

MORE HOUSE SCHOOL

## Newsletter

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011*

*Dear Parents,*

*Half term has been and gone. We have got back into the swing of things with a bang. The Year 10 & Year 11s have had three days of GCSE Science modules, Mr Keeley has been reminding us that we are just 4 rehearsal weeks away from the Spring Concert, and we had a great World Book Day thanks to Ms North and the English Department. Year 9 have started on the process of selecting their GCSE Options and the History Department have been out and about with a study visit to the Imperial War Museum. Better to be busy than bored!*

*Congratulations to Emma McWalter and her family and Millie Cody-Booth and hers. Both were the only people who got the correct answer to the Conundrum challenge~ the answer to which was **luxuriant***

### *Historians on the road*

**A**s part of their studies of the First World War all of Year 9 spent a day at the Imperial War Museum. The girls had a talk from one a member of Staff from the Museum's Award-winning Education Department, and then took part in an artifacts activity which gave them the opportunity to handle authentic pieces of evidence from World War I and then, working in groups, set up a 'mini-museum' for which they had to write artifact descriptions and then present these to the rest of the group. The day was rounded off by a visit to the new 'Children at War' exhibition which, naturally, they found had a special resonance for them.

### *Future attractions ~ coming this week*

**N**ext week sees the launch of More House's own Film Society The Society has been set up to give the girls the opportunity to discover some of the major film directors from across the world and introduce them to movies that will enhance their understanding of important artists.

The season begins with three films by Francois Truffaut, one of the founders of *The Nouvelle Vague* – a French cinematic movement of the 1960's, these will alternate fortnightly with Art History films, beginning with *Frida* a film about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

The Society intends to show a wide variety of cinematic work by the most influential contemporary film directors. All films will be rated for 15 upwards, so membership of the Society is for Year 10 upwards. Admission is free.

### **Alternate Thursdays ~ 4pm -Dining Room**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

*Les Les 400 coups*

Dir: Francois Truffaut

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

*Frida*

Dir: Julie Taymor

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

*Les Deux Anglaises et le Continent*

Dir: Francois Truffaut

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

*Little Ashes*

Dir: Paul Morrison

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

*Domicile Conjugale*

Dir: Francois Truffaut

### ***World Book Day***

Ms North and her English Department gave us a tremendous *World Book Day* this week. Pupils and Staff alike suspected that something unusual might be going on when they arrived in the morning to find that the Library had suddenly grown palm trees on the outside of the door (artificial ones it had to be said). This was to flag up the launch of the 'Book Hunt'. This consisted of a number of clues hidden around the School, each of which gave a clue to a particular book in the Library, with a page, line and word reference. This competition is running until next week ~ so we have to hope that the palm trees are staying. In addition to the 'Book Hunt' there is also the English Department's 'Literary Quiz'. Pupils noticed that there were questions based on literature all around the School. Again, this runs until the end of the week.

**A**t lunchtime, in The Studio, the English Department sponsored an 'Open Mic Story-telling Session' where pupils (and Staff) were encouraged to stand up and tell or read a story, either fictional or based on their own experiences. Two of the Year 11s allowed us a sneak preview of their Gothic writing exercise, whilst another gave us a piece of Coleridge and the fourth told us a 'shaggy dog' story. One of the Year 7s shared with us a poem she had written, whilst a Year 8 read us part of a mystery story. Mr Carlyle told us of 'the day it went wrong in the caves'. However the undoubted highlight, and clear winner, were a group of UVIth who acted out the story of 'Death and the Three Brothers' as told by *Hermione Granger* in one of the *Harry Potter* Books. This was just a delight both to hear and watch and was a real testament to the 'off-the-cuff' comic acting skill of the girls.

### *This sporting life*

**T**he PE Department would just like to let people know that we beat Queen's Gate at hockey last week at U14 level and that Kick-boxing classes will be starting soon after School. Plans for the Dublin sports tour are well advanced ~ further details to follow.

### *A quick reminder from the RS Department*

**W**ednesday of the forthcoming week is, of course, Ash Wednesday and the usual service will be held in School Period 8 for all the Catholic girls so that they can observe their Holy Day of Obligation here.

