



Prayer

Blessed Laura Vicuña,

You who are the light and **patron of young people**, guide us with your courage and purity. You know the weight of a heavy heart and the pain of **difficult family situations**.

We ask for your intercession in our own homes. Please bring peace where there is conflict, healing where there is hurt, and hope where there is despair. Help us to be a source of love and patience, trusting always in God's grace.

Amen

St Michael – Pray for Us

Blessed Laura Vicuna – Pray for Us



Student Notices

Week Beginning;
19th January 2026

Week A



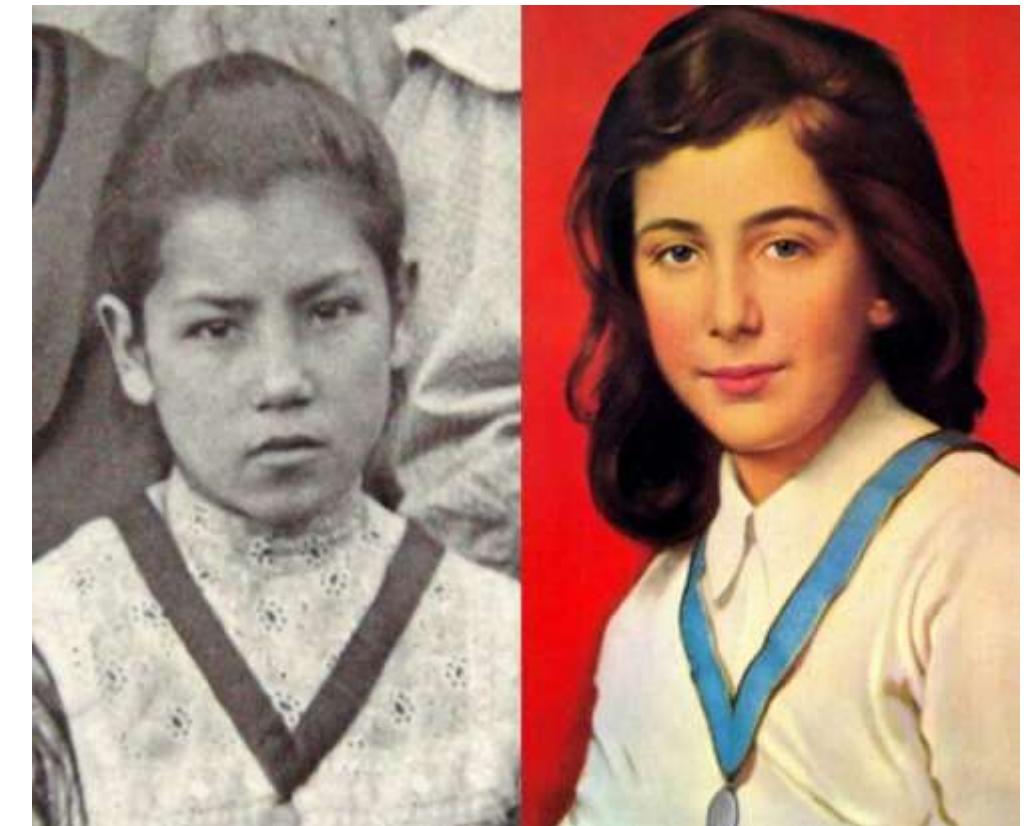


Prayerful intentions this week...

As well as your own private intentions, our community intention for prayer at the beginning of lessons is for...

Young people and those with difficult family situations...

The Feast day of Blessed Laura Vicuna takes place on Thursday 22nd Jan, she is the patron of Young people and difficult family situations



Assemblies this week

Theme: Safeguarding – Christian Unity

Catholic Social Teaching Links: Peace, The Common Good, Solidarity

Tuesday AM - Year 9 and Year 10

Wednesday AM – Year 11

Thursday AM – Year 7 and Year 8

Friday AM – Year 12 and Year 13

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them

Genesis 1:27

Feast Day of Blessed Laura Vicuna

Thursday 22nd January



*Beata
Laura
Vicuña*

Patrona de las
víctimas de abusos

22 de enero

aciprensa.com

BOSCO Charity Week



Cinema Evening -
Year 7s and Year 8
Thursday 22nd January
@ 3:30pm in the
Assembly Hall
£5 a ticket with a bag of
popcorn.
Zootropolis 2
Bring your own drinks
and snacks.
Enjoy an evening with
your friends and have
fun singing along to
Shakira's song - Try
Everything

Year 10s Vs Year 11s
Football match.
Wednesday 21st January
And other team Games on
the Astro - P4b

TUCK Shop
Monday P4a and P4b
Wednesday P4a and P4b
Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 8am to
8:30pm.

Funds raised will be donated to
Evelina London Children's Charity



Cold Weather Warning!

Temperatures are due to fall this week with the weather being colder than usual.

All students should bring a coat with them to school to wear at break and lunch.

If you are wearing scarves or a hat with your coat they should be plain **black, navy or grey.**

Students are reminded to **remove coats, scarves and hats before entering each of the buildings!**

For PE lessons, students should bring their overlayer of PE Kit and are encouraged to wear the track bottoms.





ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

DIVERSITY WEEK 2026



MON

Assembly: LGBTQ History Month

Lunchtime: International Cuisines

All Are Welcome Drop-in

P5:
Chris Bailey, "What is Normal?"

TUE

Assembly: LGBTQ History Month

Lunchtime: International Cuisines

All Are Welcome Drop-in

After School:
Tia Shah,
"The Refugee Experience"

WED

Assembly: LGBTQ History Month

Lunchtime: International Cuisines

All Are Welcome Drop-in

P2 + P3:
Ian Hislop
"Speaking Truth to Power"

After School:
Robin Whitburn
"Black British History"

THU

Assembly: LGBTQ History Month

Lunchtime: International Cuisines

All Are Welcome Drop-in

International Volleyball Tournament

After School:
International Culture Showcase

FRI

Assembly: LGBTQ History Month

Lunchtime: International Cuisines

All Are Welcome Drop-in

All Day: International Cultural Dress Day



Diversity Showcase

Thursday 5th Feb – 4.30pm-6.30pm

As part of our Diversity Showcase, we would like volunteers (students or staff) to perform as part of the evening. This can be as an individual or as a group. Performances could be for example;

- Cultural dance (e.g. Irish Dancing)
- Cultural music (e.g. African drums)
- A poem or short story from a famous author or poet

Performances will take place between 4.30pm-5pm

If you would like to volunteer to perform please sign up using the google link below by Wednesday 28th Jan – 3.30pm

<https://forms.gle/nkNZ1DBME9tutAG89>



Diversity Showcase

Thursday 5th Feb – 4.30pm-6pm

We will be hosting a Diversity Showcase on **Thursday 5th February from 4.30pm to 6pm**. This event is a vibrant celebration of our community, featuring student performances in drama, art, music, and dance, alongside a marketplace of global cultures.

Get Involved: Run a Stall!

