



## From the Headmaster

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### **INSET Day 31 January**

A reminder that there is an INSET day next Wednesday, 31 January, and the School will be closed to all pupils.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

I look forward to seeing Year 11 students and their parents at our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday next week. For current students, there is no need to pre-register; please just come along at whatever time suits you. Doors open at 5.30pm and there are talks in the Main Hall at 6pm and 7pm. It's an excellent opportunity to speak to subject teachers, and Mr Dempsey will be available in the LRC if you have any questions about entry requirements and option choices. The Sixth Form Prospectus has been updated for 2024 entry and is available online at the link below, or you can pick up a printed copy on the evening.

Applications open on 1 February via a link on the home page of the School website.

[Sixth Form Prospectus 2024-25](#)

### **Jazz Night**

Our popular annual Jazz Night takes place in the Main Hall on the evening of Thursday 8 February. A link for tickets will be available shortly, or you can pay on the door.

### **Tommy's Award Competition**

Pupils in Years 7-9 are encouraged to enter a competition to design a poster and/or bookmark for the Tommy's Award, with the chance of winning an Amazon gift voucher and a book. The deadline is 19 February; entries should be on A4 paper submitted via the box in Reception or can be emailed to [pgt@strs.org.uk](mailto:pgt@strs.org.uk). Posters around school and on Satchel One have full details.

### **Book of the Month**

Our *Book of the Month* for January is *The Faber Book of Reportage*, edited by John Carey, which is recommended by Assistant Head and teacher of History Mr Daniell (see the link to his YouTube video, below). The book is a remarkable collection of eyewitness accounts that draws on the voices and emotions of the people who experienced some of history's most memorable events. If any pupils would like to do a review for *Book of the Month*, they can contact any teacher from the English Department.

[Book of the Month January](#)

### **Pop-up Café**

Year 10 students Rafa, Zach, Fred and Fin continue to do an excellent job of running the pop-up café in Food Tech on Monday breaktimes (with Wednesday lunchtimes coming soon). All profits are donated to local charities; there are plenty of healthy options and everything is at pocket money prices. I have been very impressed with the boys' dedication and ongoing commitment to sustainability.

### **Photography Club**

The Photography Club is now open to all year groups and runs once a month with a themed photoshoot. The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 30 January in the Photography Studio at lunchtime. If pupils don't have a camera, there are some available; they also have permission to use their phones under the direct supervision of teachers running the sessions. Contact Miss Miller on [som@strs.org.uk](mailto:som@strs.org.uk) for more information.

Finally, best of luck to all rugby teams playing Warwick tomorrow - and a massive thank you to all staff coaching and managing them.

With best wishes for a pleasant and relaxing weekend.

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