### *What is the Deadly Sin?*

**G**et a ticket for the A Level Drama Devised piece on the evening of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and find out!

### *Going around the Houses*

**W**alsingham, who broke for the front of the pack last week, have managed to maintain their marginal lead over Canterbury, who had been leading for all of this term. However there is very little between these two front runners and one good run of Credits could tip the balance.

**House Cards go to the following girls:**

	Canterbury	Iona	Santiago	Walsingham
Honours Cards	Eleanor N Grace W Hattie Elinor V Holly Laura G Zara Lana	Florence S Isabella Kezia Maude Celeste	Maddie M Suhayla Sarab	Eloise McC Charlotte D-C Roksana Salome Biba *2 Natasha W Sabrina R

**Special congratulations to the following girls on reaching their Certificate of Achievement (25 credits)**

**Zara**

**Particular congratulations to the following girls on reaching their Silver Certificate of Achievement (50 credits)**

**Charlotte D-C**

**Roksana**

**Especial congratulations to the following girls on achieving their Gold Certificate (75 credits)**

**Maude**

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
<b>CANTERBURY</b>	<b>961</b>
<b>IONA</b>	<b>928</b>
<b>SANTIAGO</b>	<b>844</b>
<b>WALSINGHAM</b>	<b>973</b>

## House of the Week is **CANTERBURY**

*In the weeks to come*

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	All day: LVIth English Study Day 3.30pm Senior Chamber Choir
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	P2~9: UVIth History Study Conference 4:30 ~6.30pm: Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March ~ Ash Wednesday	9 am-1pm Year 10 Art trip to the National Gallery P8: Ash Wednesday Observance for all Catholic pupils 3:30 ~ 4.45pm Junior and Senior Choir rehearsals 6.30pm: UVIth A2 Drama Practical ~ What is the Deadly Sin?
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	am: Year 8 HPV Vaccination all day: Year 11 GCSE History lectures all day: Year 9 & 10 Music trip to the German Music Exhibition 4pm: Film Society
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	All day: UVIth History of Art trip to the Wallace Collection. Mufti Day: Year 10 Families' Relief Fund
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm Senior Chamber Choir 6.30pm: Parents' Association Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 – 4.45pm Junior and Senior Choir Rehearsals
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 ~ 6.30pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day!

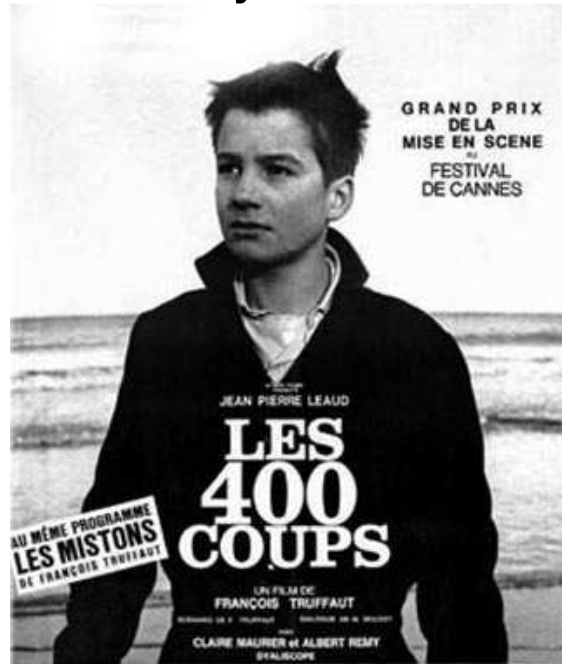
With best wishes for a peaceful and refreshing weekend

*Robert Carlyle*

# FILM SOCIETY

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4.00 - 5.45pm  
Dining Room  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March



## Les 400 Coups Dir Francois Truffaut

Truffaut's first feature film met with great approval from his critics in 1959. A somewhat autobiographical story of Truffaut's own childhood, The 400 Blows tells the story of Antoine Doinel, a 14 year-old schoolboy. Antoine is not a good student and always seems to be in trouble at school. At home he is disregarded by his parent, who have better things to do. He plays truant and starts to spend a lot of his time in the cinemas of Paris, but his parents will not tolerate the behaviour of an unruly child.

Over 15's only