











## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

*Take a book bite to see if it is to your taste*

### **2001: A Space Odyssey - Arthur C. Clarke**

*'The discovery of a black monolith on the moon leads to a manned expedition deep into the solar system, in the hope of establishing contact with an alien intelligence. Yet long before the crew can reach their destination, the voyage descends into disaster...'*

Brilliant, compelling and mysterious. A novel ahead of its time and a true classic of Science Fiction.

### **The City and the Stars - Arthur C. Clarke**

*'Men had built cities before, but never such a city as Diaspar. For millennia its protective dome shut out the creeping decay and danger of the world outside. Once, it held powers that rule the stars. But then, as legend has it, the invaders came, driving humanity into this last refuge. It takes one man, a Unique, to break through Diaspar's stifling inertia, to smash the legend and discover the true nature of the Invaders...'*

Beautifully written and set in a wonderfully imaginative futuristic world. An intriguing story that readers won't want to put down.

### **Rendezvous with Rama - Arthur C. Clarke**

*'At first, only a few things are known about the celestial object that astronomers dub Rama. It is huge, weighing more than ten trillion tons. And it is hurtling through the solar system at an inconceivable speed. Then a space probe confirms the unthinkable: Rama is no natural object. It is, incredibly, an interstellar spacecraft. Space explorers and planet-bound scientists alike prepare for mankind's first encounter with alien intelligence. It will kindle their wildest dreams... and fan their darkest fears. For no one knows who the Ramans are or why they have come. And now the moment of rendezvous awaits — just behind a Raman airlock door...'*

A novel that carries a real sense of wonder and discovery. Filled with mystery, suspense and adventure, a wonderful book.

### **Book Wars Competition**

Only a few weeks remain in the Book Wars Competition. Many students have already had their say, have you cast your vote yet? Great prizes to be won. Make sure you enter today to be in the running and help decide the fate of a genre!

*There is a terrible disturbance in the world of literature...A great divide has been created in the genre of science fiction between readers who prefer classical Sci-fi and those who prefer modern Sci-fi...War between science fiction readers seems inevitable...Hope however still exists...*

The Galactic Council of Librarians has called on the students of Thomas Hassall to decide once and for all which type of science fiction is the best...

To be in the running students need to:

1. Borrow any Classic or Modern Sci-Fi novel.
2. Collect a numbered token from Library Staff.
3. Make their choice, which is better? Classic or Modern Sci-Fi. Place their token into that jar

which can be found on the Library front desk.

4. A winning token will be randomly selected from the most popular jar during lunchtime **Friday 4th May. (W1 T2)**

1st Prize is a \$30 gift card to Galaxy Bookshop.

2nd and 3rd will receive a brand new book of their choice.

Students who read both a modern and classic Sci-fi novel will receive 3 bonus tokens! The more books you read the greater the chances you have of winning!

### **Lunchtime changes**

The IRC will now be closed to all students during recess and lunchtime on Tuesdays. Open times before and after College will still stay the same.

### **IRC book requests**

Want to read a book that IRC doesn't have? Know of a book that your friends would love? Put in a book request today! Speak to Library staff who will be happy to order in the title you are after. For more information please speak to Mr Smith.

### **Overdue notices**

Overdue notices have been sent out. 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 after receiving their third notice as well as an email will be invoiced for a replacement copy.

All invoices will still stand if books are returned after this final date.

If you have any problems or questions regarding overdue books please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith who will be happy to help.

**Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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