

## Knighthood bestowed on Naim Dangoor

Westminster Academy is thrilled to announce that Naim Dangoor has been knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours for 'his extraordinarily generous philanthropy to a range of health, educational and religious charities.'

Whilst you see Sir Naim Dangoor's name on the building every day, you may not be aware of just quite how exceptional his life journey and contributions to society have been. After building a successful business empire in his homeland of Iraq, Sir Naim Dangoor and his wife were forced to leave the country in the 1960s as a result of political upheaval and arrived in the UK having seen all his businesses taken by the Iraqi government. Having studied engineering at London University many years earlier, Sir Naim restarted his business life again, and gradually with the help of his four sons he created a highly successful property business in the UK. Since then, Sir Naim Dangoor has set up the Exilarch's Foundation and distributed large amounts to good causes. This includes substantial donations to Cancer Research



UK and Age UK, both of which have touched his life personally.

Sir Naim Dangoor said, "Like many families before us, my family had to flee its country of origin. We left Iraq and found refuge here in the

UK. In this wonderful country, immigrants have the opportunity to restart their lives and contribute to the welfare of their new home, as many have done before us. My hope for Iraq, and the whole Middle East, is that, there too, harmony and co-operation will one day be-

*come the norm once more, to allow that region again to contribute to the welfare of humanity."*

We could not be prouder, nor more fortunate, to have the Dangoor family as the sponsor of Westminster Academy. Long may we be inspired by Sir Naim Dangoor's story, which so profoundly resonates with the Academy's ethos and the values and character traits we strive towards.

On behalf of the students and staff of Westminster Academy, our Chair of Governors, Mr Randeree CBE wrote to congratulate David Dangoor (son of Sir Naim Dangoor); we would like to share this with the WA community.

*Dear David,*

*May I Congratulate your father on the wonderful Honour that was bestowed upon him by Her Majesty The Queen, in her Birthday Honours List.*

*Apart from this honour being a well deserved and fitting tribute to your father's lifelong philanthropic work, it also acknowledges the on-going incredible contribution being made on a daily basis by your family, benefiting so many deserving communities and causes in the UK and Internationaly.*

*On a personal note, I know I speak for every stakeholder at The Westminster Academy, the contribution and vision of the Dangoor Family in this community is immeasurable. It is a privilege being associated with the Dangoor Family via the Westminster Academy and I wish to extend my utmost Congratulations and that of everyone at The Westminster Academy.*

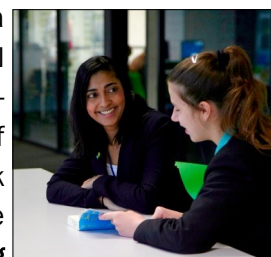
*Yours sincerely,*

*Shabir Randeree CBE*

*Chair of Governors, Westminster Academy*

## Message from the Principal, Ms Bora

I hope all students who are in the middle of their examinations are inspired by the award of a knighthood to Sir Naim Dangoor and his story. I feel so proud to be the Principal of his school and I hope you all use the WA character traits in your examinations to honour this tremendous achievement. Some parents did not attend the Curriculum Evening events at the start of the academic year – these are very important and will be repeated in September. Please ask for a Curriculum Booklet if you do not know what your child should be revising or if you are not sure which books and resources they should be using. **Reading, revising and practising** questions ensures academic success but this is only possible with high quality parental support from home.



## Grammar Objective of the Week: Forming questions with Who, Whose, Which and How

A good question can be explosive. Imagine the questions that inspired people such as Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela or Malala Yousefzai. *Why can't I vote? Why do I have to carry this pass book? Who will help me to change this unfair political system? Whose responsibility is it that I'm not allowed to go to school in safety because I'm a girl?* Similarly, incredible scientific and technological advances must have started with ground-breaking questions. Can you think of some possible examples?

Sometimes, questions in the classroom can be equally challenging (and exciting). *Sir, are teachers like the pigs in "Animal Farm"? But who invented racism? How did she write such a powerful speech? Why can't I choose where to sit?* I think my own favourite question is *Who decides?* Can you think of a question that has stopped you in your tracks at some point and made you think differently?

Beneath the power of these questions lies the ability to formulate them accurately in the first place. This is why our focus this week is on forming questions using *who*, *whose*, *which* and *how*. The trickiest of these is perhaps the use of *whose*. Remember that we use *whose* to ask about the person that owns or is responsible for something. *Whose shoes are these? Whose decision is it?* Remember also that *who's* is a contracted form of *who is*. *Who's coming to the party? Who's responsible for this?*

Finally, I hope this has been an interesting read and good luck with formulating all of your challenging questions this week!