We warmly invite parents, guardians, staff, and students to participate by running a stall representing a country or culture you have a personal connection with. This is a wonderful opportunity to share:

- Traditional food samples
- Cultural information and stories
- Traditional dress and textiles
- Musical instruments or artifacts

If you would like to host a stall, please complete the Google Form via the link below **by Thursday 29th January 2026**:

<https://forms.gle/Jj4jpFupqraq5fNF8>



Year 13 CTEC Business Trip

Monday 19th Jan – P1-P4b

Name	Year Group	Reg Group
Holly B	Year 13	13B
Ana CC	Year 13	13D
Archie F	Year 13	13D
Samuel J	Year 13	13D
Harry K	Year 13	13C
Mustapha KB	Year 13	13B
Salem L	Year 13	13C
Noah M	Year 13	13D
Kaysie M	Year 13	13B
Emmanuel O	Year 13	13B
Lara P	Year 13	13D
Kosi P	Year 13	13D
Isabella QP	Year 13	13D
Kaira QV	Year 13	13C
Rhyiand T	Year 13	13C
Henry T	Year 13	13D
Emmanuel U	Year 13	13D



Cambridge Study Day - RE

Tuesday 20th Jan – all day

RE:

Archie-Franklin A
Oliver DB
Veronica D
Catherine D
Sophia H
Zena I
Miguel Neill T
Alyza Marie V

Humanities:

Keziah A
Asiri CK
Jessica A
Stephen MC
Shiloh I
Daniel H
Kharis N
Justine R
Angelina R
Amelia O
Mitre NS
Maria Charlene N



Acid or Alkali?

Science Club
Tuesday 20th Jan
15:30
S36





Music Trip

Wednesday 21st Jan – 4pm

Tchaikovsky's Pathétique and extracts from The Nutcracker

Artificial Intelligence Enterprise Challenge

In partnership with Employee
Volunteering and the Southwark
Schools Learning Partnership

Business Plan Presentation

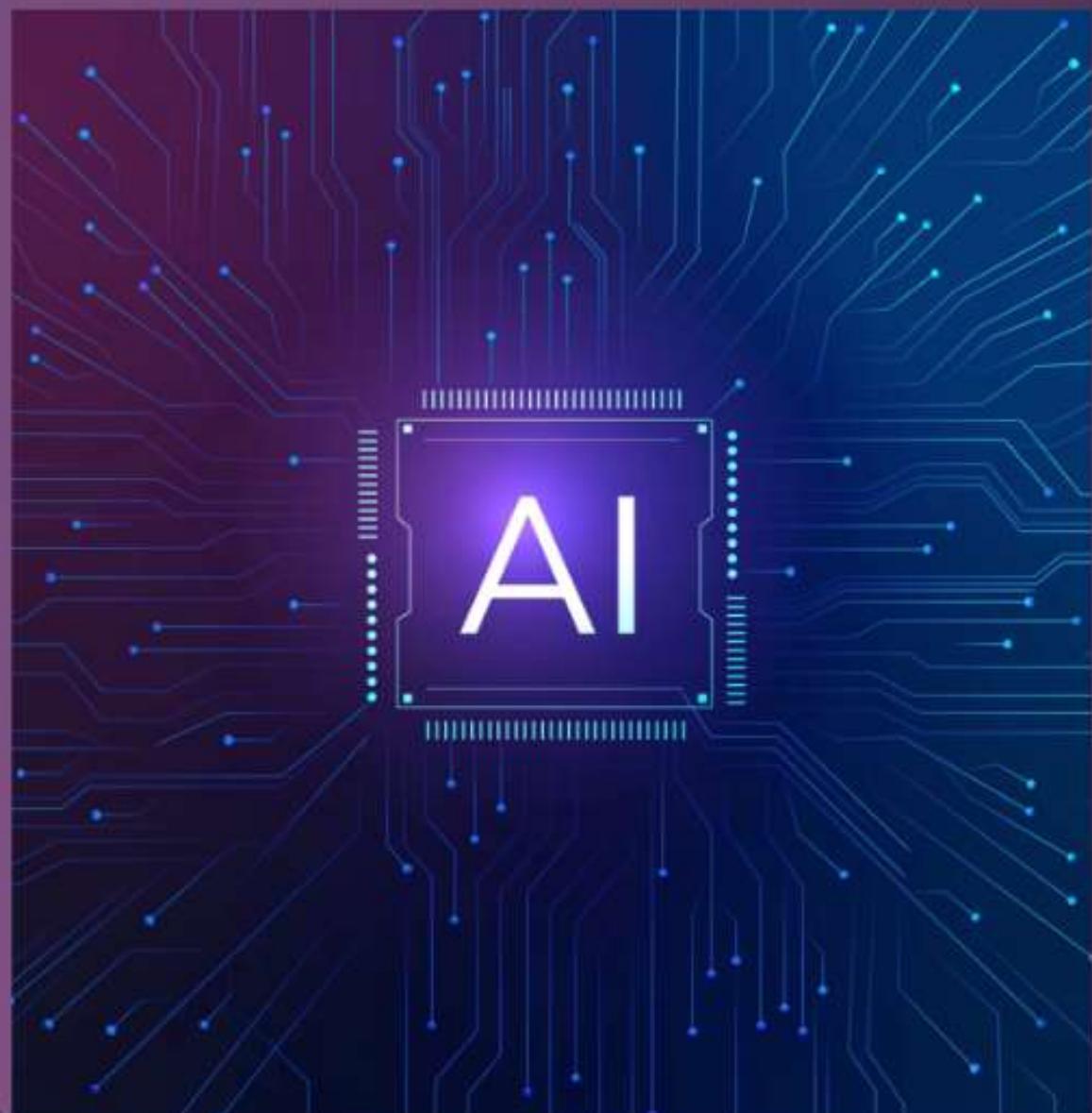
www.employeevolunteering.com

www.sslp.education

Next meeting:

- Thursday 22nd January 2026
- 16:00-17:00
- S37

Team	Team Name	Student Name
1	BraAlnstorm	Adham Abdumenan
		Jui Thaikatil
		Beau Bond
2	QUARKK	Kassandra Gavina
		Katherine Koh
		Agnes Whittlesea





St Dunstan's Careers in Languages Trip

Thursday 22nd Jan – 4.30pm

The following students will be attending a workshop at St. Dunstan's investigating careers in languages on Thursday 22nd Jan from 4.30pm.

Name
Michelle L
Rachel PR
Matthew BO
Rubie Rose R
Ruby HS
Chidinma O
Maja N
Mirabel M
Akua AO
Jonathan A
Oceane A
Melanie CF
Camille N
Christiana O
Armanada P
Stephen PB
Anthony AM
Valentina B
Valentina MV
Althea M
Ainhoa VR
Alana F
Adam P
Saron G
Tony N
David K
William E
Delina G
Jhin OE
Noah G
Denis DC



Year 10 Competition

Want a chance to win £200,
£100 or £50?

Enter the Popper Prize
competition.

Speak to your RE teacher for
more details

The Popper Prize 2026

An inter-school essay competition for Year 10 students

DEATH, AFTERLIFE AND IMMORTALITY

Essays should be submitted by **February 13th** to Dr Croally at croallynt@dulwich.org.uk.

The maximum length for the essay is **1500** words (not including footnotes and bibliography).

Please answer **one** of the essay questions below.

1. Should we want to live forever?
2. Is it rational to fear death?
3. Does the fact that we must all die some day make our lives meaningless?
4. Should we care what happens to the world after we die?

Other important details:

Number of essays	Maximum of 3 per school
Prizegiving and lecture	During the week beginning March 16 th
Prizes	1 st - £200; 2 nd - £100; 3 rd - £50





Sports Clubs this Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7:30 - 8:20) Arrive in PE Kit		Basketball Skills Session	Strength and Conditioning		Basketball Skills Session
4A Lunch (12:15-13:05)	Racket Sports (Table Tennis and Badminton)	Running Club (TBC)	Dodgeball	Basketball	Girls Get Active (Just Dance)
4B Lunch (13:15 - 14:05)			Basketball	Volleyball	Girls Get Active (Student choice)
After School (15:30 - 16:30)	Girls Basketball Year 9 Football Club	Girls Football KS3 Boys Basketaball	Year 7 Football	KS4/5 Basketball Team Training Year 8 Football Trampolining	Six Form Sports

For lunch clubs collect an early lunch pass from Mr Laribi

Highlighted clubs do not need a PE kit

Year 7,8,9 Boys football all start week beginning 15th



Sports trips this Week

Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby Festival – Wednesday 21st Jan – All day

Ruby Team names

	Reserve
Lucas G	
Love L	Jordan A
Anthony-Jacob	Chris W
Stanley S	Nickolas Q
Kofi B	<u>Muna</u> B
Frankie D	Prince M
<u>Nahome</u> H	Gabriel T
Fred R	Euan D
James C	Ethan A
Mason C	
Joseph F	
Martins O	
Blake W	
Oliwier KB	
Lance B	



Japanese Club!



