

On 12th January our Year 12 language students attended a Sixth Form Language Conference with our foreign language assistants Sarah and Victoria, Frau Hauschild and our driver Dr Morris. The students were given the opportunity to listen to different lectures, attend workshops (such as “L’impressionnisme”, “Tradoral” – taller de doblaje y traducción” and “Die Vielfalt der deutschen Kultur”) and meet other Year 12 linguists from all over Kent. There were also some taster lessons in Mandarin, Japanese and Arabic as well as language games that everyone enjoyed very much. Not only did the students expand their cultural and linguistic knowledge, the conference was also a reminder of the importance of learning languages in our multicultural society and globalised world, and the opportunities speaking several languages offers. We are looking forward to attending the conference again!



On Saturday 14th January 2023, Year 12 and 13 students participated in the Regional Competition for the Bar Mock Trial Competition at the University of Kent. Working as a team, the students presented legal arguments before a legally qualified judge in two criminal mock trials. In doing so, students acted as prosecution and defence counsel and assisted the court as clerk and usher. It was impressive to see our students working effectively and confidently arguing their cases in open court. Mayfield students made it to the final after winning each of their three heats. Although the jury verdict was in favour of Mayfield, we lost narrowly on points to another school. The students performed excellently and were commended by the judges for their preparation, advocacy skills and team work. It has been a real pleasure to support these students with the competition and students should be very proud of their achievements.

The Jeskyns Photography trip was a great success on 17th January with dry, sunny weather, albeit it was -5 degrees for the first few hours! By the end of the day it warmed up to a cosy 0 degrees and once the films are developed, we hope to share some beautiful, black and white, winter scenes with you. Year 10 did really well considering we walked 14km throughout the day round the country park, Ashenbank Woods and the orchards surrounding it.

Our F1 team met for the first time to discuss competition plans, decide team roles, organise sponsorship, and initiate research into existing racing car designs, alongside aerodynamics. The team’s task is to design and make a small-scale Formula 1 racing car which is innovative and engineered to an excellent quality. Next term, students will compete with other schools in South London in a 20-metre race to see who has designed the fastest car. The MGS team will compete for: Fastest Car, Best Engineered Car, Future Stars Award, Regional Champions. Our Team is:- Team manager: Ella M (10C), Manufacturing Engineer: Libby R (10W), Resource manager/ Graphic designer: Roma S (9P), and Design Engineer: Niamh S (9L). Updates of their progress will be shared via the Technology Instagram @MGSgtechnology. Good luck to all of you!

The Catarina Ferreira Drama Prize will be presented on Wednesday 25th January in the Year 12 assembly. We have a special guest returning to help announce the two winners.

Wills Library Drama Takeover: Friday 27th January 2:25 – 3:25. Pop along to our wonderful new library to enjoy a series of staged readings from our drama students! They will be performing/reading opening extracts from your favourite books.

Looking forward

Monday 23rd January

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th January

Year 13 AL Textiles exam

Tuesday 24th January

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Penfold event (Chinese New Year) in the Hall at lunchtime

Wednesday 25th January

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Thursday 26th January

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Thursday 26th-Friday 27th January

Year 11 GCSE Textiles exam

Friday 27th January

STEM day

‘Pages to Stages’ event in the Wills Library, 2.25-3.25

Thursday 2nd-Thursday 9th February

German exchange students here

Week of 6th February

CMHA week

Tuesday 7th February

Years 10+11 Tate Modern trip

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th February

Year 8 Learning to Learn

Wednesday 8th+Thursday 9th February

Year 11 Technology NEA2 Practicals

Thursday 9th February

Year 13 Parents’ Evening

Friday 10th February

End of Term 3

Monday 20th February

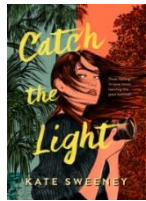
Term 4 begins

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Forgiving
 Forgiving others; the relationship between forgiveness, repentance, recompense and punishment; the Holocaust – is it always right to forgive and forget?; putting the hurts that you find hard to forgive into proportion.

Reader's Corner

We hope that you have been able to visit the Wills Library and enjoyed the launch activities of last week; do pop in if you haven't done so already. Don't forget there are a wealth of journals and non-fiction texts too, in addition to all kinds of fiction; there really is something for everybody. With the new year underway, why not take an advance look at some of the fiction titles due to be released this year? You may find that your favourite authors have new books in the pipeline for 2023, or there may be something completely new that captures your interest. The publisher Penguin have a great list of titles for young adults due to be released this year



<https://www.penguiniteen.com/2023-ya-book-preview/> and GoodReads also have a fantastic selection of their top picks for teens in 2023:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/2023-release>.

Don't forget you can join our Good Reads 16 by 16 group- it's a great way to connect with other members of the school community to share your thoughts about reading!

<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/1193838-mgsg-16-by-16-and-beyond>



Reminders

Entry System: A reminder that we will be moving to our new entry system this week. All students should have been issued with their own entry card (Years 11 and 13 will receive them this week). These cards will be needed to access buildings and sites, so it is important to look after them carefully and carry them with you at all times. Form tutors will provide further information which will also be posted on Edulink.

Competition: We hope lots of Mandarin students will be getting involved in the inaugural MEP Song Writing Competition, details of which have been shared with students and parents via Edulink and in class. The deadline is 1st March so start writing and rehearsing now!

Library: Please note that library books can be borrowed/returned before school, after school and lunchtimes but not at break Monday-Thursday.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	70	77	53
Chadwick	72	68	50
Darnley	58	84	70
Lynton	81	88	64
Penfold	71	58	60
Reekie	71	62	45
Westbrook	84	93	91

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 8R Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Kemp's Office by 1.45pm and report to your Learning Leader and staff on the field at the end of lunchtime, 2.15pm.

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.

MGSG Pre-Loved Uniform Service

The Preloved uniform is now available for you to buy via Scopay. We have updated items with our current stock so you are able to select from the sizes we have and make payment straight away. We hope this will make the process simpler for you. If the size you are looking for is not there, this means it is out of stock. As we are reliant on parent donations we cannot determine when items will become available. Please check back later as items become updated. Donations can be left at the School reception or handed to the Finance office. If you wish to contact the school regarding preloved uniform, please email uniform@mgsg.kent.sch.uk

Price list for currently available items

Blouse	£4.00
Cardigan	£8.00
Jumper	£8.00
Kilt	£10.00
MGSG PE Legging	£3.00

Chinese New Year Menu

