







NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Lots of exciting things are happening in the Senior IRC in 2018!

Game vs Novel - Term 1 Competition

Which is better ... the video game or its novel?

How similar are game novels to their electronic cousin's?

Can a game novel be better than its video game?

Borrow and read a video game novel based on a game you have played and collect and complete a Game VS Novel form to go into the draw to win a fantastic prize!

For more information please see Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith in the IRC.

Reader of the Month

The reader of the month competition is back for 2018!

Each month a prize is given to the student who borrows and reads the most books. Open to all grades. Will you be the first winner this year? Borrow a book from the IRC and start reading today!

What's new on the shelf?

A famous doomed city is brought back to life in a new addition to the IRC!

Pompeii - Robert Harris

"All along the Mediterranean coast, the Roman Empire's richest citizens are relaxing in their luxurious villas, enjoying the last days of summer. The world's largest navy lies peacefully at anchor in Misenum. The tourists are spending their money in the seaside resorts of Baiae, Herculaneum, and Pompeii.

But the carefree lifestyle and gorgeous weather belie an impending cataclysm, and only one man is worried. The young engineer Marcus Attilius Primus has just taken charge of the Aqua Augusta, the enormous aqueduct that brings fresh water to a quarter of a million people in nine towns around the Bay of Naples. His predecessor has disappeared. Springs are failing for the first time in

generations. And now there is a crisis on the Augusta's sixty-mile main line - somewhere to the north of Pompeii, on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius.

Attilius - decent, practical, and incorruptible - promises Pliny, the famous scholar who commands the navy, that he can repair the aqueduct before the reservoir runs dry. His plan is to travel to Pompeii and put together an expedition, then head out to the place where he believes the fault lies. But Pompeii proves to be a corrupt and violent town, and Attilius soon discovers that there are powerful forces at work - both natural and man-made - threatening to destroy him"

Robert Harris's ***Pompeii*** paints a vivid picture of life around the Bay of Naples just before the famous eruption of Mt Vesuvius. Exciting, suspenseful and intriguing, this novel is filled with mystery that will have you hooked right through to its explosive finale. Main character Marcus Attilius is a wonderful protagonist, an honorable man trying to do the right thing in a corrupt society. His journey brings us into contact with a wide range of fascinating characters, who all help to bring ancient Pompeii to life.

Pompeii is guaranteed to be a jolt with any reader who loves mysteries, historical fiction and Ancient Rome.

Lots more exciting new books have arrived in the IRC! Make sure to check the new book stand for all the new titles!

Missing books from 2017

Students in Years 8 to 10 who still have Library books from 2016 need to return them to the IRC as soon as possible. If any students require a printed list of their loans please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

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