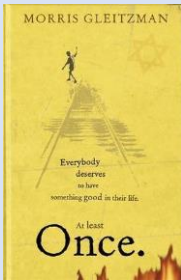
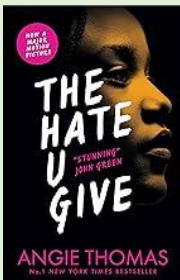


# English Department Newsletter

The CCS English Department warmly welcomes your child to this new term. We want to foster an ethos of excellence and we know how enthusiastic our parents are to support from home. This newsletter is designed to inform parents about the topics, issues and texts being studied in English at CCS. We actively encourage all parents to talk with their children about these ideas and discuss their thoughts and opinions. We also want all our CCS students to be avid readers. Reading is not only enjoyable but hugely beneficial, not just for English but across the curriculum. Parents will receive a reading list for the year and each term we will be recommending a specific text for students that match the themes of the units they are studying. KS3 students will read at the start of every English lesson and have reading lessons once a fortnight. House points will be awarded to those students who are seen to be positively engaging with reading and those who read the recommended reads for each unit. There is also a reading club which takes place every Tuesday lunchtime in C21 and a book club that runs once a term. Students should see Mrs Spencer if they are interested in joining these clubs. Homework will be set every Monday on Seneca due in the following Monday.

## KS3 Term 2

| Year 7<br>Children of War   | Year 8<br>Dystopia  | Year 9<br>Justice  |
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| <b>Novel:</b><br>Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah  | <b>Novel extracts:</b><br>1984<br>The Hunger Games<br>The Bees<br>The Handmaid's Tale<br>The Watchful Eye<br>Forgotten Replica  | <b>Novel:</b><br>Ghost Boys by Parker Rhodes   |
| <b>Main themes:</b><br>War<br>Power<br>Conflict<br>Propaganda and persuasion<br>Bullying<br>Personal strength<br>Displacement                   | <b>Main themes:</b><br>Dystopia<br>Utopia<br>Power<br>Corruption<br>Surveillance<br>Control<br>Sacrifice<br>Rebellion   | <b>Main themes:</b><br>Racism<br>Injustice<br>Activism<br>Death and bereavement<br>The Civil Rights Movement<br>Abuse of power<br>Bullying<br>Family     |
| <b>Recommended read:</b><br>Once by Morris Gleitzman<br><br> | <b>Recommended read:</b><br>The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kieran Milwood Hargrave<br><br> | <b>Recommended read:</b><br>The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas<br><br> |

Each term students will have a lesson connected with something of cultural and societal importance recognised nationally. We will also recommend another book related to that event that students are encouraged to read. Enrichment theme: Term 2 is Remembrance Day. Book – Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer.

Students will be looking at a key figure from WW1/2 for their enrichment lessons this year. This work is then used to create displays in classrooms. Below you will be able to see a display from the last unit which was Black History Month.

