

Year 7 attended their first Learning to Learn event last Wednesday. Mrs Mountcastle would like to thank Year 7 for approaching this event in a very mature and reflective manner, and hopes that you have a number of take-aways from the event to guide your learning across the next few terms. Many thanks also to the staff that helped to deliver this event: Mr Valentine, Mr Ward, Mr Porritt, Mrs Berry, Madame Gene, Mr Stephenson, Mrs Lee and Miss Hughes. We look forward to working with you all again soon.

From Tuesday to Thursday we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers to visit our school. Thank you to all the students who are supporting this, offering tours. Please ensure you have checked separate instructions for timings this week.

Next Friday (21st Oct) we are having a non-uniform day to support 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Students can wear their own clothes, but should try to have something red on during the day. Payments can be made online, via Scopay. Full details can be found in registers during the week.

The next session of the International Book Club for Schools will be held on **Wednesday 30th November at 7pm**, and we will be reading *Quesadillas* by Juan Pablo Villalobos, translated from Spanish by Rosalind Harvey. Set in the 1980s in Lagos de Moreno, *Quesadillas* offers a lively, cynical, and satirical take on Mexican politics and family life, in a world where the possible and the impossible seem to have switched places. Students from Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 can sign up to attend the book club by completing the following google form: <https://forms.gle/8Y93nPvZXvtMZY5y9>.

Looking forward

Monday 17th October

Year 13 mock interviews, 4.15-6.30pm
Lynton House Assembly (HALL)
Period 5 ends at 3.05 – all return to form rooms.

Tuesday 18th October

Penfold House Assembly (HALL)

Tuesday 18th-Thursday 20th October

Open Mornings 9-11am (Booking via website)

Wednesday 19th October

Reekie House Assembly (HALL)

Thursday 20th October

Westbrook House Assembly (HALL)
Open Evening 6.00-8.30pm (No booking required).
See separate instructions for timings of the day.

Friday 21st October

"Show Racism the Red Card" – non-uniform day

Wednesday 2nd November

Term 2 begins
Year 12+13 Saatchi trip (Art)

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th November

Year 13 Criminology controlled assessment

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th November

Year 13 mock interviews, 4.15-6.30pm

Tuesday 8th November

9D/L/P Colchester Zoo trip

Wednesday 9th November

'Blood Brothers' trip (Drama)

Friday 11th November

Remembrance event
9A/C/R/W Colchester Zoo trip

Saturday 12th November

Targeted support (Years 11+13)

National Poetry Day

For this year's National Poetry Day on 6th October, Greenpeace and National Poetry Day invite you to put your poetry hat on. We want your lively limericks, heartfelt haikus and polished prose on the theme of the environment and hope. The competition closes at midnight on **1st December**. Find out more about Poems for the Planet:

<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/resources/poems-planet-competition>

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Building a sustainable future. Coming together to end poverty and discrimination. The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed every year since 1993, and was designated this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries.

Diwali

While Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, it is also a time of celebration and giving thanks.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 9A Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Lost Property: 8L Please make sure lost property is sorted. The Form Prefect should make contact with the form to arrange the day on which the duty will be done.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

Reminders

Arriva Buses: We have had an update from Arriva regarding further strike action: *“We are extremely disappointed for all our customers to confirm that Unite have planned a further 13 days of industrial action in October and November across Northfleet, Gillingham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells. The dates are: Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November.* We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause across the region. Updates will be posted on our social media channels and the link below. Any services that may run on those dates, will also be updated on this link. <https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/latest-news/kent-and-essex-industrial-action>”.

The Mayfield Mindset

Learning to Learn: Year 7 are encouraged to use their success map goals and the steps that they have written to guide them into term 2. We encourage you to reflect on your Learning to Learn event and start term 2 with a clear focus of what you wish to achieve next.

Prep in Y12: Students have started on the transition from a pupil to a student and we have started to reflect on what is needed for success at A level: Students who are successful at A levels, are generally the students who see A levels as a journey. They understand it is a process and they will not be able to do everything perfectly at the start, so they try to be patient and kind towards themselves (even if this is not easy). They acknowledge that it is difficult to come to terms with the fact that they are struggling with some aspects, especially when they did well in their GCSEs. They are also honest about what needs to change, are willing to change and are willing to ask for help.

Prep in Y13: Students have been asked to link critical thinking to their A levels: We have realised we can apply critical thinking in our studies. When we are taught a new theory in a subject, or, when we listen to a debate, we tend to only focus on the information that will support our views. Even though it is difficult, from now on, we are going to make a concerted effort to suspend our judgement. Afterwards, we are going to try to identify our assumptions and our unconscious bias. This will help to work on understanding and evaluating different points of view as this is where we lose marks when we answer questions.

German Clubs

German Games Club

Do you enjoy playing games and want to practise German at the same time? The German games club might be just what you need! From computer games you may use in other classes such as Gimkit and Blooket to board and card games, the German games club is the perfect way to practise vocab! All German students are more than welcome to pop by Wednesday lunchtimes in room MF01.

GCSE German Support

This club is something you should definitely take advantage of to help your German language skills! This is the time for you to ask any questions you have outside of lesson times. Need some extra clarification on a grammar point – no problem! Want to practise speaking? Or just want somewhere quiet to learn vocabulary? Come along Wednesday at 1.50pm in MF08 (computers available).

National Theatre

If you are getting tired of watching Netflix and TV, if you and your parents miss a night out at the theatre, if you're after some cultural activity, then you are lucky: The National Theatre are offering free access to all students of MGSG to their incredible audio and video library. You can watch a wide range of modern and Shakespeare plays, and other classics such as Oscar Wilde's plays. Visit <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/> and use the login details Username: 7Qv%3Js&f+ Password: 1Uv&5Xe&f@ on the 'access' log in (not the 'personal' one)

Recycling



Have you seen our EcoVend recycling machine in the orangery?

For every plastic bottle or can purchased from the canteen can now be recycle and you can claim a 1p credit to your catering account. Please follow the instructions on the screen of the machine and collect your receipt. You can now take this to the till in the canteen and it will be credited to your account.

Please ensure any surplus liquid left in the bottle is disposed of using the sink located in the canteen.

Enjoy and thank you all for helping our environment.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	31	38	18
Chadwick	38	31	20
Darnley	27	25	24
Lynton	26	28	29
Penfold	14	26	21
Reekie	30	29	22
Westbrook	31	38	40