By Mr Harris, Assistant Senior Leader - English

## What's on:

**FREE IT classes for parents** - Thursdays 4 - 6pm; WA Library

**FREE Art classes for parents and community**

**FREE Adult English classes** - every Wednesday

**To express interest in any of the above, please email Mr Gothard: AGothard@westminsteracademy.biz**

**Year 5 Open Mornings** - Thursday 2 July, Friday 10 July, Thursday 16 July 9.30-10.30am

**Year 8 Parents' Evening** - Wednesday 8 July

**Science Fair** - Wednesday 15 July

## Celebrating success: Achievement Assemblies at WA

At WA we think it is extremely important to recognise the many achievements of our pupils. In order to continue this strive for success we hold two achievement assemblies each year during which we give certificates to pupils for their attainment and progress. It is great when parents are able to attend these assemblies and share in the students' success. Below is a summary of how each award is determined.

### Attainment

- ◆ Based on formal exams in each subject
- ◆ The top 5% of each year in each subject get a certificate

### Progress

- ◆ Students must demonstrate a minimum of 4 levels of progress from KS2 to the end of Year 11
- ◆ Students receive recognition for every subject in which they are on track to meet this target

Invitations for the assemblies are sent by post and are also published in our newsletter.

By Mr Gothard, Assistant Senior Leader - Maths

THE POCKET OXFORD  
THEATRE COMPANY

Carry On Shakespeare - Introducing kids to the Bard!

**ROMEO and JULIET** at 2pm **HAMLET** at 5pm

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Not something to be afraid of!

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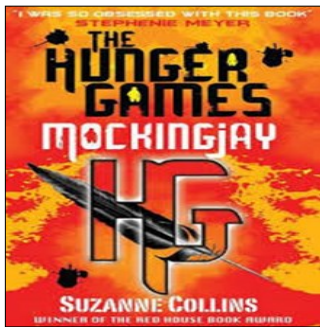


## WA Half Price Book Fair: Wednesday 8th July 2015!

In order to celebrate National Children's Book Week, Westminster Academy will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday 8th July. Students in Years 7-9 will be able to browse and purchase a wide range of books at break time, lunch time, after school and even during Year 8 Parents' Evening! There will also be some books suitable for Year 6 students so younger siblings are welcome as well.

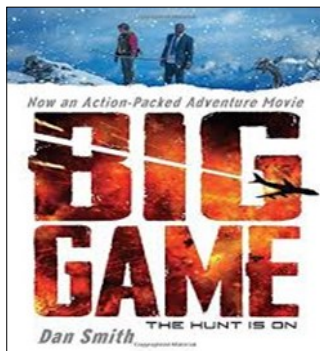
What's more, all of the books on sale will be **HALF OF THE PRICE** that you would normally pay in a book store! This makes it the perfect opportunity to find a novel that will help students maintain high standards of literacy over the summer holidays.

To give you an idea of what to expect, here's a selection of the books that will be on offer:



**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, by Suzanne Collins: only £4!**

Can Katniss Everdeen win the final fight against the Capitol? Find out in this thrilling final instalment!



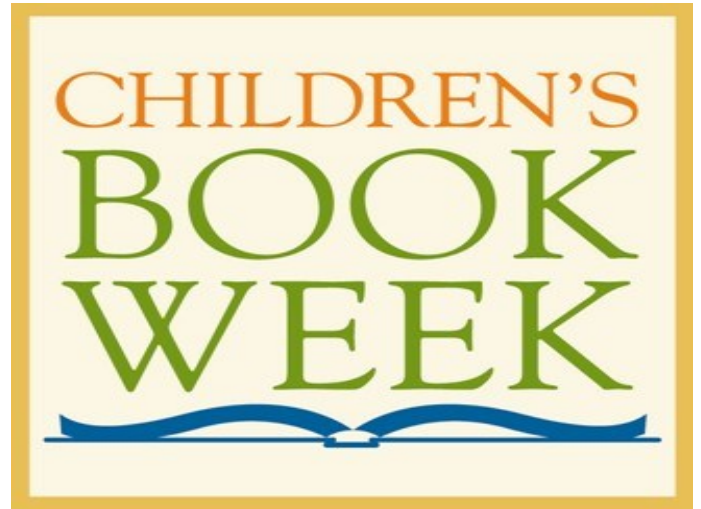
**Big Game, by Dan Smith: just £3.50!**

Every action addict's hottest buzz. The US President's life hangs on a tribal boy's bows and arrows— will they survive?



