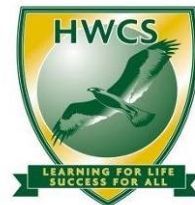


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YOUR NEWSPAPER NEEDS YOU!

Students just like you spoke passionately and fought endlessly through Student Council and Student Voice to get The Raptor to where it is today.

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IMPORTANT DATES

2nd July—5th July: Krakow trip
3rd July—Sports Day
6th July—Yr 7 and 8 Presentation Evening
13th July—Yr 9 and 10 Presentation Evening
17th July—Yr 9 Othello trip
22nd July—Last day of term

HOUSE POINTS

BUZZARDS - 2480

HAWKS - 2150

KESTRELS - 1710

THE ATTENDANCE CUP

BUZZARDS - 91.93%

HAWKS - 93.05%

KESTRELS - 93.13%

THE PARK IS OPEN

Jurassic World has recently roared its way into cinemas but does it live up to the original? The answer is yes, but maybe not for the reasons you might have imagined. Jurassic World has been marketed as a sequel to the original trilogy but it acts more like a remake of the original, so much so you can see the direct parallels between the story narratives. I get that they are paying homage to the original but then it makes you question whether this sequel/ remake was necessary just to indulge in pop culture references.

The director did the best he could with what he had and I cannot fault the look of the film, especially as every frame is beautifully shot and rendered and there are some outstanding sequences sure to rival the iconography of the original. I had the privilege of seeing both Jurassic World and the original 1992 movie in IMAX 3D and in some ways it made me respect what they are trying to do with Jurassic World. The point is if you are going to get the most out of this movie, you need to approach it as if it is a separate entity to the original. Saying that, something which really took me out of the film was the product placement: the only thing that was not destroyed in the park was the Starbucks, McDonalds and Coca Cola stand! I mean, they might as well have pasted the Mercedes badge over the Jurassic World logo and it wouldn't have looked out of place. However, one thing that really brings you back into the rich world is John Williams' classic score, which is guaranteed to bring out your inner fan boy/girl.

Coming of the back of 'Guardians of the Galaxy' Chris Pratt is doing the best with the material he has but one thing that undermines his performance is the forced romance he has with Bryce Dallas Howard's character, plus some of the subplots really slow down the pace of the overall story. Yes, it is better than the past two Jurassic Park movies but I feel at least they had the guts to actually place a dinosaur in San Diego; whereas I feel they are playing it too safe with this movie.

By Jacob Percival

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The library is now home to over 250 new books!

There is a great selection of new 2014/2015 fiction titles by some of your favourite and new authors. Ask Miss Myers for any recommendations!

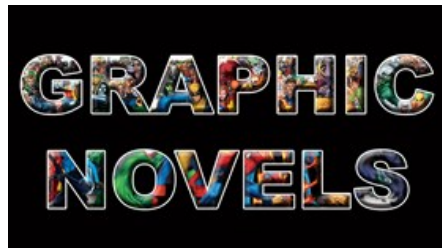
Back by popular demand are new copies of your favourite series. Geek Girl, Harry Potter, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Lemony Snicket are now on the shelves!

New non-fiction books are available to help you with the following subjects: Art/Textiles, Geography, History, PSHE and ICT.

New popular interest books including: pets, transport (cars, military vehicles, aeroplanes), and poetry.

Why not read about some inspirational people or sporting and acting legends? Neymar, Mo Farah, Tom Daley, Malala Yousafzai and Benedict Cumberbatch are just a few of the biographies available today!

EVEN MORE BOOKS TO COME AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



CALLING ALL FILM AND MEDIA STUDENTS AND SUPERHERO ENTHUSIASTS!

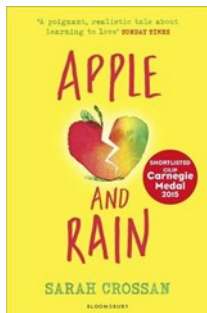
The Library will soon be home to a variety of new Graphic Novel titles.

The titles include Captain Marvel: Higher, Further, Faster, more; Green Arrow, Batman/Judge Dread Collection, Amazing Spiderman: Spider Island, Marvel: Secret War/Secret Wars/Civil War and House of M.

Be the first to get your hands on these straight after the Summer Holidays!

Book of the Week:

Apple and Rain by Susan Crossen



When Apple's mother returns after eleven years of absence, Apple feels whole again. She will have an answer to her burning question - why did you go? And she will have someone who understands what it means to be a teenager - unlike Nana. But just like the stormy Christmas Eve when she left, her mother's homecoming is bitter sweet, and Apple wonders who is really looking after whom. It's only when Apple meets someone more lost than she is, that she begins to see things as they really are.

Shortlisted for the 2015 Cilip Carnegie medal

For more books and recommendations, pop into the library today!

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Blood, sweat and tears of toil were put into this month's issue of the Raptor, please consider this before you turn it into a paper aeroplane and/or rip it up.

THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET - PART THREE

The ghost explained that years ago a lamp, acting as the heart of the house was removed from the display case, located in the first room. Then evil spirits came and claimed the building as their own, forcing the good spirits to hide in fear and misery. The lamp was in the cupboard on the far side of the room we were currently in and I must use the matches on top of it to relight the lamp once it was placed in the display case. This would allow the good spirits to reclaim the house as theirs. "Ok, got it." I declared, though doubt still lingered in my mind. There was one question I wanted to ask: "Why can't the good spirits take the lantern to the display case themselves?"

Though the ghost just looked at me with a bewildered expression before replying, "We are ghosts. We cannot hold human objects!"

