



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



### Assemblies this month

4th December - Hanukkah  
11th December - Diwali  
18th December - Winter holidays and Christmas celebrations

### Form Focus:

WC 4th Dec: This week students watched a film clip on Hanukkah and discussed the importance of this Jewish festival.  
WC 11th Dec: The focus this week was Diwali, the Hindu festival.  
WC 18th Dec: For this week, students explored the meaning behind Christmas as a Christian celebration.

### Humanities

This month in Humanities students have been discussing topics such as:

Tudor Christmas celebrations.  
Impact of warfare on civilians during medieval times.  
The impact on families torn apart in civil war.  
The impact on poor families when urban areas are renewed - Bangladeshi people pushed out of Shoreditch in London.  
Impact of Olympic games on London and local people.  
People suffering in extreme weather.  
Revision on impact of natural hazards on people in poor and rich countries and discussions on whether the global community has an obligation to help.

Students held a debate in Year 11 Geography - is it right that 1% of people on the planet have as much wealth as 3.5 billion people (50% of the planet put together).



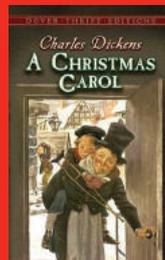


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### English

Students in English have been studying a 'Christmas Carol' with Year 10 looking at Victorian attitudes to the poor and how that links to 2017 attitudes.



### 'Tis the season for giving'

Year 10 students have been fundraising for 'The Burying Party', a movie about the life of war poet Wilfred Owen. In form classes they have been coming up with business ideas which will generate them profit, all money raised will be donated to the project. Some ideas have included making and selling Christmas Eve bags and holding raffles.



### Science

In Science, Year 9 students have been looking at the theory of evolution and considering why people may not have supported Darwin's theory.

In Year 11, students have been evaluating IVF being available on the NHS. They have look at various scenarios and concluded whether a family should be allowed to have more than one round of IVF through the NHS.

Students have also been evaluating the use of contraception and considering the impact on the world's population if it was not available.

### ICT

In Year 7, students have been creating a photo story on endangered animals and had discussions on moral issues such as 'is it ok to kill an animal for makeup or medicine?'. In Year 8, students made a video to advertise the Wirral which covered British values and traditions.



### Music

In Music, Year 7 students have been learning about rhythm and how this varies in music from around the world.

Year 9 students planned, developed and submitted a proposal to run their own music festival. They had to think about how this would work locally and consider health and safety and organisational requirements.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year