

On Friday 14th October, some of our students dropped off 155kg of donated items to the foodbank. Thank you to everyone for all your support and for helping our students to support such a great cause.

Congratulations to Aurora Newson (10W) who has won the Best Scout Award at First Northfleet Scout Group. Also congratulations to Sophie Rowley (12CSW) who won silver in the European championships at the beginning of October playing Petanque. She was representing England.

Over the past week we have hosted a series of Open Mornings and an Open Evening. These have been very well attended and, as ever, each and every one of you contributed to ensure our guests had a wonderful experience and got to know our school and its community. A huge thank you to you all for your support.

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

Wednesday 2nd November

Term 2 begins

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

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)

Monday 14th November

Anti-bullying week

Year 11-13 Life Drawing

Year 13 mock interviews, 4.15-6.30pm

Tuesday 15th November

Year 11-13 Life Drawing

Anti-Bullying Ambassador training

Year 11 Cyclopark

Wednesday 16th November

Year 10 Classical Civilisation trip

Thursday 17th November

Year 11 Cyclopark

Darnley House event

Friday 17th November

Children in Need – non-uniform day

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Justice

Fairness for all; personal freedom; being fair to children; global injustice of rich versus poor.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

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

Reader's Corner: MGS Poetry Competition



We are over-whelmed by the positive response to our poetry competition last term, where we invited students in year groups 7-9 to write a poem inspired by the late Queen Elizabeth II. We had a very difficult task indeed to select a winner and enlisted the help of our sixth

form officials as it was so difficult to choose from all of your wonderful poems. The winning poem was written by **Nanaki Sahota (9P)** and this week's 'Reader's Corner' therefore showcases her efforts. Well done to **Libby Crawley-Meade** and **Ruth Dalton** who are our 'runners up' (9L). A special 'highly commended' goes to **Efetobo Itiveh (7A)** **Evie Pluck (7A)** and **Sofia Gill(8R)** Achievement points have been given to everyone who entered; we do have a couple of entries without names, so please let us know if you have not received your point as it may be yours is an entry we could not trace. Thank you again and watch this space for more competitions this year!

Our Queen,

Forever your head held high, as the army planes fly by,

Never shall you fall, always and forever standing tall,

Like your crown, sparkling and shining,

Your face, pristine and smiling,

Our Queen,

How you will be missed always, eternally,

Our ruler for all of eternity,

We all see you reaching for the stars,

All your successes you made ours,

Our Queen,

Forever sharing your wealth and happiness,

You simply had no time for sappiness,

Truly professional and a hard worker,

Sometimes a teacher, sometimes a learner,

Our Queen,

How you will be missed always, eternally,

Our ruler for all of eternity,

We all see you reaching for the stars,

All your successes you made ours,

Our Queen,

And now it is time to say goodbye,

Goodbye to a ruler, mother, daughter, grandmother,

queen, princess, duchess and The Queen

The Queen of our Hearts

Nanaki Sahota

Reminders and Notices

Scarves and Winter Wear: Please remember as it is getting colder, scarves should be plain, in one school colour only, they should not be worn in the building. Coats should be free of logos, a solid colour, either black, blue or grey.

Consideration to neighbours: Please be mindful of our neighbours when you are dropped off or collected from school. Do not block driveways and ask your parents to sit with their engines off to ease air pollution.

Maths Competitions

On Wednesday 5th October, all Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians undertook the Senior Mathematics Challenge. This is a 90 minute collection of problem-solving questions with multiple choice answers that test your mental agility and numerical dexterity. We await the students' results later in November. The whole of Years 7 and 8 will undertake the Junior Mathematics Challenge and selected students from Years 9 to 11 the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge later in the academic year.

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Answer in next week's bulletin!

Finally, our Year 12 and 13 Further Mathematicians have formed two teams to complete Integral's annual Ritangle Competition. This consists of a series of increasingly challenging questions, the answers to which help solve the final puzzle, and may require the use of technology, such as spreadsheets, graphing software and programming skills. One question is released for each of the first four weeks and then three questions for each of the following five weeks until the final question in early December, which needs submitting a week later.

The Mathematics Department wishes all students participating in these competitions that we run each year to use their skills and ingenuity, as well as a modicum of luck, for these wonderful enrichment opportunities.

Duke of Edinburgh

Weekly drop in, every Wednesday room GF08 1.40-2.15pm, for those students currently enrolled on the award (Year 10-13). It is the opportunity to discuss your progress through the sections, volunteering, physical and skill and receive information. All participants should attend at least one session a term.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	36	42	22
Chadwick	40	33	21
Darnley	33	32	30
Lynton	29	33	32
Penfold	18	29	26
Reekie	31	30	24
Westbrook	38	44	47

Recycling



Have you seen our EcoVend recycling machine in the orangery?

For every plastic bottle or can purchased from the canteen can now be recycled 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.

Over the past term, we have recycled more than 500 bottles. Next term, let's all commit to aiming to tripling this figure for the benefit of the environment.