Satisfied with that answer, I began my mission.

I ran to the far side of the room and retrieved the lamp and matches from the cupboard. I then turned to face the hallway and ran up the stairs. I followed the directions the ghost had given me. I had also been told to drop to the ground if a cold shadowy figure was near as it was most likely to be an evil spirit. I continued, heart racing, through the building until I reached the first floor. I glanced around for the display case and found it untouched apart from the line I had created through the dust using my sleeve earlier on. I was surprised to not find evil spirits guarding the display case though the gloomy darkness of the room created the perfect hiding place for anyone, or anything. I had to be quick.

I placed the lamp in the display case and struck a match. The flame that danced in front of my eyes brought more joy to me than all the money in the world at that moment! I let the flame jump from the match to the lamp and in an instance, a golden glow burst into existence. I shielded my eyes from the sudden change as the silky golden rays of light flew round the room replacing all darkness. All except the evil spirits. I removed my shielding hands from my eyes only to be greeted with a new horror: dark, evil spirits—mouths screaming with anger—surrounded me and closed in. I fell to the floor convinced I was going to die though when I looked up I found that I was still alive and that the evil spirits were gone.

Instead stood the good ghost and an army of others like her! "Thanks," I smiled as I got to my feet.

"That's OK," replied the ghost girl, "We were always stronger than the evil darkness—we just needed you to help us! So it is you we should thank Miss..." Her voice faded.

"Lilly," I informed, "My name's Lilly."

The ghost smiled, "Well thank you Lilly. We are all incredibly grateful for your help and please know your welcome here anytime!"

"Sounds cool." I replied, happy with my new friend.

For a while, we continued to talk though as evening approached I knew it was time to leave.

"I'm really sorry but I really ought to go home now. I will come back to visit though." I say.

The spirits appeared disappointed when I announced that I was going home yet happy to hear that I would return. "OK Lilly" they answered, "Would you like one of us to walk you back to your house? It's getting quite dark outside." Though the dark didn't scare me anymore—nothing scared me anymore!

"No thanks." I replied, "I will be all right."

"Lilly, you're the bravest person I've ever met!" a voice said as I walked towards the door. I paused as a spark of satisfaction came to life within me chasing the insults from earlier away. "Thank you" I smiled triumphantly.

"Good bye Lilly!"

"Good bye!" I called and, with that, I walked out of the house at the end of the street.

By Alanis Fell

If you would like a back issue so that you can read a previous part, just email TheRaptor@harrowway.hants.sch.uk.

Hi there reader! If you would like to submit ideas, suggestions and articles about anything you want to be heard about or voice your opinion on, email TheRaptor@harrowway.hants.sch.uk for more info. Also, please complete our superfast 1-minute survey at <http://bit.ly/TheRaptor>.

HOT BOOK OF THE MONTH: SCORCH TRIALS

So, with the announcement of the movie imminent, I decided to tackle the book before the movie comes out. Therefore, a quick rundown of the previous movie seems appropriate. Here we go: Thomas and his friends have just escaped the relic only known as 'The Maze', where they are subjected to experimentation. They are greeted with an aggressive member of the team who followed them, and he murders one of the members. They then are 'rescued' (hint hint)...and so the first film ends and 'The Scorch Trials' begin.

This book starts in the middle of a desert full of The Infected (That'll take a star off the TripAdvisor review). They eventually find dead bodies, and a member of what they discover to be a second maze. They have to walk a thousand miles across what is presumably Mexico to the Safe Haven. Their journey brings them into many more dangerous situations involving a mysterious city and The Infected. Thomas struggles to stay conscious on several occasions, which is very repetitive and frustrating for the reader. However, the author, Dashner tackles relationships well, and shows how friendships can form in the most unlikely of places.

I would still give this book 9/10, as it is enjoyable and a real treat of a rollercoaster. If you liked The Hunger Games, you will definitely like The Maze Runner series.

By Alfie Smith



HAWKS HANGOUT

For this month's issue I entered a stealthy operation, clandestinely socialising with two of Hawks' outgoing House Leaders and uncovering the answers to a series of scorching questions about their new positions:

- 1) Why did you choose to run to be a House Leader?
- 2) What qualities do you have that make you good for the position?
- 3) What do you think pushed you ahead of the other candidates in the voting?
- 4) What kind of activities have you done with your house since being appointed House Leader and what do you hope to do with your house in the future?

Tia Dewhurst

- 1) I choose to try to become house leader as I felt that I had good ideas to make Hawk house the best! In addition, I felt it would be good opportunity to have an influence on the school.
- 2) I think you need to be a good listener, good leader, good at putting forward ideas and confident. You should also be a good people person.
- 3) I think I had a better chance of being a leader as I participate in events inside of school, I am a good leader and I work hard in school.
- 4) We have done cake competitions and more! I hope to do more events and things with the house in the future.

Emma Andrews

- 1) I became house leader because I felt that I could be a good leader to my house, as I have always wanted to have the responsibility to take charge of my house and feel proud to be in this position and show of the skills I have developed throughout my time at Harrow Way.
- 2) Elements of confidence, leadership skills, organisation and commitment.
- 3) Having being committed to the school volunteering to help out with sporting events and events every year at Harrow Way.
- 4) With my house, we have participated in competitions throughout the term such as the H Factor, photography and SingStar. A lot of competitions and tournaments are coming up and we hope to get as many people involved as possible! Our house attendance has recently dropped to second place and like in the past hope to push forward to first again! In the near future, I hope for our house to gain first place at sports day and beat Buzzards on Sports Day 2015!