Japanese Language Club (Year 10)

Come to NF6 at
13:30 (4b) on
Mondays!

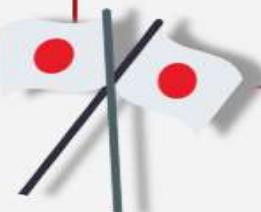
Want to learn Japanese?

Learn and Enjoy!

You can learn both alphabets, and learn new vocabulary every week.

It doesn't matter if u don't know anything or if you know something
just feel free to come along!

Maximum 20 students! First come, first served.





Librarians
meet in
the library
at 1515
(pm form)
Monday.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EVERY MONDAY AT 15:15-15:30 IN
THE LIBRARY.
PLEASE SPEAK TO MISS CUMBER IN NF2 IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE A LIBRARIAN.



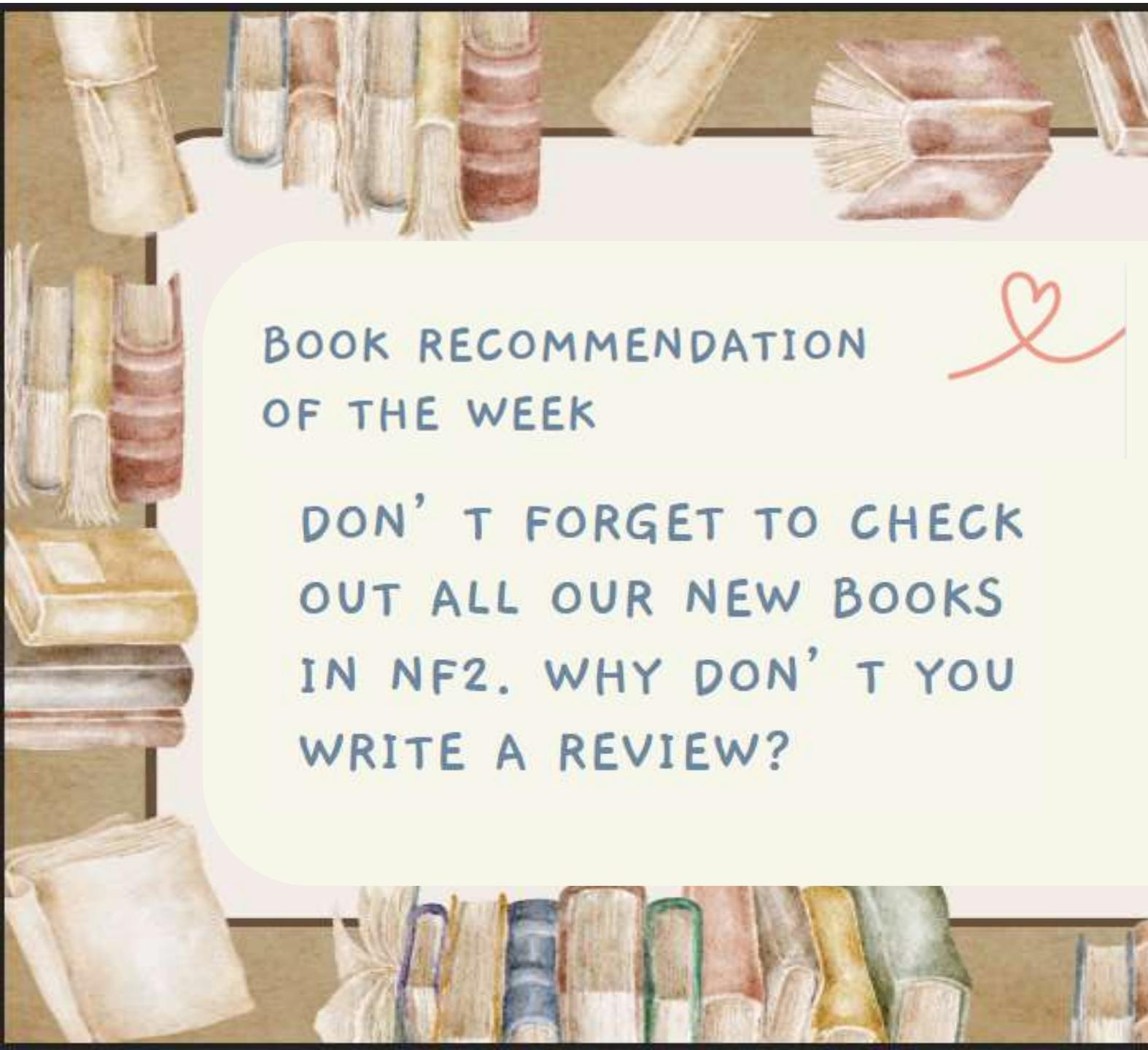
Library Honor Code: The Golden Rule

We love our books, so listen
and heed
Take one out and enjoy the
read

Then bring it back when you
are done,
So the reading continues for
everyone!

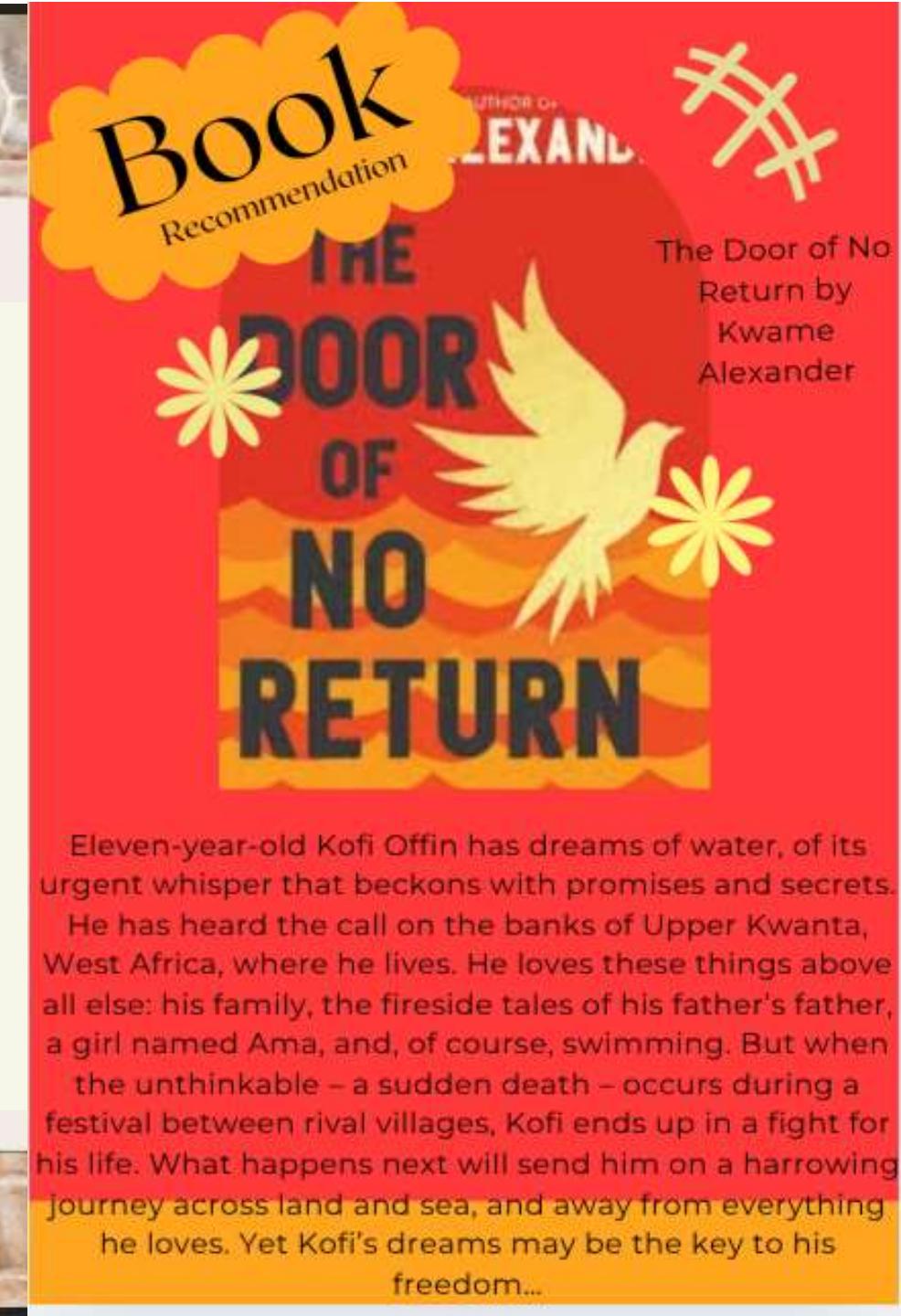
Please
ensure that
you are
returning
books you
take out and
leaving the
library tidy!





