

We are halfway through the first term of the year and it has been wonderful to see how well our new students in Years 7 and 12 have settled in. The past week has been busy both in and out of the classroom. The weather has been good and it has been lovely to see so many pupils enjoying being outside during lunchtimes. We have held fire drills at each site across the past week and I would like to congratulate the school on their excellent conduct during these important practices. Our Year 10 Parents and Carers were welcomed into school at the end of last week to hear about the support and guidance available to students over the next two years now that they have begun their GCSE courses across all subjects, information has been sent home for anyone who missed this and our thanks to Mr Zanier, LL for Year 10 and Mrs Murfet AHT Upper School for hosting this event. Well done to all the Year 11 and Year 12 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition training on Tuesday. They learned the necessary map skills needed to navigate their 24km hike. They mastered how to put up tents, cooked their lunch on a Trangia and developed their First Aid skills. We wish them the best of luck on their assessed expedition. A Year 10 Bronze and Year 11-13 Silver expedition package will be launched next term. On Friday our Year 13 students, led by Isabelle N, hosted a MacMillan Coffee



morning. Cake donations were made from across the Sixth Form and the event was well supported by the school. Our thanks to Year 13 and Mr Slight for organising this event. The £240 raised will go to support the



important work MacMillan do in providing specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer, an illness many of us and our families are touched by during the course of our lives.

Looking forward

Week of 3rd October

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)

Tuesday 4th October

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)

Wednesday 5th October

Year 12 Assembly online (KBH/BST)

School photographs

Thursday 6th October

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)

“Speak Out” meeting, 1.45pm, Room MF08

Friday 7th October

Development Day

Tuesday 11th-Thursday 13th October

D of E Bronze training

Wednesday 12th October

Year 7 Learning to Learn

Monday 17th October

Year 13 mock interviews, 4.15-6.30pm

Tuesday 18th-Thursday 20th October

Open Mornings 9-11am (Booking via website)

Thursday 20th October

Open Evening 6.00-8.30pm (No booking required)

Friday 21st October

“Show Racism the Red Card” – non-uniform day
End of Term 1

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Black History Month

Aims to promote knowledge of black history and experience, disseminate information on positive black contributions to British society and heighten the confidence and awareness of black people in their cultural history.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 10R 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: 8D 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.

PE Clubs

We have a wealth of PE clubs running at lunchtimes (1.50 - 2.20) and after school (3.30-4.45). Come and join us!

Monday lunch: Speed Stacking & Mayfield Challenge (CF01), Dance (MGAS), Table Tennis (FGMH).

Tuesday lunch: Dance (MGAS).

Wednesday lunch: GCSE PE Revision (CF01).

Thursday lunch: Yoga (FGYM).

Tuesday after school: Rugby (Field), Netball fixtures (Bainbridge Courts).

Wednesday after school: Basketball (Bainbridge Hall)

Thursday after school: Trampoline & Netball training (Bainbridge), Basketball/Football fixtures.

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>

Reminders

Arriva Buses: We have had the following message from Arriva stating further strikes are due to take place affecting the local area: "Strikes will take place on 30th September and dates below in October. We are extremely disappointed for all our customers to confirm that further industrial action will take place in October across Northfleet, Gillingham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells on the following dates: 6th, 7th, 10th & 11th October".

Online Cookbook: Mrs Johnston would like to share this online cookbook with us, there are some lovely recipes and it's free!

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57ea401815d5db35a6482940/t/5c879b026e9a7f38beae6cce/155239111530/Et+Delicious.+Eat+Well+for+%C2%A32.57+per+day.+Limahl+Asmall+and+Tiphaine+Cheveau+-compressed.pdf>

Lost Property: If anyone loses a PE kit/blazer/coat/shoes, please look in the lost property bins at the bottom of the stairs by the staff room. Any valuables are held in the main office.

Coming prepared for lessons: Can we remind all students to look at timetables and pack bags with all equipment needed for the school day. Parents should not be bringing in items you have forgotten.

Lower School Uniform: Blazer is a compulsory uniform item which should be worn at all times, if you are too warm remove your jumper, not your blazer.

Please remind your parents that you may not be dropped off or collected on site without prior arrangement.

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.

The Mayfield Mindset

Y12 Prep: We are focusing on overcoming challenges and being resilient. We are discussing what the challenges are and what skills are required when starting a business. We are also discussing how we can be resilient when we are faced with personal challenges such as starting university and moving into halls of residence or moving away from home to start a new job, in another city.

Y13 Prep: At some point, we will have to demonstrate our problem-solving skills. This can be in a school or social context; a university interview; an apprenticeship or a job interview. Sometimes, it can be straightforward or sometimes, to solve a problem, in Tolu's words, "You have to think outside the box." When faced with these problems, it is helpful to use the following method to reach a solution.

- 1) Identify the problem.
- 2) Collect information.
- 3) Consider your options.
- 4) Consider the advantages and disadvantages of your options.
- 5) Analyse and evaluate options.
- 6) Choose an option and take action.

Learning to Learn: Year 7 will be taking part in their first Learning to Learn session on the 12th October. In preparation for this session we encourage you to review each of your subjects and reflect on how you are getting on with them. Ask yourself these two questions:

- What have you succeeded at in this subject and would like to commend yourself for?
- What would you like to develop further?

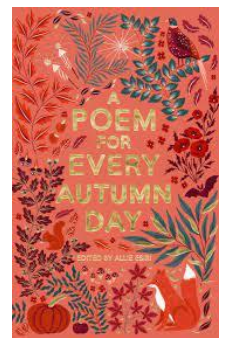
MGSG Reader's Corner

With the night's drawing in and the beginning of Autumn upon us, why not listen to some poems inspired by the season:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwQqk1Uk-3w>

The poems in this anthology depict many vibrant autumnal scenes, from harvest festival to Remembrance Day. Featured poets include Robert Louis Stevenson, John Betjeman, Amy Lowell, Paul Laurence Dunbar, William Shakespeare and Christina Rossetti. *Why not try your hand at writing your own Autumn poem too?*

"In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!
Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.
Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!" *Robert Louis Stevenson*



House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	21	24	8
Chadwick	27	23	18
Darnley	25	21	11
Lynton	19	19	18
Penfold	7	16	17
Reekie	19	27	16
Westbrook	23	28	28