

## Essex Book Award Ceremony



Last week, members of the Library's Book Club travelled to KEGS in Chelmsford for the Essex Book Award Ceremony. We met five of the six short-listed authors and heard them speak before the winner, *Boy X* by Dan Smith, was announced. *Boy X* was the Sweyne



Park favourite and author Dan Smith had replied to every review on the EBA blog site. Added to the excitement was when he also "retweeted" Charlotte and quoted Sam's comments on Instagram! Congratulations also to Maisie (7LGr) who won a £20 token for the best pupil review. It was a fantastic opportunity to



meet with so many talented authors and converse with them in the flesh, as well as on social media, while taking many selfies!

### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to parents and carers for your support this term. It has been very busy but productive. In particular, I would like to thank all pupils who have sat internal exams and taken their revision so seriously this term. I hope everyone will now enjoy a well-earned holiday, and a reminder that we return to school on Tuesday 18th April at the normal time of 8.40am (Monday 17th is Easter Monday).

#### YEAR 10

When we return from the Easter break, Year 10 will start their two week work experience placement. I would like to

wish all our pupils the very best of luck and hope that the opportunities provided will make a real difference to their future career aspirations when they return to school.

#### EASTER REVISION SCHOOL

Just in case you have missed this, please can I remind families that there are revision classes for Years 11, 12 and 13 running through the holidays. Full details are available on our website.

#### AND FINALLY

Enjoy the holidays!

### Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday

5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



Your weekly link with the school

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31st March 2017

## DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Harris, Lily, Daniel and Hannah (7CCa)  
Eleanor, Matthew, Samuel, Ellis, Brandon, Annabelle & Kayleigh (7MLw)  
Zain & Ben (7CWl)

*Pupil Services*

## Book of the Term

**Six**

by M M Vaughan

Parker and his family have moved to America, where his Dad is involved in some unusual science research. With advanced technology, the family can communicate by the power of thought. However, Parker's Dad has been kidnapped and it's up to Parker, along with his sister, Emily, to rescue him. "A sci-fi mystery of cosmic proportions."



THE MOST  
LOANED BOOK  
THIS TERM!

## THE LIBRARY'S TUTOR GROUP OF THE TERM 7HFE

CONGRATULATIONS - FOR THE MOST  
LIBRARY BOOK LOANS



SCIENCE WEEK - LIBRARY QUIZ  
WHICH ELEMENT AM I?



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Spells:

Oxygen (O)  
Hydrogen (H)  
Silver (Ag)  
Radon (Rn)  
Tungsten (W)  
WAGHORN (Mrs)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

James (12LSt), Joe (9HSt), Katie (9ACm), Molly & Evie (8DGa), Connor (8AWe), Raina and most of 7LGr, Lucas (8LWo), Miss O'Neill and the Science department who all got the correct answer!

On 16th March, as part of Science Week, we welcomed back John Townsend. John spoke with different Year 7 classes in the Library and wowed them with his knowledge of Amazing Animals, including how they have inspired science, with crime-busting forensics (*Luminescence*) from the blue-ringed octopus and new blood-thinning medication (called *Draculine*) from the vampire bat. He also shared the *Science of Fear*, discussing the top ten phobias from spiders to the number thirteen! Pupils, who were entertained and educated, were thrilled when John signed copies of his fiction books that were on sale.



# Maths Department

## **Keyleigh Tyler reporting...**

Well done to all the Year 11 pupils that have attended the extra revision classes on a Wednesday from 3-4pm. The extra effort you have shown has been noted by all staff leading these sessions and we look forward to the remaining lessons with you to further develop your understanding and clear up anything you are unsure of.

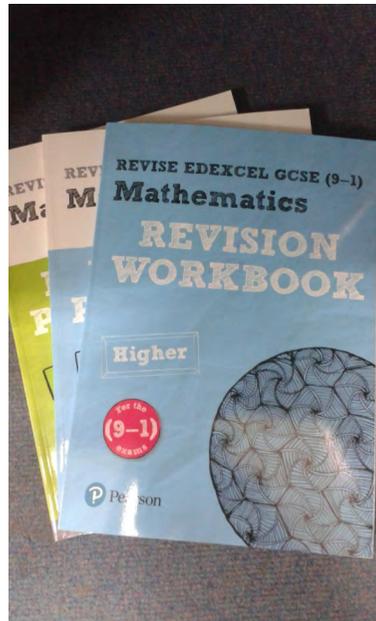
- It is not too late... if you would like to attend the revision classes, ask your teacher which session you should be attending and boost your grade further!
- Keep an eye out for further announcements about maths revision sessions running in May half-term.
- A reminder to all pupils that you are required to bring all equipment, as listed in the planner, to every lesson. If you need to buy anything, please come to the maths office where it can be purchased.

## **Ashley Buttifant (12LSt) reporting...**

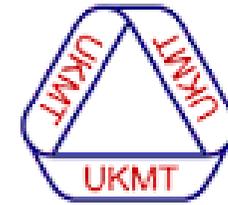
"I had a chance to practise teaching Year 7 students recently. I am hoping to have a teaching career in the future. Some of the problems we solved were hard for me and it was good to see the Year 7s trying to attempt these problems from different angles until they got to the correct answer. I believe more knowledge of maths at a younger age aided my enjoyment of the subject and helped me to get the best grades possible. Hopefully this club has helped these gifted Year 7s to understand maths more and for them to be able to help their friends in class."

## **George Reeves (7EDo) reporting...**

"I extended my maths knowledge to help me understand concepts that I need to know in later years. I enjoyed doing extra maths outside of the curriculum and the experience as a whole."



**"YEAR 11, DON'T FORGET EDEXCEL WORKBOOKS, REVISION GUIDES AND PRACTICE PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE MATHS OFFICE FOR BOTH HIGHER AND FOUNDATION." A PHOTO IS ABOVE.**



Here at Sweyne Park we give students the opportunity to partake in UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) events. UKMT is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year-old UK school pupils.



Congratulations to all those pupils who took part. There were some excellent results. These included two golds (Thomas Wilkins and Connor Quinn), one silver (Henry Watkinson) and ten bronze awards (Hayden Spicer, Shannon Thompson, Ashley Buttifant, Daniel Buttifant, James Kee, Alex Coates, Matthew Lovett, Dean Morris, Daniel Dominey and Michael Keay) in the senior challenge and one gold (Angus North), one silver (Mae Phillips) and six bronze (Max Bird, Belle Howlett, Abbie Ollington, Oliver Smith, Tiegan Everitt and Hannah Tadman) in the intermediate challenge. The junior challenge will take place on 27th April. Good luck to all of you taking part!