

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, the author Patience Agbabi held a workshop with Year 12 and performed some poems followed by a very engaging workshop for our Year 10 students.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November, Year 11 students watched A Christmas Carol, delivered by drama group Ginificent. The production was enjoyed by all and was followed by a Q&A workshop, with the event being a great enrichment opportunity and very apt for the time of year!

On Thursday evening (24<sup>th</sup> November), the build-up and anticipation of Christmas was tangible to many students in Year 9 who are currently studying German. At 9pm we began our long, 9-hour coach trip. After breakfast, we visited Kaiser Karls Gymnasium where we were given a tour by Year 7 students. Accompanied by teachers and Sixth Form students, we later had the chance to explore Aachen and visit the infamous Christmas Markets, as well as many other features of this cosy and historic town. For many, it was an experience they will never forget.



Years 10-13 Textile students had a fantastic day in London last Wednesday exploring the V&A's African Fashion exhibition. The older years also had the opportunity to explore the Alexander McQueen behind the scenes Roses collection on New Bond Street. After a busy day, everybody has a sketchpad full of observational drawings, phone full of pictures and a head full of ideas to inspire their next project.



### Looking forward

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

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)  
'Take Your Daughter to Work' day  
Aster Carols, 7.30pm

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

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)  
Year 11 Cyclopark  
Student book swap  
Christmas Concert, 7-9pm

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

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)  
Year 7-9 House Regatta

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

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)  
Lynton House Festival in the Quad  
Year 11 Cyclopark trip  
Start of 24-hour rowathon, 1.50pm

#### Year 12 Open Evening

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

Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)  
End of 24-hour rowathon, 1.50pm

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Lower School Carol Service, p5

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch for Years 10-13  
Presentation Afternoon, 2.55pm  
Year 7 Parents' Evening

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch for Years 7-9  
Carols with the Staff Band, Main Hall, lunchtime

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Pantomime rehearsal

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

School Pantomime

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Quiz  
End of Term 2

### Assembly theme

**This week's Assembly theme: Respect for others' Views and Faiths**

Those who have different views and faiths to our own;  
tolerance of other religions; awareness of religious life.

### Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

**Litter duty: 9W** 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: 8W** 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.

### Mayfield 24 (the Rowathon) – 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Mayfield will be completing a 24 hour row to raise money for the charity Women In Sport, a charity chosen by our participating students. The charity works hard to give all women more opportunities to participate in physical activity across the country. We are also raising money for a set of Rowing oars for Mayfield's Rowing boat. This will allow us to get more students rowing on the water. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Talk to any of the PE team for more information.

### House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	50	64	45
Chadwick	57	55	33
Darnley	49	59	52
Lynton	59	64	53
Penfold	42	35	47
Reekie	50	45	35
Westbrook	59	65	78

## 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
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

## Interhouse Regatta – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

On Wednesday 7/12/22 we will be holding the school's Interhouse Regatta. This will affect years 7, 8 and 9 as well as the timings of the day, please see the timetable below. Years 7 and 8 will be in PE kit all day.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<b>Reg</b>	Year 7 will register at Bainbridge, not in tutor rooms.	Normal	Normal
<b>P1</b>	Off timetable for regatta	Normal	Normal
<b>P2 + break</b>	Normal	Early break time	Break
	Break	Off timetable for regatta	Normal
<b>P3</b>	Normal		Normal
<b>P4</b>	Normal	Normal	Students leave 15mins early for lunch. (1.10)
<b>Lunch</b>	Normal	Normal	Students should be at Bainbridge by 1.30 Off timetable for regatta

## The Mayfield Mindset

**VESPA: Year 10** – As we approach the end of term 2 we encourage you to reflect on the VESPA activities and coaching that you have had so far this academic year. What do you take from these ideas as personalised action for your studies? Do you need to action any changes? Do you know how to do this? Or do you need to speak to your subject teachers before the Christmas break?

**Year 11** - You will revisit some of the most effective VESPA activities for Year 11 preparing for their mock examination. Review your own practice against these and select those you feel will help you to fine tune your current revision strategies.

### Reminders and Notices

**Canteen News:** Buy your Christmas Dinner Ticket between 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> December from the canteen. Price £3.40. Free school dinner pupils, please come and collect your ticket on the day of your dinner between 8-8.30am. See attached poster for the menu. Please help us reduce waste by buying your ticket in advance, we cannot guarantee a dinner if you have not brought a ticket. For those not having Christmas dinner, the pasta bar, salad bar and sandwiches will be available from 1.50pm

**Breakfast Meal Deal** is served in the Canteen between 8-8.20am: Bowl of Cereal, Hot Chocolate, Fruit - £1.70.

**Prep: Year 12** – We are reviewing revision strategies by thinking about the following;

- what have you been doing to review your skills?
- are the study methods that you used at GCSE still effective?
- how do you know where to start (topics, themes, skills)?
- how do you know when you know the content and skills?
- how do you use the examiners' reports and mark schemes?
- how effectively are you using your study periods?
- what strategies are other students using that are more effective?

**Year 13:** We are applying creative thinking skills to social scenarios as these skills will not only allow us to flourish academically, but will also help us with 'tricky' social interactions. It helps us to think about a range of possible solutions to a problem and this helps us to be more open-minded by entertaining options that we would not have considered before. This allows us to be more empathetic and resilient.

### MGSG Reader's Corner

You may be aware that there is a MGSG 'Goodreads' group which you can access to share your ideas and thoughts about the books that you have been reading. Here is the link to the group: <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/1193838-mgsg-16-by-16-and-beyond> You will see there is lot of discussion about our 16 by 16 collection, but you are also welcome to share your thoughts about any other books that you are currently reading. It is a great way to share recommendations and connect with other members of the school community who enjoy reading! Don't forget our **Mayfield Book Swap event** is taking place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**- it is not too late to hand any unwanted books you would like to swap to your English teacher. Remember to bring your token to the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

