

On the 9th of November, GCSE and A-level drama students went to see a production of 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell at The Orchard Theatre. We were all moved by the heart wrenching story of twins separated at birth. The performances from all the actors were astounding, but most notably the performances given by Sean Jones (as Mickey), and Jay Worley (as Eddie). We were moved most of all by the convincing performances they gave of both an idealistic childhood and a tormented adulthood, and the stark contrast between their experiences as children and as adults. The play is a social commentary, criticising directly the class divide in Liverpool and the impact of a privileged upbringing (or lack thereof) on a person and how their future is dictated. This commentary was portrayed perfectly through the relatable characters we grew to love as the play progressed. It was amazing to be back in the theatre, among other theatre lovers once again. We would highly recommend going to see it! 5 stars!



Congratulations to Mrs Lee who received the 'Professional of the Year' award on Saturday 12th November in Canterbury.



On Wednesday the 16th of November, the GCSE and A-Level Product Design students visited the Design Museum in London to complete research for their current and future projects. Students looked at historical and iconic products throughout history to help inspire their designs and creations. Students took part in a workshop delivered by museum staff which encouraged students to think outside the box, producing some weird and whacky designs by thinking about form over function. Some examples included an umbrella for a cat, a monster bin, flamingo shaped clothes hangers, duck themed and braille light switches! Finally, a visit to the surrealism and design exhibition sparked controversial and thought-provoking questions from students about the eccentric products which were on display. If you wish to see more, head over to the @MGSSTechnology Instagram and give us a follow!



Looking forward

Monday 21st November

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)
Year 13 mock interviews, 4.15-6.30pm
Year 12+13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22nd November

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)
Year 10 Classics trip to British Museum
Year 12+13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 23rd November

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (KBH/BST)

Thursday 24th November

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)
Year 11 Photography trip to London

Friday 25th November

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Saturday 26th November

Targeted support (Year 11+13)

Monday 28th November

Development Day – school closed for students

Tuesday 29th November

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 30th November

Year 10-13 Textiles trip to London

Thursday 1st December

Year 12+13 Photography trip

Monday 5th December

'Take Your Daughter to Work' day
Aster Carols, 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th December

Year 11 Cyclopark
Student book swap
Christmas Concert, 7-9pm

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Families & Relationships

The importance of your family; How do I get on with my family?
What makes a good friend? What is my relationship with strangers?

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 9P Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Kemp's office and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Lost Property: 8R 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.

Anti-Bullying Week

Year 10 looked at anti bullying week in their assembly and the importance of helping others/acts of kindness and who to speak to if they are a target of or witness bullying at school.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	43	55	35
Chadwick	53	48	27
Darnley	44	46	45
Lynton	45	52	46
Penfold	34	33	39
Reekie	40	38	29
Westbrook	51	57	66

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA Year 10 and 11: Over the next term your tutor will be meeting with you in small groups to coach you in one of the 5 VESPA areas to assist your learning. Ensure that you take onboard the suggestions and feedback to them on its success.

Y12 Prep: Whether you are going to apply for a job, an apprenticeship or to university after your A Levels, it is essential to be prepared. So, you need to ask yourself what you can do, now, to ensure that your application is successful. It is good to consider the following:

- Do I need a range of work experience? Who can I network with?
- Do I need a portfolio? Who can I follow on LinkedIn that can give me advice about what to include in my portfolio? What can I start on?
- Which are the institutions that offer apprenticeships or degree apprenticeships? Do I need to apply, now? Who can I follow on LinkedIn that will be able to answer my questions on apprenticeships?
- Is there a particular university that I want to go to? Is there a particular job that I would like to apply for? What are the skills that I need? Who can I contact about 'upskilling' myself?

Y13 Prep: We continue with our focus on creativity. We are discussing what the neuroscientists, Beau Lotto, says about changing our assumptions to become more creative. He says that we do this by celebrating uncertainty and focusing on intrinsic motivation. So, we are asking ourselves the following questions:

- How can uncertainty be celebrated in our A- level subjects?
- What are the extrinsic motivations for doing our A levels?
- What are the intrinsic motivations for doing our A levels?

Careers Update

Year 11 Careers Interviews

I am in the process of interviewing all of Year 11 to discuss their Post 16 options for next year. Please make sure you read through your action plans after your interviews and that you are thinking carefully about your subject options and how they might relate to your future Career plans. For example; do you need to study a particular subject for specific degree courses that might interest you after 6th form, or are you keeping your options more open at this stage?

Year 13 mock Interviews

I have been running mock Interview evenings over the last couple of weeks to provide Year 13 with some essential interview practice to help prepare them for University or Apprenticeship/job Interviews over the coming months. Students have been interviewed by up to two independent Interviewers who come from a range of different professional backgrounds. They have then been given feedback on their interview performance and how effective their CV is at promoting their skills, qualifications and experience. Feedback from both Interviewees and Interviewers has been very positive so far!

Reminders and Notices

A Christmas Carol: All Year 11 will be attending 'A Christmas Carol' show and workshop on 24th November. Please pay on Scopay.

Canteen News: This week the Canteen will be doing a 'World Cup' menu, featuring dishes from Morocco, Germany, Spain and the USA. See the attached poster for details.

External Exams: JCQ have confirmed the exam contingency date is the 28th June 2023. Students must be available for this date and not go off on holiday.

Geography Club: For Year 7-12. Wednesday lunchtimes, 1:45-2:15, MG05. Starting Wednesday 23rd November. Watch out for the poster and further details that were sent via email.

Drama Club Reminder: Drama Club is on Tuesdays in the Dance Studio (main site). Please sign up on EduLink to avoid disappointment. Speak to Mrs Quiros if you have any questions. See you there!

Finance Office: A reminder to all that opening hours are: 8am – 11.20am and then 1.25pm – 4 pm. The office will be CLOSED between 11.20am and 1.25pm. Can we also remind students that cash must be brought directly to the Finance Office not given to a teacher or put in a pigeonhole.

MGSG Reader's Corner

If you have been reading First News you may be aware that November is national Non-Fiction

month. National Non-Fiction November was set up by the Federation of Children's Book Groups to highlight the importance of information books and to promote reading non-fiction for pleasure. When we talk about the importance of reading for pleasure, we tend to assume we mean fiction books; but don't forget that non-fiction texts can be a

great way to learn more about a subject you are interested in and to widen your perspective on the world. Non-fiction encompasses a wide range of genres; from travel writing to diaries, to speeches, articles and letters. Why not add some variety to your reading this month by joining in with Non-Fiction November; there are some great suggestions here to get you started. Don't forget Bill Bryson's 'Short History of Nearly Everything' which features on our '16 by 16' recommended book list, available to borrow from the English department:

<https://www.readbrihtly.com/nonfiction-books-for-teens/>