BOOK RECOMMENDATION OF THE WEEK

DON' T FORGET TO CHECK
OUT ALL OUR NEW BOOKS
IN NF2. WHY DON' T YOU
WRITE A REVIEW?



The Door of No
Return by
Kwame
Alexander

Book Review

Book review by: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Non fiction

Fiction

What is the book about?

Who would this book be suitable for? Age/interests

Would you/would you not recommend the book? Why?

Book Review templates will be added to your House Google Classroom but please feel free to get creative and make them your own!



Book Illustration

Read something good recently?

Got a great read from over Christmas?

Write a review!

It will be published on the reading portal and you will receive 10 House Points!



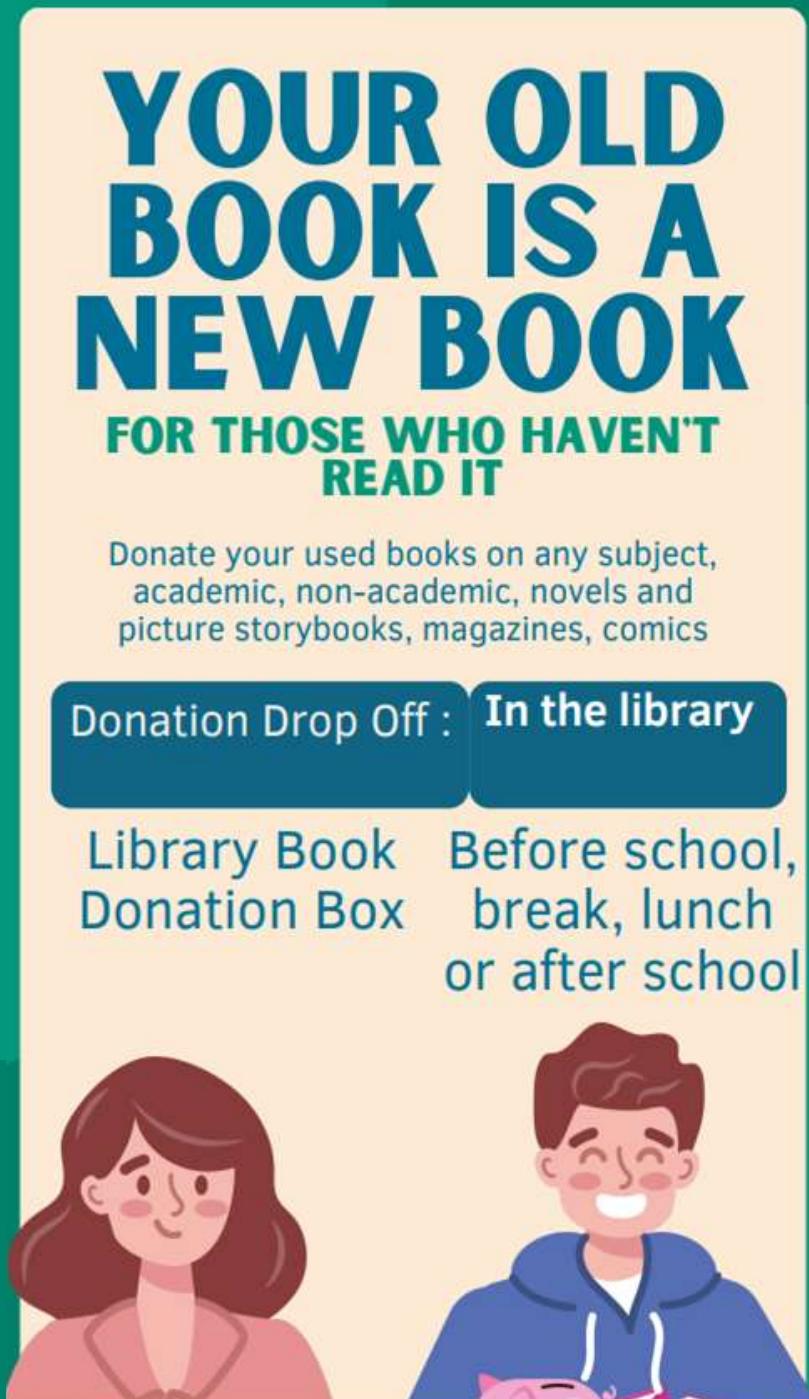
YOUR OLD BOOK IS A NEW BOOK

FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T
READ IT

Donate your used books on any subject, academic, non-academic, novels and picture storybooks, magazines, comics

Donation Drop Off : **In the library**

Library Book Donation Box Before school, break, lunch or after school





Year 11 Morning Mocks!

The next morning mock for Year 11 students will be on Thursday 22nd Jan at 8am in Maths

Please make sure you are at school for 7.45am!





