



Mme Lennon, Mr Lobo, Mme Rey and Mrs Pina took 33 students from Year 10 to 13 to Paris at the end of last term. The itinerary included a visit to Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur, the Champs Elysées, the Louvre museum, the Chateau de Versailles, a boat cruise on the river Seine and a picnic next to the Eiffel Tower, to name but a few. The students explored the French culture and Parisian way of life through many illustrious landmarks, and were excellent at practising their



French in the restaurants or the local Franprix shops! It was a really enjoyable experience for all.

Well done to Year 12 and 13 students who sat their HSK 1 & 2 exams in the summer term and have now received their results. They all did really well with their Mandarin studies.

On the 20th September, Year 8 students have the chance to participate in a climate change activity during period 5. During this activity, they will come up with some exciting new ways to tackle our climate crisis in groups, in the hope of creating real change. This is a reminder to fill out the MS form sent to pupils last week via email, where more information can be found!

Many thanks to Diana in Year 13 for organising last week's Wills Lecture delivered by Mr Valentine on 'Britain's Island Story'. Students very much enjoyed hearing one particular interpretation of the history of this island and asked many excellent questions to challenge it. Students enquired as to what creates a national identity and the role of history within it, themes to be followed up in the Walder Lecture on Thursday 14th September, which considers what the London 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony tells us about Britain.

Looking forward

Monday 19th September

Bank holiday – school closed

Tuesday 20th September

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (LA)

Wednesday 21st September

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (LA)

Thursday 22nd September

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST/KBH)

"Speak Out" meeting, 1.45pm, Room 116

Year 10 Parents' Meeting

Year 8 Ceramics workshop

Week of 26th September

Harvest event

Year 7 Academic tutoring

Monday 26th September

Year 8 Ceramics workshop

Thursday 29th September

Year 13 Biology trip to Shorne

Friday 30th September

Year 11 Geography field work

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: The Wisdom of Age

This precedes the Harvest and focuses on the ideas of respect for our elders and helping the elderly; learning from the experience of parents and grandparents; the wise and elderly in the Bible. It can also be tied in with World Alzheimer's Day.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 10D 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: 8C 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

Parking on roads around the school: Please could we ask that parents/carers park considerately and safely on the roads around the school. There should be no parking directly outside or in the immediate vicinity of the school entrances to drop off or pick up children. We have recently received reports of parents blocking residents' access to their property – please can we ask that you be considerate to our neighbours.

Wet Breaktimes and Lunchtimes: If it is wet during morning break, all pupils must go to the dining room, your form room will not be available. During a wet lunch break, packed lunches will eat in the main hall or areas directed by staff. Those wishing to purchase food access the queue via the main hall (doors opposite Science). Pupils should come down at their normal and not earlier, there is to be no eating or drinking in form rooms.

Coats: Please ensure that these meet school uniform expectations and these may not be worn in school buildings. Please use your lockers.

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA: Over the next few weeks Year 10 and 11 will start to build up a selection of activities to help you focus on your current practices within your form time. We now encourage you to talk to your peers and family about how you can apply these techniques within your subject studies.

Y12 Prep: We have discussed why it is important to have confidence and how failure can help us to succeed. So, in the words of Denzel Washington, it is important to “fall forward”.

Y13 Prep: We have discussed the importance of critical thinking and the benefits of the ‘sponge’ and ‘panning for gold’ theories. At times, we have to be a sponge because we have to absorb the content and the skills. However, once we have understood the content, we have to identify the key arguments and whether we agree with these. This can be a hard, so it is like panning for gold – you have to sift through sand, mud and stones before reaching the golden nugget.

History Society





The History society is a friendly forum in which to explore your love of the past. A rich programme of seminars, debates, lectures and student presentations is planned for this year, aiming to provide students with an opportunity to take their historical interests beyond the bounds of the curriculum. We are open to students in all year groups and usually meet in room FG03 on Tuesday lunchtimes.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	7	16	5
Chadwick	16	9	9
Darnley	12	12	8
Lynton	12	15	8
Penfold	5	12	8
Reekie	10	21	7
Westbrook	17	16	14

School Buildings

We have spent considerable time in recent months working our way through our school’s rich archive and history as well as looking to current female British role models to find names suitable for our buildings. The names chosen are:

Old Name	New Name	Rationale	
Main Building	Fox	Miss Edith Fox was the first Headteacher of this school from 1914-1919. Her BA was in English. The ethos of the school was created jointly between her and Miss Emily Wills, who was our first Second Mistress (Deputy Headteacher). She oversaw the move of the school from its temporary accommodation at the Technical Institute to Mayfield House and the expansion into Lynton House as the school grew in its first few years. “education alters life. It does not make it easier but it helps us to face the difficulties.”	
Mayfield Court	Ghosh	Dr Bina Ghosh was our school’s first overseas teacher - from India. She has a MA Class 1 From Benares 1928 and a PhD from Oxford, 1940. Teachers’ diploma Oxford University 1944. She began her career in India before moving to England; she joined us in 1944 where she taught Modern mathematics, Hindu maths and astronomy. She made a significant impression on those she taught which is recorded in our archive. She gave much to the education of girls in India and the UK.	
Rosalind Franklin Building/ Science Block	Catherine Green Science Centre	Professor Catherine Green OBE , a former student, first became interested in science, specifically biology, whilst at school. She studied Biochemistry at the University of Cambridge and after completing her BSc was awarded an Imperial Cancer Research Fund scholarship gaining her PhD. She moved to Paris and worked at the Curie Institute, and then returned to the University of Sussex before being made a Cancer research UK research fellow in the Department of Zoology at Cambridge in 2008. In 2012 she joined the Wellcome Centre for Human Genetics, Oxford and is currently Head of their Chromosome Dynamics Group and Core Facility. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Catherine became part of the Jenner Institute team who developed the Astra Zeneca vaccine. She worked with her team to produce a safe and effective vaccine using new methods of vaccine production which is helping us to combat the virus which has changed all our lives.	
Isaac Newton Building (IN)	Bainbridge	Professor Janet Bainbridge OBE , a former pupil who achieved nine GCSEs and three A-levels and studied zoology, biology and medical microbiology at the University of Newcastle. She joined Sainsbury’s in London as a microbiologist and was promoted to lead a research team which created the sell by/use by dates that we are now so familiar with. Sainsbury’s chose to share the research with other supermarkets rather than keep it to themselves.	
New Building	Malorie Blackman	Malorie Blackman OBE . Born in 1962 and was first published at age 28. She is a much loved and renowned British author for children and young adults having written over 60 books to date, she was appointed the Children’s Laureate 2013-2015. She has recently been awarded the Pen Pinter Prize, the first children’s and Young Adults author to win since its first award in 2009.	