





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR IRC

The Tattooist of Auschwitz - Heather Morris

*"I tattooed a number on her arm. She tattooed her name on my heart."*

*In 1942, Lale Sokolov arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust. Waiting in line to be tattooed, terrified and shaking, was a young girl. For Lale - a dandy, a jack-the-lad, a bit of a chancer - it was love at first sight. And he was determined not only to survive himself, but to ensure this woman, Gita, did, too. So begins one of the most life-affirming, courageous, unforgettable and human stories of the Holocaust: the love story of the tattooist of Auschwitz."*

A moving and touching true story of courage, love and selflessness during one of the darkest moments in human history. A book everyone should read and reflect on.

**Sensitive - Allayne L. Webster**

*"I've decided to stop being me. Finito. Game over. Access denied."*

*When thirteen-year-old Samantha moves to a new town, she decides to reinvent herself. She wants to be called SJ now. She's going to be cool and mysterious. But above all, she's going to be healthy. SJ suffers from chronic eczema and allergies - she's sick of doctors' appointments and tests, sick of itchiness and pain, sick of looking different, feeling different. All SJ wants is to be 'normal.' She'll do whatever it takes to keep her illness a secret. After all, would new friend Livvy or cute boy Sam still want to hang out with her if they knew the truth?"*

A heart-warming story of a young girl trying to find acceptance in a new town. A story of self-acceptance, the power of friendship and not judging people based on their disabilities. A fantastic book that all young people should read.

**Mindcull - K. H. Canobi**

*"In a time when nothing is as real as virtual reality, sixteen-year-old Eila is short-listed in a competition by a global technology giant. But then law enforcement officers force her to spy for them, underground activists reveal a murderous plot and someone uses virtual reality to fill her*

*head with a stranger's thoughts. Amid secrets, lies and distortions, Eila must decide how far she will go to protect innocent lives."*

A thrilling futuristic SCI-FI adventure in which virtual reality becomes corrupted and controlled for sinister purposes and where the distinction between reality and fantasy becomes harder to see. Exciting and suspenseful, a book guaranteed to have you hooked from the very first page. A great debut novel.

### **IRC Crossword - Term 2 Competition finishing soon**

The IRC Crossword competition will be finishing at the end of the term. A number of students have already solved the crossword and have won great prizes, will you be the next winner? Test your library and literary knowledge by attempting to complete the IRC Crossword! How many squares can you fill in? How many answers will you uncover?

Entry forms can be found on the Library front desk. A book prize will be awarded to all students who successfully complete the crossword!

### **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**  
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