Clubs/Societies Timetable



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8-8.30am	Yr7-13 - Breakfast Club - Main Canteen	Yr7-13 - Breakfast Club - Main Canteen	Yr7-13 - Breakfast Club - Main Canteen	Yr7-13 - Breakfast Club - Main Canteen	Yr7-13 - Breakfast Club - Main Canteen
	KS3 - Homework Club - G20	KS3 - Homework Club - G20	KS3 - Homework Club - G20	KS3 - Homework Club - G20	All Yr's - Mass - Chapel
	KS4 - Football - Astro	All Yr's - Girls Basketball - Sports Hall		Yr8-13 - Choir - F22	KS3 - Homework Club - G20
8.30-9am					All Yr's Student Council (every 2 weeks)
	Yr7 - Global Scholars - TBC	KS3 - Games Club - G18	Yr9 - Music Band - F23	KS3 - Junior Band - F23	Yr8 - Choir - F23
Lunch 4a (12.45-1.15pm)	KS3 - Spanish Film Club - NS5	Yr7 - Ukulele club - F22	Yr7 - Choir - F23	KS3 - Basketball - Sports Hall	KS3 - Samba Band - F22
	KS3 - String Group - F23	KS3 - Dodgeball - Sports Hall	KS3 - Debate Society - S21		KS3 - Girls Get Active - Sports Hall
	Yr7 - Keyboard club - F22	KS3 - Girls Futsal - Sports Hall	KS3 - Table tennis - Sports Hall		
	KS3 - Running Club - Changing rooms		KS3 - Badminton - Sports Hall		
	KS4+5 - Found in Translation - NS3	KS4/5 - Senior Winds - F23	KS4/5 - Guitar Group - F22	Yr10 - Music Band - F23	KS4/5 - Wind Band - F22
Lunch 4b (1.45-2.15pm)	Yr11 - Football - Astro	6th Form - Basketball - Basketball Ct	Yr10 - Football - Astro	KS4 - GCSE Music Singers - F23	Yr11 - Football - Astro
	6th Form - Basketball - Basketball Ct		6th Form - Basketball - Basketball Ct	KS4 - SEND Games Club - G18	6th Form - Basketball - Basketball Ct
	Yr10 - GCSE Music Club - F22	KS3 - Maths Sparx HW Club - G19	Yr8/9 - Football - Astro	All Yr's - History Society - S09	All Yr's - Maths Problem Solving - S08
3.30-4.30pm	KS4/5 - Girls Basketball - Sports Hall	KS3 - DT Club - G51	KS4 - Table Tennis - Sports Hall	6th Form - Debating Club - S22	Yr11 - GCSE Music Club - F22
	KS3 - Trampolining - Sports Hall	Yr7+8 - Science Club - S36		6th Form - Aspiring Medics + Dentists - G52	6th Form - Sports (Various) - Sports Hall
	KS3/4 - STEM Club - G18	Yr9+10 - F1 in Schools - S37		KS3 - Christmas Show - G18	
	KS3/4 - Girls who Code - G19	KS3/4 - Brass Group - F23		KS4/5 - Basketball - Sports Hall	
		Yr7 - Football - Astro		KS3 - Gardening - Meet Library	
		KS3 - Badminton - Sports Hall		All Yr's - Maranatha Choir - F23	



Homework Club

KS3 Homework club continues
this week in G20

7.30am – 8.30am
and
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Limited spaces available!





Year 7 Choir

Yr.7 choir-takes place at 12.15pm -12.45pm
on Wednesdays!

Come along and join!!

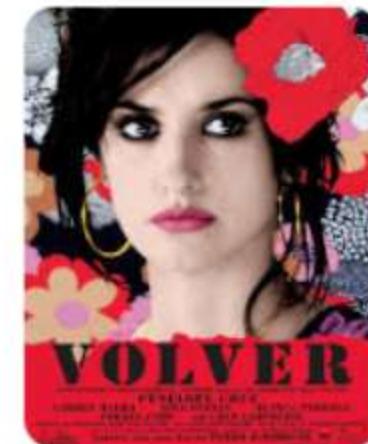




MFL film club

Every Thursday 12.45pm 4A
NS5

Resumes
this Week!!





WISH YOU DID MORE PRACTICALS IN
SCIENCE? COME AND JOIN US!

SCIENCE CLUB

Tuesdays after school 15:30 - 16:30

S36 years 7-8

If you would like to be part of science club this term, you must come within the first two weeks, to ensure you hear important safety information. Anyone who starts after this time may not be allowed to take part.

15 spaces only - first come first served



Portuguese Language Club

Portuguese Language Club starts on Monday 10th November

Portuguese Language Club is aimed at improving Portuguese speaking skills

- Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who already have knowledge of Portuguese, ie Portuguese L1 or L2 -
Mondays P4a 1st half S23
- Year 10,11, 12 and 13 pupils who already have knowledge of Portuguese, ie Portuguese L1 or L2 - **Mondays P4b 1st half S23**

See Mr Martin for more information



Meetings for Librarians take place every Monday PM from (15:15-15:30) in the library. Please tell your form tutor in the morning if you are attending.

