

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 5 Year 9 pupils, 3 Year 10 pupils and 2 Year 12 students attended Anti-Bullying Ambassador training at Cobham Hall School, which was run by the Diana Award. They were reminded of what bullying is as well as the different types of bullying and how to identify these and the consequences of bullying. The day was run really well with lots of engaging activities and tasks. They were awarded their Anti-Bullying Ambassador certificates and badges for passing the course with flying colours. They now have the opportunity to earn themselves further badges by spreading their anti-bullying message to the rest of the school. They have already come up with a number of ideas which we will be working on over the next term.



Students in Darnley put on the first of this year's house festivals, raising money (£91.78 in total) for Children in Need. Students raised funds by selling Pudsey themed cakes, naming bears and matching teacher's names to their baby photos! In organising and delivering the activities, and giving up their time to do so, students typified the Darnley values of Empathy, Perseverance and Selflessness. We owe an enormous debt of thanks to the students who contributed and visited the stalls and to the form tutors in Darnley for their support of the event. Non-uniform day last Friday has so far raised £926, also for Children in Need.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Miss Bromby and Mr Windle accompanied a Year 10 team (Keeva G, Amrit S, Isabelle S and Sophie S) and a Year 11 team (Shaddai A, Gurleen K, Wiktoria N and Sukhpreet T) to Invicta Grammar School's annual challenge for Kent secondary schools. They participated in four rounds, Fifteen Questions, Puzzles, Problem Solving and Relay, all of which were designed to test mathematical skills, numerical dexterity, speed and logical thinking, all without using a calculator! Using the numbers 1 to 100 no more than once, can you work out what is the longest sequence of numbers so that each is a factor or multiple of the preceding number? The top three teams from each heat would be going through to the final later in the academic year. As such, the final results of the day was tinged with disappointment because our two teams finished in fourth (Year 11) and fifth (Year 10) places, just five and four points behind the second and third placed teams. However, both teams were pleased to have done as well as they did, so congratulations for representing MGSG and hope that overall you enjoyed yourselves. The Year 10 team are looking forward to being challenged again in one of next year's heats!



Those doing the new Classical Civilisation course in Year 10 went on a trip to the British Museum last Tuesday. They had the opportunity to look at artefacts from all over the Greek and Roman worlds. This included a reconstructed Greek Temple and a baking tray over 2000 years old from a Roman kitchen which would not have looked out of place in our kitchens, it was for making cupcakes.

### Looking forward

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Development Day – school closed for students

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)

Year 11 Parents' Evening

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

Year 10-13 Textiles trip to London

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)

Year 12+13 Photography trip

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

'Take Your Daughter to Work' day

Aster Carols, 7.30pm

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Year 11 Cyclopark

Student book swap

Christmas Concert, 7-9pm

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Year 7-9 House Regatta

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Lynton House event (Christmas)

Year 11 Cyclopark trip

Year 12 Open Evening

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)

### Assembly theme

#### This week's Assembly theme: Advent & Preparation

The events leading up to the birth of Jesus; traditional preparations associated with Christmas; the idea of the 'coming' of a new age.

*N.B. Assemblies should not be about Christmas itself yet.*

### Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

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

**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.

### House Merits

|           | Merit | Community | Sport |
|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Atholl    | 44    | 58        | 38    |
| Chadwick  | 56    | 53        | 29    |
| Darnley   | 46    | 52        | 49    |
| Lynton    | 52    | 59        | 51    |
| Penfold   | 38    | 34        | 46    |
| Reekie    | 45    | 40        | 30    |
| Westbrook | 57    | 62        | 72    |

## Year 11 Options Talks 2022

This year we will be offering short lunchtime option talks to help you understand what is on offer. Each subject has two slots in case you cannot get to a particular talk. If there are still clashes staff are happy to talk to you about their subjects outside of these slots.

| Date               | MF05             |                  |                      | MF06           |                      |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
|                    | 1.50-2.00pm      | 2.00-2.10pm      | 2.10-2.20pm          | 1.50-2.00pm    | 2.00-2.10pm          | 2.10-2.20pm      |
| Tuesday 29/11/22   | Biology (CF02)   | Chemistry (CF02) | Physics (CF02)       | Mandarin       | Sociology            | Law              |
| Wednesday 30/11/22 | Drama & Theatre  | Politics         | History              | PE             | Economics            | Business         |
| Thursday 1/12/22   | Computer Science | Law              | Sociology            | Psychology     | Health & Social Care | Criminology      |
| Monday 5/12/22     | Geography        | PE               | Media Studies        | Economics      | Business             | Criminology      |
| Tuesday 6/12/22    | Media Studies    | Psychology       | Geography            | Politics       | History              | Mandarin         |
| Wednesday 07/12/22 | Drama & Theatre  | Computer Science | Health & Social Care | Physics (CF02) | Biology (CF02)       | Chemistry (CF02) |

The following subjects will deliver their subject talks in lesson time:

Music; Art/Photography; Product Design/Textiles; Mathematics; English Language/Literature & English Literature; Philosophy; Modern Foreign Languages: French, German and Spanish

## Reminders and Notices

**SEND Parent Survey:** KCC would like to encourage parents to complete their [inclusive education survey](#). The survey is live and it can be completed by all parents, not just parents of children with SEND. Results will be gathered at the end of January and will be distributed to all schools. The previous survey in June ([results are now available \(PDF, 560.0 KB\)](#)) showed a majority of positive responses about how children with SEND are supported in schools. It is a very useful source of information when KCC comes to making decisions and working with parent groups to influence the change that is needed and they would really like more parents to take part.

**Canteen News:** This week's 'World Cup' menu features dishes from Mexico, France and England. See the attached poster for details.

**Clubs at MGS:** *German GCSE Support Club* – Weds 1.50, MF09; *German Games Club* – whole school – Weds 1.50, MF01; *Maths Clinic* – Mon 1.50 – Lower School GF03, Upper School GF04 – see attached posters for more details. Please also see Clubs notice board and posters around the school for other clubs.

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

## MGS Reader's Corner



In this week's entry we have a special date for your diary- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. On this date the English Department will be holding a festive book swap event in the dining room at 1.50pm. To take part, you should bring a book that you no longer want from home (in good condition) that you think someone else within the school community would enjoy. Hand in your book to your English teacher, who will give you a token for your book. You should keep this token safe until the event, when you can use it in exchange for one of the books on display in the dining room. If you would like to take part, please make sure you have your parent or carer's permission before bringing in a book to swap.



It is a great opportunity to clear some space in your bookshelf and make room for something new to read, in time for Christmas. We hope that lots of you will join us on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

## Art Competition (Years 7, 8, 9)



Create an advent calendar for the countdown to Christmas. The calendar will be displayed on the Art notice board along the bottom floor of the Ghosh Building.

Create an A5 Christmas window design. Form Captains are to collect and deliver all of your designs to Miss Turner or your Art teacher by Thursday 1st December. A winning design will be unveiled each day during the month of December and be on display for all to see. Achievement points will be awarded to all winning entries.

- Fill or colour the whole of your A5 piece of paper.
- Take your time to create a design that is of high quality.
- Choose appropriate materials e.g. tonal pencil, black pen, paints, coloured pencils, pastels, different grades of pencils, paper collage, felt/textiles.
- You may incorporate text but keep it simple, avoid seasonal messages- this is not a Christmas card!
- You may choose to add sparkle
- Possible themes: Anything Festive, wintery or Christmas related.