

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

Our theme for this term is Achieve. We have amended the data that we report to you and the minimum expected grades that we think students can achieve. We have removed the word targets as we feel this puts a cap on student's expectations, we want them to achieve beyond the minimum expectation. Assemblies have focused on the importance of hard work, the development of a growth mindset and living our motto – to engage and achieve!

Can I please thank all parents for their support in improving the school uniform, the students look fantastic and can rightfully take a great deal of pride in the way they present themselves to school. This is just one of many areas that we have focused on to raise standards.

There has also been a lot of work completed over the summer to improve the facilities. We now have a student reception and improved the learning areas for inclusion and some of the classrooms. Our school garden has also been lovingly reinvented by Shelley Buckley for which we are immensely grateful.

Special Achievement

Chloe C has been representing Great Britain in the Junior Agility Championships in Finland. Her team came first in the team jumping, which Chloe competed in, and 4th overall. What a fantastic achievement, well done!



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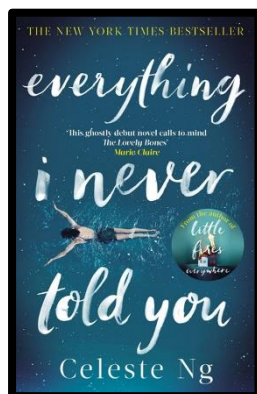
School News

Book corner



Esme M in Year 11 is reading 'Everything I Never Told You'. It is about the murder of a girl called Lydia who has many secrets that have been left untold. The reader is taken

on an investigative journey from her brother's perspective to try and solve the murder. Esme says "I think this book is very intriguing, and it gives me plenty of things to consider. I really enjoy trying to figure out the mystery."



Using Microscopes



Year 8 students used microscopes to investigate and identify the tiny creatures that lurk in fresh water. Students had to prepare their microscopes and add a sample of the freshwater to examine. They found out that the creature which hangs

down in the water from their siphon air tube was Culex mosquito larvae! This mosquito is common in the UK, but these mosquitos are unable to spread disease. The females feed on bird blood. Thank you to Mrs. Plant for organising this exciting experiment.

Bon voyage

It is with a heavy heart that we bid several our staff faculty goodbye at the end of last year, and we wish them the best of luck in their future. We said farewell to the following:

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| • Mr J Plant | • Dr H Scragg | • Mr C McKenzie |
| • Mrs J Bentley | • Mr G Burnett | • Mr J Preston |
| • Miss E Dawson | • Ms K Burnley | • Miss R Barnes |
| • Mr J Condliffe | • Mrs E Mellor | • Mrs P Harper |

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff who joined us in September:

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| • Mr L Coltman | • Mr J Butters | • Miss J Marquis |
| • Miss P Erskin | • Mrs C Randall | • Mrs J Malbon |
| • Miss M Wright | • Mr P Marsh | • Miss K Warrilow |

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Head Teacher's Awards

Our last Head Teacher awards of the year showed just how fabulous our students are at demonstrating our REACH values and how diverse our range of activities in school have been over the summer term. A huge well done to the following students:

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| • Adam B | • Samuel K | • Lilly D-D |
| • Katie B | • Nicole L | • Lillie B |
| • Ella C | • Imogen L | • Aaliyah B |
| • Jonah G | • Tom M | • Lucy W |
| • Georgia H | • James R | • Olivia E |
| • Charlie J | • Grace S | • Oliver B |
| • Katie J | • Oliver H | • Lauren H |
| • Jamie K | • Oliver J | • Skye-Rose M |
| • Isobel K | • Siouxi L | • Alex M |
| • Immy T | • Jess H | |



Reporting Update from Mr Finch

Minimum Expected Grades

All students are set Minimum Expected Grades in each subject. This is the minimum grade that we believe your child could achieve at GCSE. We base our expectations on outcomes from the top twenty percent of schools in the country.

Professional Predicted Grades

During the year you will receive three data reports which will indicate how your child is achieving against their Minimum Expected Grades. There will be no 'written report,' this information will be available at parents' evening.

The Professional Predicted Grade is the grade your child's teacher expects your child to achieve if they carry on their trajectory. This prediction is based on classwork, assessments, effort, attendance, and professional judgement.

Should you have any concerns throughout the academic year, then your first point of contact should be your child's Form Tutor.

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News Extra

Health and Safety

We do have several students in school with severe allergies to nuts, perfumes, and aerosols. To reduce any risk from this, we ask that students do not bring these products to school under any circumstances, and instead leave them at home and use alternative products. If found in school, they will be confiscated and handed back at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Arbor Top Tip

The Arbor App is available for you to see your child's engagement scores, timetable and attendance. Each week we will share a quick top tip from our data manager, Mr Lloyd, to help you navigate the App and get the most out of it.

Garden Restoration

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Shelley Buckley, who has given up countless hours over her summer to lovingly restore the Moorside Garden. It looks beautiful and is a space of true tranquillity and peace.



Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular PE clubs are back with a bang! We have lots to offer this term including cross country, swimming, handball, netball, football, basketball, rugby, badminton, dodgeball, and fitness. These clubs are open to all, and there is something for everyone.

Autumn Term 2022/23 Physical Education Clubs

	LUNCH TIME 12.15 - 12.50 (TRAINERS REQUIRED)	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 - 4.30 (FULL PE KIT REQUIRED)
MONDAY	Boys fitness & dodgeball (Gym) MF	No clubs - Staff meeting night
TUESDAY	Girls fitness & badminton - (Gym) LG / CJ	Girls football (All years) - Astro LG Y9/10/11 Boys football Astro MF/MMo
WEDNESDAY	Y7 Basketball - (Gym) MMo BTEC & GCSE Catch up (IT2) CJ / LG	Handball (All years) Gym LG / CJ Y7/8 boys football MF / MMo
THURSDAY	Y8 & Y9 Basketball - (Gym) MMo	Netball (All years) KS4 yard LG / CJ Y7-9 Boys rugby - Grass MMo/MF
FRIDAY	BTEC & GCSE Catch up (IT2) CJ / LG / Mmo	No Clubs

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Achieve

Effort Premier League

Last week saw the launch of our 'Effort Premier League,' an initiative to engage year 11 students in their learning across the school through a football-based approach. After captains carefully picked their teams, it was all systems go for the students in each team to achieve as many points as possible by engaging in their lessons.

Numerous emails and conversations on the corridor with teachers about excellent engagement has led to Man City currently sitting top of the league. Congratulations to the captain, Joe B, who has led his team to victory this week. They won a voucher for Sports Direct. A special mention to Sam W who has won the star player of the week by winning the individual prize for most points.



Brilliant Club

The first "Brilliant Club" has taken place in German this week, all about the Berlin Wall and the differences between East and West. Students are doing fantastic university style work researching the origins of the Wall and the political climate in which it was built. Pupils will go on to do a research project about an aspect of life in partitioned Berlin. Brilliant effort, fantastic skills and great teamwork shown by all."



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Exams Made Easy

Year 11's first day back was spent with revision experts from "Made" - they learned the importance of revision, how to revise and started to make their revision cards. The revision expert Martin hosted a workshop which showed them five different revision techniques that they can put into effective use in the run up to their exams, helping them unlock their potential. The revision techniques were number words, cue cards, mind maps, benchmarking, and mind palaces. Students were engaged in the workshop and were rewarded with highlighters; a special mention must be given to Jayden B who collected nearly every colour! The year 11s then put this into practice in the classroom and got stuck into making their own valuable resources to use in the run up to their big exams.

