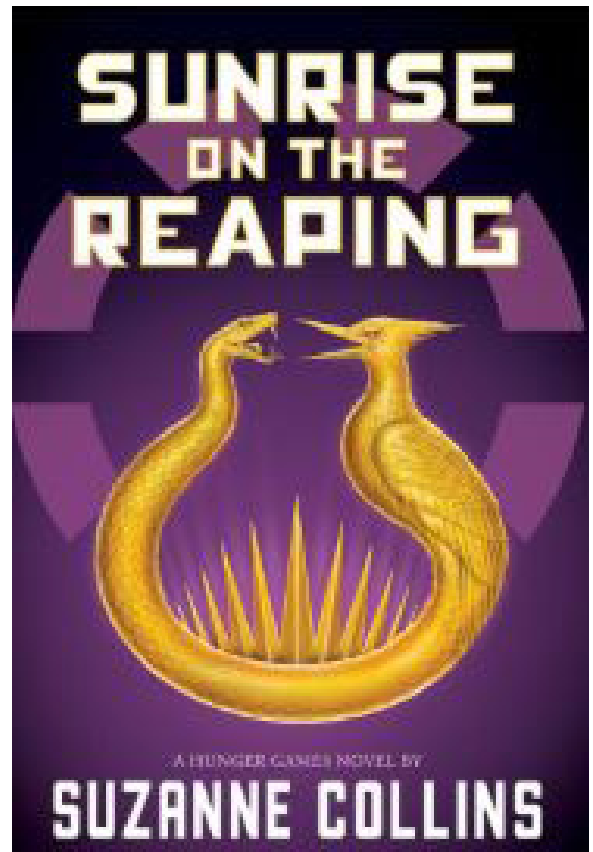
Genre: Dystopian

Page Count: 416

Age Rating: 12+

Sunrise on the Reaping is the newest hunger games book, fifth overall and the second sequel. The book is set between the Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes and The Hunger Games. It follows the 50th games, with Haymitch Abernathy as the protagonist.

This dystopian novel expands the old world of the series we know so well and builds on the depth of different characters, giving new and refreshing perspectives.



1984 by George Orwell

Review By Kai Z

Genre: Dystopian

Page Count: 272

Age Rating: 16+

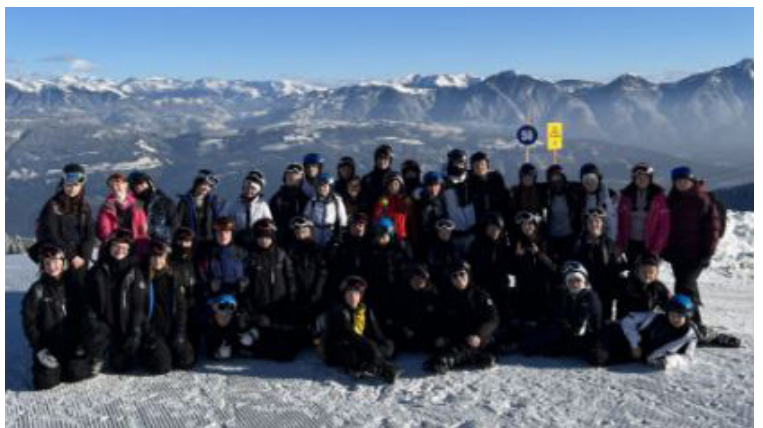
1984 is a well-known classic with a heavy focus on politics. It follows the story of a young man in a strict, dystopian society in which the government surveys the population at all times.

This tale was written as a word of caution and is a must read for anyone interested in the modern day or past political landscape.



Snow much fun!

Photographs from the February half-term ski trip.





A hill-areas time for a very special award

YEAR 9 and 10 students swapped school shoes for hiking boots last month as they took part in a special hike.

The group were joined by teachers as they hiked 14.5km on

day one and 15.5km in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Glorious weather was ordered for the whole weekend and only a handful of blisters were felt.

A massive well done to all the students who took part, thank you to all the staff who gave up their weekend and a massive thank you to Mr O'Connor for organising the whole experience.



Running away with a medal

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who took part in the Corporate Challenge Race in Chichester.

The event which is organised by Chichester Runners has been going since 1992. It features a series of three race evenings, each

with eight races – six for junior and secondary school pupils and two for adults.

Ormiston Six Villages saw plenty of competitors this year.

Year 7 runners included; Alfie L, Jack F, Edward W, Edwin S, Leo B, Noah J, Toby M and

Sonny B.

In Year 8, Benji B and Sofia S had amazing times.

A huge well done also to our fantastic PE teacher, Mr O'Connor who also took part with a time of 00:15:59.



Here come the girls!

TWO Year 11 students from the school have been crowned Sussex Champions.

Lillie and Imogen in Year 11 at OSVA became Sussex Champions for under 16 girls in March when they won 4-1 in a battle for the cup.

The girls have played for Bognor Regis Town Youth for a few years and have improved season after season. They have won numer-

ous League titles and cups however last month saw them win their first Sussex County Cup, the most prestigious cup to win in grassroots football.

The unstoppable duo and their team were over the moon with the win and are proud to bow out of youth football winning every trophy up for grabs.

The team is run by Mrs Bromley, her husband and a friend.

Speaking of the win, Mrs Bromley said she "could not be prouder of the team on their achievements."

Imogen has captained the team for the last three seasons, with Lillie being Vice Captain

Mrs Bromley added: "Both girls have done a tremendous job. We wish them all the best in their journeys to adult football.