*Monday afternoon
15:30-16:30 will be
library club!*

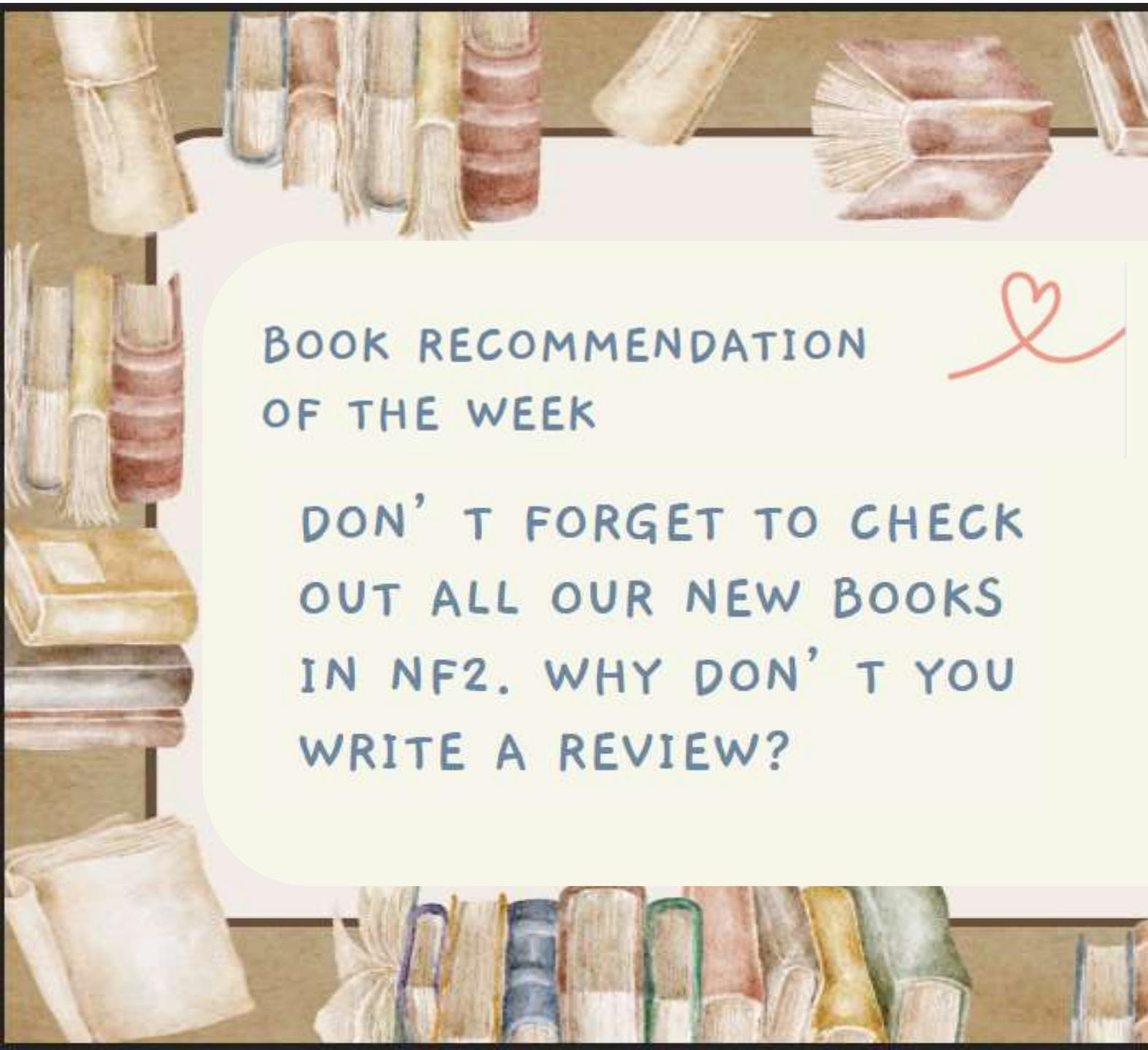
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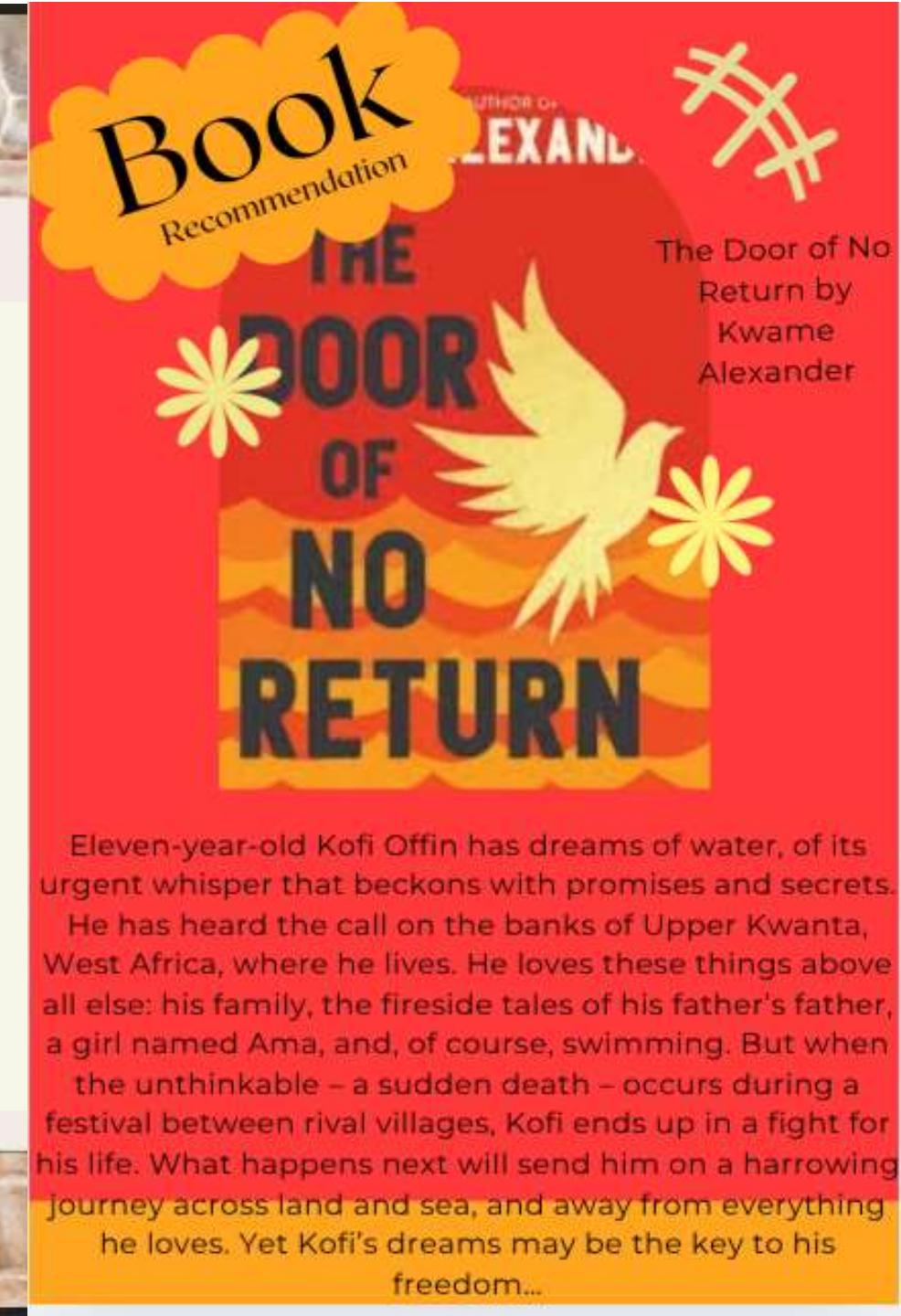
1. Keep our library neat and organised- sort displays, organise book donations, keep the shelves sorted
2. Help with events like book clubs, World Book Day, Reading challenges and charity readathons!
3. Earn house points, rewards and be part of a great community
4. Learn new skills- leadership, events organisation





BOOK RECOMMENDATION OF THE WEEK

DON' T FORGET TO CHECK
OUT ALL OUR NEW BOOKS
IN NF2. WHY DON' T YOU
WRITE A REVIEW?





Debate society: KS3

Enjoy, argue, learn

Challenge, speak, think



ROOM: G09

Tuesday: 4a Lunch (@12:40)
Speak to Mr Devine

Speak up!

Interesting topics!

Passionate
about debating?



Get Creative with the Digital Design Club!

Do you love getting creative and making things? Join us to learn how to design and make your own amazing projects using digital software and a digital cutting machine



This club is a fantastic way to develop your design skills and explore new technologies, with projects such as:

- Designing custom stickers and vinyl decals
- Creating your own personalized Christmas decorations
- Embroidering your own unique designs on tote bags and clothing

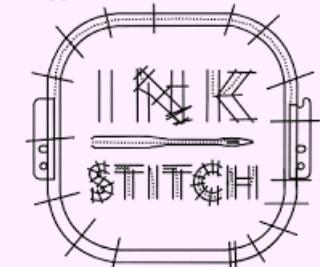


What we'll be using:

Inkscape: powerful vector graphics software

Silhouette Studio: software for digital cutting

Ink/Stitch: for digitizing embroidery designs



When? Every Wednesday

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Room: G19

Come along and bring your ideas to life!



G19 Every
Monday from
3.30 - 4.30pm

girls who
code

**LEARN TO CODE AND
CHANGE THE WORLD**





Year 11 Study Clubs

Day	Week A	Week B
Monday	Science	History
Tuesday	English	Maths
Wednesday	RE	MFL
Thursday	Options	Options
Friday	Geography	

Study clubs return Wednesday 7th Jan with Week A



IT'S YOUR TURN TO
**SPEAK FOR
TOMORROW.**

FEBURARY 7TH 2026
IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

Register as a team of 3-5 and get ready to talk about subjects that matter to you

Scan the QR code to learn more

Speaking for Tomorrow
• TYSNS • AINAPOD & NEUROSPARK •

Y12 Scientists, check Google Classroom's post by Mr Khairi

Now in its second year, Speaking for Tomorrow will be held on Saturday, 7th February 2026 at Imperial College London, offering students a platform to explore and present critical perspectives on global sustainability challenges - from climate change and energy use to water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and urban resilience.



You'll Fit In

Y12 Scientists, check Google Classroom's post by Mr Khairi

**Deadline Not Confirmed
Apply ASAP**

Year 12

Trinity Hall (Cambridge University) offers this **free** programme to students in Year 12 who are considering applying to Cambridge University and who belong to one of the following ethnic backgrounds and are domiciled in the UK:

- Arab
- Asian or Asian British – Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi
- Mixed – White and Asian (to include Pakistani or Bangladeshi)
- Black or Black British – African
- Black or Black British – Caribbean
- Other Black background
- Mixed – White and Black African
- Mixed – White and Black Caribbean
- Other mixed background (to include Black African, Black Caribbean or Black Other)

We recognise that some students do not identify precisely with one of these categories but belong to underrepresented ethnicities. Therefore, we welcome students to apply, and they will be given the opportunity to give us further details on the application form.



Y12 Scientists,
check Google
Classroom's post
by Mr Khairi

Free summer schools for medicine & dentistry

Funded by NHS England, the Medical Schools Council and Dental Schools Council will be running several summer schools across England. Applications for Medicine residential and commuter Summer Schools are now open. Be sure to read the dates carefully as most require you to attend online and/or in-person sessions before the residential in Summer 2026.