**Sherlock Holmes and The Hound of the Baskervilles, by Arthur Conan Doyle: only £3!**

Indulge in the sheer terror of Sherlock's most famous case. This is the kind of classic novel that all students should be reading to prepare for the new GCSE exams.



We are always looking to help students read more often. If there is anything that we can do to support you and your child then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kearns.

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*Do you read in your spare time in school? Time to get rewarded for it!*

Here at Westminster Academy, we are dedicated to developing a love of reading in all of our students. Therefore the following five students have been nominated by their teachers to receive £5 Book Fair Vouchers, that they can spend on any books they like, because of their commitment to improving their literacy this term:

*Elizabeth Alavidze, Year 7*

*Jadon Smith, Year 7*

*Nasser Josep, Year 8*

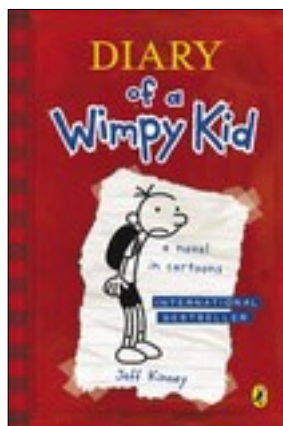
*Leonie Campbell, Year 8*

*Gabriela Marques, Year 8*



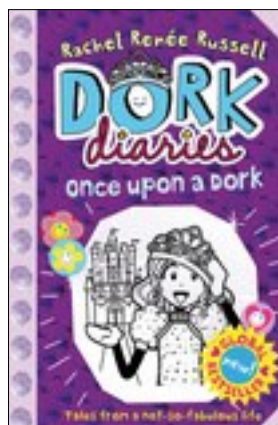
## WA Half Price Book Fair: More Books on Sale!

All of the following books will also be available:



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid, by Jeff Kinney: only £2.50!**

Start at the beginning of the Wimpy Kid series. Follow Greg as he faces up to the problem most 11 year old boys face: how to become popular?



**Dork Diaries - Once Upon a Dork, by Rachel Renee Russell: just £3.50!**

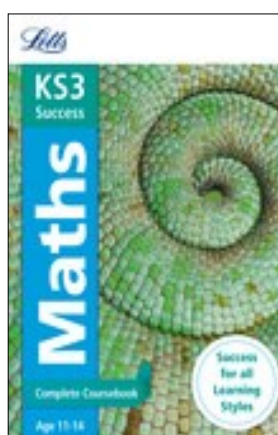
Nikki has a dream that everyone is stuck in a familiar fairytale...

Find out what happens!



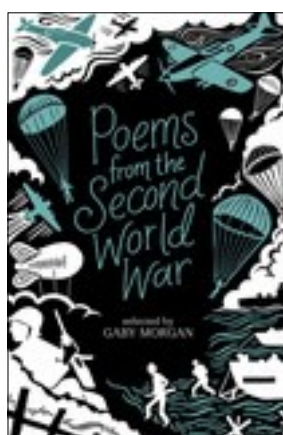
**Letts KS3 Success Revision Guide for English: just £2.50!**

Break down English Revision with this topic-by-topic study guide.



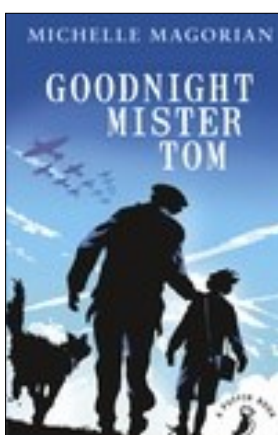
**Letts KS3 Success Revision guide for Maths: only £2.50!**

Revise effectively with this magazine style revision guide.



**Poems from the Second World War: only £3!**

A powerful collection of poems written by soldiers, nurses, sweethearts and family who all experienced WWII.



**Goodnight, Mister Tom, by Michelle Magorian: just £2.50!**

The moving story of a wartime evacuee who finally finds the home that he needs.



**Wuthering Heights, by Emily Bronte: just £3!**

A classic novel for everyone. Death, revenge and love on the all-consuming Yorkshire Moors. The tale of Heathcliff and Cathy, who cannot be together yet cannot stay apart, is bound to capture your imagination!



**Paper Towns, by John Green: only £4!**

So great it's got the whole town—the whole world—talking! You can love a person, but can you truly know them?