

# TVA NEWS

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## Insight into... **ENGLISH**

On Friday afternoon, 25<sup>th</sup> September, Top Valley Academy celebrated Roald Dahl Day with year 7 in English lessons.

Roald Dahl is one of the bestselling authors of all time and in his birthday month of September each year, schools and organisations up and down the country dress up and celebrate some of the nation's best loved children's stories.

Year 7 were greeted by some unusual characters instead of their usual English teachers, including: a peach (*James and the Giant Peach*), the Roly Poly Bird (*The Enormous Crocodile*), Mr Twit (*The Twits*), a fox (*Fantastic Mr Fox*), a witch (*The Witches*), Mrs Wormwood (*Matilda*), Charlie Bucket (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) and of course, the BFG!



Students participated in a range of activities encouraging them to think and write in Dahl's unique imaginative and humorous style.

Over the course of the afternoon, students had the opportunity to win a "Golden Ticket" based on their efforts. Congratulations goes to all the winners.

Find out more at: [www.roalddahl.com](http://www.roalddahl.com)

"Fun – Mr Twit's belly was so convincing!" – Antony

"Awesome" – Katie.

"Exciting" – Kasey.



Research shows that children who read do better at school – why not use this opportunity to ask your child what book they have out from the library and listen to them read? Or encourage them to take out a Roald Dahl book and tell you all about it. They could even read to younger siblings at home!



*Want to be a roving reporter and contribute towards this Newsletter? Speak to Mrs Morley*

### Reminders:

- Year 7s will start their extra-curricular clubs on Fridays – these will start in school time but will continue to run until 3.30pm, though participation after the end of the school day (3.10pm) is voluntary. The extra-curricular clubs are a great opportunity for your child to develop a hobby or try something new!
- Year 7 English homework project: **Museum of My Life** finished last week. All students presented their work to each other in the hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. More about this will follow in the next newsletter. Well done everyone - the standard of work was really high.
- If you still haven't signed up for Class Dojo, do it today! There's a prize for the first tutor group to get all parents / carers signed up!
- **Independent learning:** has your child done some fantastic homework that you think deserves recognition? Look out for a selfie postcard from Miss Morley – one student will be celebrated each week for going the extra mile in their homework.
- **Please don't forget** to sign your child's planner – it's an important communication tool and helps develop links between school and home.
- Organisation is the key to success! Making sure you have the correct equipment for learning is key – each month one student will win a prize for achieving 100% in the tutor group morning equipment check. Good Luck!

# Spotlight on...

## Mrs Morley, Head of Year 7

Each half term, our roving reporters will interview a member of staff.



My dog, Dotty

### What is your favourite colour and why?

This is a hard one to answer, if you are asking what colour I like wearing I would say **peach**. On my bedroom wall I prefer a deep **purple** or if you want to know a bright colour that I have used at home in the past my garden furniture is a bright **coral** colour. I am also a massive fan of **pink**. I like tartan patterns and my dog named Dotty has got a tartan coat for winter time. As an art teacher I can't really decide on my favourite colour as I like to use them all. Here is a quote that I like to remember when I am thinking about colour.



### What did you want to be when you were younger?

I have always had a passion for art and my grandfather said that I would make a great leader as I always get people involved. So I always knew that I wanted to do something that involved art and teaching others. *Dreams do come true!*

### What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

Art no questions asked. Although I really enjoyed cooking too.

### What is the best thing about being head of year 7?

I get to meet lots of new students and guide them through their first year at Top Valley Academy. I am also able to give lots of praise to children that are doing well and making the right choices. It's nice to see year 7 students achieve and make progress in their new school.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Day	Lunch Time	After School
Monday	Maths support in G6	Girls' Hockey KS3 - Astro/Netball Courts Volley Ball (£2 session) Commando Joes'
Tuesday	Girls Hockey (all years) in Sports Hall Maths support in G6 Geography homework & help in FF2	Film Club in F6 Girls' Football with Nottingham Forest Dance Academy Boys' Rugby (all years) - Field
Wednesday	Maths support in G6	Science Club alternate weeks 18/11, 9/12 Boys' Cricket (all years) Sports Hall Girls' Cricket (all years) Gym
Thursday	Mixed Indoor Athletics (Y7) - Sports Hall Maths support in G6	Commando Janes' homework club in Library Mixed Basketball (all years) Gym Girls' Football with Notts County - Field/Sports Hall
Friday	Choir in the Lecture Theatre Girls Netball (Y7) - Sports Hall	Boxing (all Years) - Gym Table Tennis (all years) Gym Girls' Netball (all years) Sports Hall/Netball Courts Y7 Kick Boxing - Gym

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