Deadline
23 January 2026

Year 12 Programmes Opening Soon

UK Summer Schools



Programme Status: closed
Opening date: 12/01/2026
Age: Year 12 (England & Wales), Year 13 (Northern Ireland) or S5 (Scotland)

Get a taste of life as a university student at one of our residential in the UK.

[Learn more](#)

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Year 12 Work Experience Programme



This programme will give you an insight into the exciting world of research at Imperial College London.

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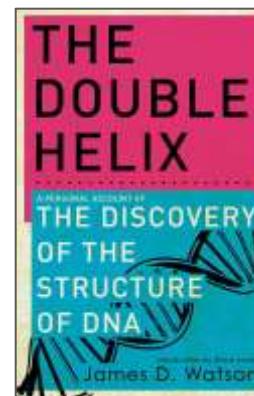
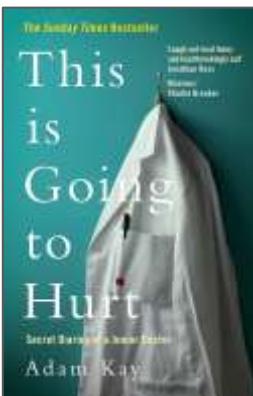
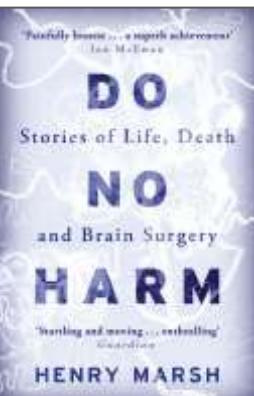
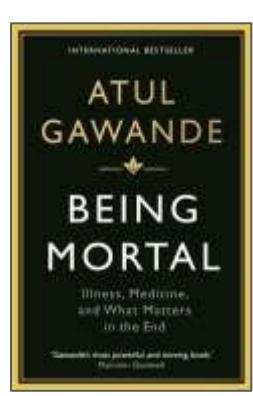
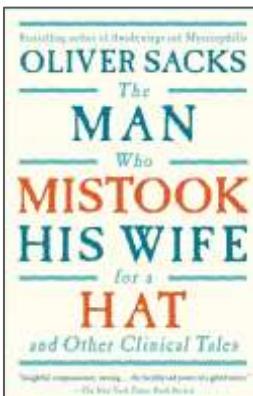
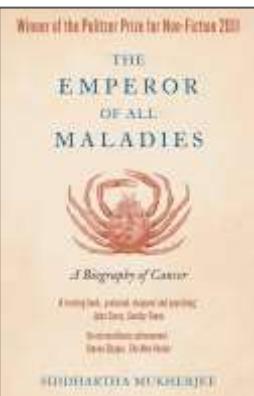
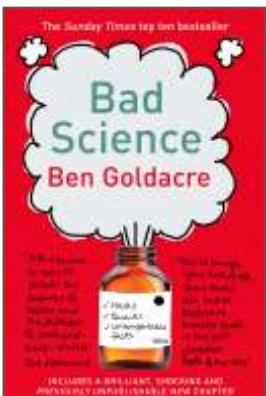
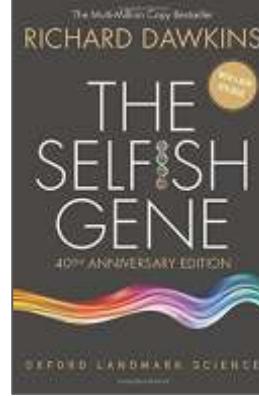
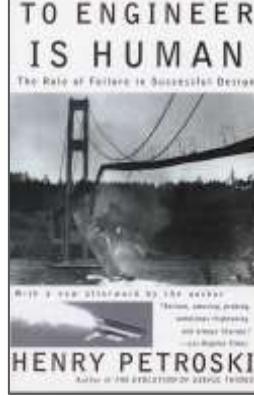
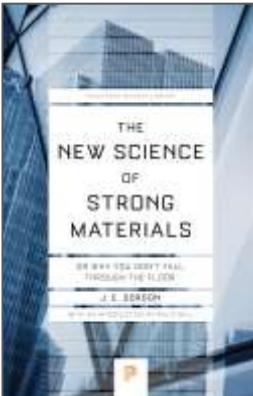
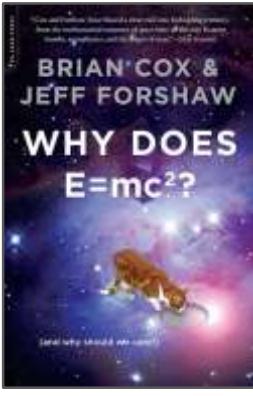
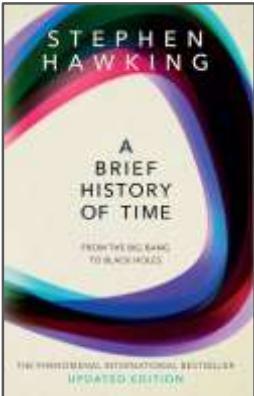
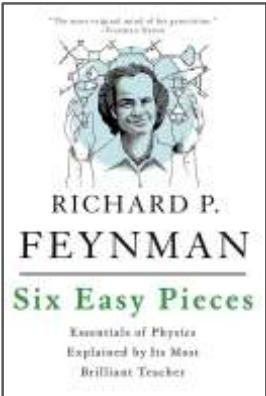


Explore the exciting possibility of studying for a STEM degree at Imperial during this four-day residential summer school.

More details will be shared once application opens

Year 12 Scientists Recommended Reading

Thinking of applying for Oxbridge or Imperial or Russell Group Universities next year? Here are some recommended reading to support your interests, hence application.



Write a reading journal

Record a vlog/TikTok reflection of the book

Write a blog post

Y12 Scientists, check Google Classroom's post by Mr Khairi

<u>January 2026</u>	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>May 2026</u>	<u>June 2026</u>	<u>July 2026</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epiphany Orthodox Christmas Feast of Blessed Laura Vicuna Feast of St John Bosco Feast of St Francis De La Sales House Dance Competition Holocaust memorial awareness House Competition Racial Justice Sunday Burns Night Year 13 Retreat Year 9 Retreat Charity Week - Bosco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGBT+ History Month Basketball House Competition Lunar New Year Safer Internet Day <u>Charity Friday's</u> begin Yr12/13 Madrid Trip Yr8 Florence Trip Ramadan Begins Shrove Tuesday Ash Wednesday Reconciliation Services begin Charity Week - Vicuna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of St David World Book Day Holi Purim World Poetry Day International Women's Day/ Month Feast of St Patrick Feast of St Joseph Feast of St Oscar Romero Mothering Sunday Earth Hour UK Science Week Victims of Slavery and the transatlantic Slave Trade Assembly Annunciation of the Lord Lent Charity Fridays continue Easter Liturgy Eid al Fitr International Day of Happiness End of Term Awards Assemblies Salesian Conference Palm Sunday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Week Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday Earth Day Stephen Lawrence Day Feast of St George Anniversary of death of Pope Francis Nail bombing anniversaries International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day Poetry by Heart House Competition Chess House Competition World Autism Awareness Day Charity Week - RUA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Month of Mary Yr13 Reflection service Feast of St Dominic Savio Feast of St Mary Mazzarello Ascension Feast of Mary Help of Christian Indoor Rowing House Competition Eurovision House Competition Mental Health Awareness Week Eid-Al-Adha Trinity Sunday Rome Trip Yr9 Brussels Trip Yr10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Are Welcome Month begins Pentecost Yr11 Reflection service Year 11 Prom Year 13 Leavers Event World Environment Day Corpus Christi World Refugee Day/Week Windrush Day Feast of St Peter and St Paul Tug-of-war House Competition Sports Awards Evening Charity Week – SAVIO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gilwell Park Trip (Yr7) Yr12 Paris Trip Showcase 2025 Yr10/12 Work Experience Careers and Enterprise Week Careers Fair Arts & Enrichment Week Sports Day 2025



Mass

8am

Friday mass will continue on Friday 23rd Jan
2026 with 10BC



Breakfast Club Reminder

Breakfast club is running from 8am every morning from the
main canteen!

