

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am delighted to share that our Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to the academic year. Last half term, they began an exciting unit titled Introduction to Narratives, which explored the magical world of Harry Potter. Through this, students developed key English skills such as identifying quotations and experimenting with writing in a range of forms.

This half term, we are continuing our journey with a full novel study of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Students will now be engaging in more in-depth literary analysis, examining thematic ideas such as good versus evil, character development, and overall narrative structure.

To celebrate their progress and promote a love of reading and English, we are thrilled to invite all Year 7 students to our Harry Potter Day on Wednesday 10th December 2025.

Throughout the day, students will be immersed in a series of creative and curriculum-linked activities led by the English department. They will be sorted into one of three houses inspired by key Catholic Social Teachings: Peace, Dignity, and Solidarity. Each house will compete for points in a bid to win the coveted Harry Potter Trophy.

Activities will include:

- A quiz on their English curriculum knowledge so far
- A masterclass in potions
- A Quidditch tournament
- A screening of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

We also invite students to dress up as a character, creature, magical object, or any other element from the Harry Potter universe. There will be a costume competition, so creativity is encouraged!

Last year's Harry Potter Day was a huge success at STM. Students demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm, and a deep understanding of their English studies. We are confident this year will be just as magical.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

To inspire our students, here are a few fitting quotes from the series:

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." – Albus Dumbledore

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." – Albus Dumbledore

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." – Dumbledore, Goblet of Fire

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,



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