





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

Can a game novel ever be better than its video game?

### **Game vs Novel - Term 1 Competition**

Which is better... the Video Game or its novel?

How similar are game novels to their electronic cousins?

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.

### **Board Games Club in the IRC**

Love board games? Want to challenge your friends playing the latest popular games?

The Board Games Club is held in the Senior IRC during lunch time every Monday.

For more information please see **Mr Driscoll**.

### **What's new on the shelf?**

*The world of the corporation has arrived at the IRC!*

#### **Vortex - S.J. Kincaid**

*"The impossible was just the beginning. Now in their second year as superhuman government weapons-in-training at the Pentagonal Spire, Tom Raines and his friends are mid level cadets in the elite combat corps known as the Intrasolar Forces. But as training intensifies and a moment arrives that could make or break his entire career, Tom's loyalties are again put to the test.*

*Encouraged to betray his ideals and friendships for the sake of his country, Tom is convinced*

*there must be another way. And he more aware he becomes of the corruption surrounding him, the more determined he becomes to fight it, even if he sabotages his own future in the process.*

*Drawn into a power struggle more dramatic than he has ever faced before, Tom stays a hyper intelligent step ahead of everyone, like the exceptional gamer he is - or so he believes. But when he learns that he and his friends have unwittingly made the most grievous error imaginable, Tom must find a way to outwit an enemy so nefarious that victory seems hopeless. Will his idealism and bravado cost him everything - and everyone that matters to him?"*

**Vortex**, the second exciting novel in the '**Insignia series**' is a gripping, heart stopping thriller that will have you reading well into the night. Written by American science fiction author S.J. Kincaid, **Vortex** is set in a bleak dystopian future in which the world is run by sinister corporations and where business interests reign supreme even at the expense of human life. Everything is run and controlled by the companies, countries have no power and are just mere puppets, and people who get in the way are simply re-programed.

Returning from the first novel is main protagonist Tom, a young man trying to make his way in this competitive world. Brave and resourceful, as well as fiercely loyal to his friends, he is fascinating character that readers will love and cheer for through his adventures.

Filled with epic fast paced action, a deep fascinating world and wonderfully diverse characters, **Vortex** is a fantastic novel that is sure to please all fans of science fiction and dystopia, especially readers who enjoyed either the Hunger Games or Divergent series.

Enter the world of the corporation by borrowing **Vortex** from the IRC today!

The first novel in the series **Insignia** is also available for borrowing from the IRC.

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

### **Missing books from 2017**

There are many students in Years 8 to 10 who still have Library books from 2017. Students need to return these books 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. Students who do not return their books will be invoiced for a replacement copy.

### **Information Hunters**

Need help finding information for an assignment or exam?

Not sure where to begin or what to look for?

The Library staff are your information hunters!

Mrs Comiskey and Mr Smith are available every lunchtime to show you the hints and tips you need to find the information you are searching for!

### **Reader of the Month**

The Reader of the Month for February will be announced next week! Who will be the first winner? Are you the best reader in Thomas Hassall this month?

Each month a prize is given to the student who borrows and reads the most books. Open to all grades. Borrow a book from the IRC, and start reading today!

Mrs A Comiskey and Mr M Smith

**Senior IRC Library Team**

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