All students can get **free** porridge and/or toast +

Free fruit now available at the request of the Student Parliament





House Point Total as of 19/01/2026



Mazzarello – 23123 Points

Vicuna – 23023 Points

Rua – 22039 Points

Da Costa – 21776 Points

Bosco – 19174 Points

Savio – 14210 Points



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Chaplaincy Events Calendar 2024-2025



<u>January 2025</u>	<u>February 2025</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Epiphany● Feast of Blessed Laura Vicuna● Feast of St John Bosco● House Dance Competition● Launch of Upcycle challenge (DT)● Holocaust memorial awareness House Competition● Racial Justice Sunday● Lunar New Year● Year 13 Retreat● Year 9 Retreat● Charity Week – BOSCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Berlin (Yr12)● Brussels (Yr10)● LGBTQ+ History Month● Upcycle challenge presentation (DT)● Basketball House Competition● Lunar New Year● Safer Internet Day● CAFOD Family Fast Day● Ramadan Begins● Charity Week – VICUNA



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<u>March 2025</u>	<u>April 2025</u>	<u>May 2025</u>	<u>June 2025</u>	<u>July 2025</u>	<u>To be scheduled</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lent begins• Shrove Tuesday• Ash Wednesday• Reconciliation services begin• Feast of St David• World Book Day• Holi• Purim• World Poetry Day• International Women's Day• Feast of St Patrick• Feast of St Oscar Romero• Mothering Sunday• Earth Hour• Science Week• Victims of Slavery and the transatlantic Slave Trade Assembly• Lent Charity Friday's• Easter Liturgy• Eid al Fitr• End of Term Awards Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earth Day• Stephen Lawrence Day• Feast of St George• Poetry by Heart House Competition• Chess House Competition• Cultural Exchange Project visit from Salesian Institute of Florence• World Autism Awareness Day• Passover begins• Holy Week• Easter Sunday• Charity Week – SAVIO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Month of Mary• Yr13 Reflection service• Feast of St Dominic Savio• Feast of St Mary Mazzarello• Ascension• Feast of Mary Help of Christian• Indoor Rowing House Competition• Cultural Exchange Project visit to Salesian Institute of Florence (Yr8)• Eurovision House Competition• Mental Health Awareness Week• Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pride Month begins• Pentecost• Yr11 Reflection service• Year 11 Prom• Year 13 Leavers Event• World Environment Day• Corpus Christi• World Refugee Day• Feast of St Peter and St Paul• Tug-of-war House Competition• Shavuot (Jewish)• Sports Awards Evening• Islamic New Year• Charity Week – MAZZARELLO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rome Trip (Yr9)• <u>Gilwell Park Trip (Yr7)</u>• Showcase 2025• Yr10/12 Work Experience• Careers and Enterprise Week• Careers Fair• Arts & Enrichment Week• Sports Day 2025• Nelson Mandela Day• International Day• Summer School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CERN Trip (Science Yr12)TBC

What is Destiny?

Nature vs Nurture!



or



For more details visit the Challenge and More Able GC or page on the SMCC website:

<https://sites.google.com/stmichaelscollege.org.uk/challengeandmoreable/competitions>

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTE0NDI5NzQwOTYx/a/NzkzMTQxNTkyNDMw/details>

Impress me!

500 House Points

£50 Amazon Voucher

Any format you like:

eg. film, art, poem, dance, article, diagram, speech

Best entries will have thought the dichotomy of “Nature vs Nurture” and attempted a synthesis that includes a consideration of epigenetics.

All entries to Mr Magnoff by

Deadline:

Friday 17th April 2026

Brought to you
by Mr Toledo
and the MFL
Department

The Nature - Nurture Dichotomy

You must likely have heard it before. And in philosophical and sociological terms has -until very recently- been mainly presented as two all encompassing but conflicting theories: darwinism or marxism?

But what lies beyond this polarity is our capacity to change our social destinies, even our identities. Which one of you still thinks that we are forever restricted by our own limitations and our social background or upbringing? How much can be say it is just social conditioning and the continuation of expected social and gender stereotypes?

Three Fundamental Questions for You to Answer

- How would you define "nature" and "nurture" in the context of human development? Are there any overlaps or grey areas between these two concepts?
- If you had to pick one, which do you instinctively believe plays a more significant role in shaping who we are: our genetic inheritance or our upbringing and environment? Why?
- Also, can you think of specific human traits, behaviors or abilities that seem to be primarily influenced by nature? What about those primarily influenced by nurture?

Nature vs Nurture



But Before Answering Consider These

- **Intelligence:** Is intelligence primarily inherited, or is it more a product of educational opportunities and environmental stimulation? How might both play a role?
- **Personality:** To what extent is our personality (e.g., introversion/extroversion, agreeableness) determined by our genes versus our early childhood experiences and social interactions?
- **Talent and Skills:** Are people "born with" musical talent or athletic ability, or are these developed through practice, training, and opportunity? Where does natural aptitude end and learned skill begin?

Think of the Ethical Dimension

- **Responsibility:** If our actions are heavily influenced by our genes, does that lessen our personal responsibility? What if they are heavily influenced by our upbringing?
- **Social Policy:** How might our understanding of nature and nurture influence social policies related to education, welfare, or criminal justice? For example, if nurture is more important, what should society prioritize?
- **Personal Growth:** How does understanding the interplay of nature and nurture empower individuals to make changes in their lives or pursue personal growth?
- **The Future:** As our scientific understanding of genetics and environmental influences grows, how might the nature vs. nurture debate evolve in the future?

Further Considerations

- **Intertwined Concepts:** Is it even possible to truly separate nature and nurture, or are they inextricably intertwined? Can one influence the expression of the other? (e.g., epigenetics)
- **The "Both" Argument:** Most scientists agree that both nature and nurture play a role. If this is the case, what is the value in continuing to debate which is "more important"?
- **Beyond the Dichotomy:** Are there other factors, beyond just nature and nurture, that contribute to who we are? (e.g., free will, unique life experiences not directly tied to upbringing).

Have you Heard of Epigenetics?

Can
trauma be
passed
on through
our genes?



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Remember to Recycle!

YES

- Waterbottles
- Cartons
- Paper
- Card
- Hot drink cups from the sixth form canteen (and the lid)
- Foil
- Crisp packets + Sweet wrappers
- Drinks cans
- Biros + ink pens
- Highlighters + Markers
- Correction fluid pots
- Rulers + Protractors
- Staplers
- Paperclips

NO

- Pencil shavings
- Ink cartridges from pens
- Tissues
- Pencils
- Rubbers
- Glue sticks

Recyclable Items Go In The Blue Bins!



Correct your food waste!

YES

- Bamboo Cutlery
- Sixth form food boxes
- Dairy + egg shells
- Meat, Fish and bones
- Fruit and vegetables
- Bread, Rice and Pasta
- Tea bags
- Coffee grounds

NO

- Packaging (plastic wrappers + bags)
- Liquids
- Oils
- General waste
- Metal Cutlery

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College Prayer

Lord, thank you for the gift of this day
and the time to live and love in your
world.

May we be brought to the fullness of
life by the Salesian values taught to us
by St John Bosco.

We ask St. Michael our protector
to watch over us in our mission
to overcome evil with good.

Amen

St. Michael, **pray for us**
St. John Bosco, **pray for us**





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