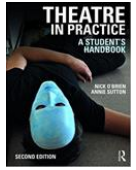


Wishing you all a very warm welcome to our first Bulletin of 2023 and a Happy New Year to you all! We wish all our Year 13 and Year 11 students every success as they begin their mock examinations and trust they will be using their Home Study time wisely and productively.

Drama Practitioner Workshops at MGS! On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the GCSE and A Level Drama students enjoyed two practical workshops on two contrasting theatre practitioners: Stanislavski and Berkoff. Led by Nick O'Brian and Annie Sutton MGS pupils were able to practically explore and apply techniques from these very different methods of rehearsing and performing. The group did a range of practical activities including warm-ups, improvisation games, character work, devising as an ensemble and relaxation exercises. Looking closely at what makes naturalistic style as opposed to non-naturalistic, this was a fascinating day that allowed our groups to work together as one bigger chorus on a range of challenging activities. Now they can now apply to their own rehearsal and performance work: watch this space...



Thank you to all who supported our 24-hour Rowathon at the end of last term. It was great to see so many students and staff participating – we covered over one million metres! Total raised so far is over £2750 for the charity Women in Sport and also for a set of rowing oars for Mayfield's rowing boat.



Congratulations to Morgan Francomb in 7P for winning the Christmas decoration competition in year 7. Keep an eye out in the new year for more design competitions!



Also well done to the year 7's who took part in making festive biscuits, they all look delicious! If you would like to make your own festive biscuits- you can find recipes on the YouTube page @MGSGtechnology



### Looking forward

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Development Day – school closed for students

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Term 3 begins

Year 13 Assembly in Hall (CWN/BST)

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Year 11+13 mock exams

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Year 7 Learning to Learn

#### Week of 9<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Entry Level Computing tests

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 & 13 Health & Social Care exams

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 10 Photography trip to Jeskyns

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Year 13 Health & Social Care exam

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Year 7 Ceramics workshop

Year 12 Language Conference

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 Media Magazine Conference

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 test week begins

Year 13 Health & Social Care exam

Year 7 Ceramics workshop

### Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: **New Year's Resolutions**

### Our School Environment

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

**Litter duty: 8D** 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.

**Lost Property: 7A** Please make sure lost property is sorted. Your Sixth 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.

## The Mayfield Mindset

### VESPA:

A top tip to enable you to review and recall previous knowledge is to timetable a slot every fortnight for each subject to review the content that you have covered in your lesson across the previous fortnight.

Ask yourself the following questions when doing so:

- Do you understand the notes that you have made?
- Do you need to ask any follow up questions of your teachers?
- Do you need to add in any additional information or notes to further your understanding?
- How is it linked to the content that you are studying now?

## Reminders

**Uniform:** Please check your uniform, hair and nails and ensure these meet school requirements. We relaxed rules around shoes and boots during the snow, we expect pupils to return dressed in line with normal uniform rules from 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Return on a week 2:** Please pack carefully for this week, we will be returning on a Wednesday Week 2.

**Examinations:** There will be mock examinations running for the next two weeks, please observe 'No Entry' signs and ensure areas where there are taking place are quiet. The majority of examinations will take place at the Bainbridge Site.

**Food Ordering Service:** A little reminder that a lunch can be ordered in advance from the Canteen if you have a club at lunchtime.

**Lunch Passes for Clubs:** These come from the member of staff leading the Club, please ask them for a pass if you require one.

## MGSG Preloved Uniform Service

From January, we will be opening the MGSG Preloved Uniform service to offer an affordable alternative to school uniform. It will provide a way for you to pass on items your daughter has outgrown and help the school community to buy school uniform at less than half of the retail price.

We are currently in the process of sorting the stock we have and trying to make things as easy as possible. All items have been washed, neatly folded and stored in individual bags with sizes labelled.

Any donations you have can be given in at the School Reception, all we ask is that items are washed and in a good condition for resale.

**Price list for available items** (this will be subject to change as stock levels and donations will vary)

Blouse	£4.00
Cardigan	£8.00
Jumper	£8.00
Kilt	£5.00
MGSG PE Legging	£3.00

- To make an enquiry on items and check the availability of sizes please contact us via the new email [uniform@mgsg.kent.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@mgsg.kent.sch.uk)
- Once the sale is agreed, the payment option will be made available to you on Scopay [Login \(scopay.com\)](https://scopay.com)
- Students can then collect items from the Finance Office during lunch break

If an item is received in a worn condition it will be kept by the School Office for garments to be given to students who have forgotten uniform or require a spare. This move will lessen our environmental impact on uniform production and disposal.

## House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	53	69	47
Chadwick	63	61	37
Darnley	54	69	57
Lynton	70	73	57
Penfold	54	44	54
Reekie	57	52	37
Westbrook	71	76	84

