

We are delighted to announce that Mollie Knott has been elected Head Prefect for 2023/2024. Her deputies will be Lucy Field and Skye Watson. A huge congratulations to these students, who we look forward to working with in the forthcoming year. A huge thanks also to all students who took part in the application process for Head Prefect this year, the standard was incredibly high and all candidates should be proud of their performances. We will announce the remaining Senior Official positions early next term.



Also on 27th March, the Mayfield Senior Debating Team participated in the highly esteemed ESU Mace Debating competition finals, where they demonstrated their exceptional skills in rhetoric and persuasion. Comprising of Neha (12BSN), Alex (13HSN), and Taran (12CSW), the team went head-to-head with some of the best debating teams in the country, delivering a remarkable performance that left a lasting impression on the audience and judges alike. Although they did not ultimately win the competition, we are immensely proud of the exceptional accomplishments of the team. Special mentions much go to Precious (10W), Sukhpreet (10W), and all the staff who steadfastly supported the team in refining their arguments and sharpening their debating skills. Their dedication, hard work, and guidance were instrumental in preparing the team to perform at their best and achieve such outstanding results. As we celebrate the Mayfield Senior Debating Team's achievements, we urge you to keep an eye out for the upcoming internal debating competition in the next term. The Debating Society looks forward to seeing more debaters building on this success and developing the debating tradition here at Mayfield.

On Monday 27th March students in Year 8 took part in our first LEAP Conference Day. Students explored the UN Sustainable Development Goals of ending global poverty and tackling extreme hunger from different subject perspectives, before working in groups to prepare presentations which explored the reasons for these challenges and discussing some possible solutions. Students benefited from a range of workshops from different subject areas to guide their thoughts. The creativity of students and their thoughtfulness about these issues was truly inspiring! We look forward to sharing examples of their presentations throughout the school community to continue these important conversations in the next term.

Thank you to those parents who have kindly made donations to the Preloved uniform service. Since its launch you have helped to raise over £600! If you are planning to renew uniform over Easter, we would be grateful of any donations you may have. These can be left at reception or handed in to the Finance office.

On Friday 24th March the GCSE Drama students performed their final scripted pieces from Dennis Kelly's play DNA. All the pupils worked very hard and they can all be very proud of their final performances. Well done!

Congratulations to all the cast for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! Now for the rehearsals – see EduLink for more information.

Looking forward

Monday 17th April

Term 5 begins

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)

Tuesday 18th April

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)

Wednesday 19th April

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

GCSE/AL Music trip

Thursday 20th April

Year 12 Higher Education Evening

Friday 21st & Monday 24th April

Year 11 Textiles external assignment

Monday 24th April

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th April

Year 10 Classical Civilisation trip to Lullingstone

Tuesday 25th April-Tuesday 9th May

Year 10 & 12 internal examinations

Wednesday 26th April

Library Advisory Board meeting, p5

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 9 Learning to Learn

Monday 8th May

Bank holiday

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Eid-al-Fitr

(Celebrated 21st April)

Marks the end of the month-long Ramadan fast (which began March 22nd)

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 10A 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: 7R 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. All lost property is located in clearly labelled grey boxes in the Orangery (next to the vending machine). Please check for your lost items as these boxes will be emptied at the end of every term.

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.

Reminders

Examinations: MFL oral examinations will be taking place this week. Please observe silence in any areas with exam signs.

Bedrock Easter Competition: For Years 7 and 8. See attached poster for more details.

Road Crossing: A reminder that when moving between sites you should use the zebra crossing near Bainbridge building to cross Pelham Road. When crossing roads please ensure you are not on your mobile phone and are paying careful attention to your surroundings. Please can we also remind you that Parents/Carers may not drop off or collect from the school site unless a previous arrangement is made.

The Mayfield Mindset

Learning to Learn: Year 8 took part in a Learning to Learn enrichment event on Thursday. They participated in workshops planned and delivered by Mr Shaw, Mr Skeels, Mrs Horne, Miss Yogeswaran, Miss Li and Mr Ward, many thanks to the staff involved. The sessions covered:

- How to retain and recall information taught in the past
- Making more effective revision notes
- The importance of spaced practice
- Making efficient and useful notes

The pupil feedback showed a commitment to taking this further into future studies, we look forward to hearing how you have used this later on next term.

Year 12 Prep: In keeping with our theme of being financially literate, we have looked at how to read a payslip, the significance of a tax code and how to calculate National Insurance contributions.

Maths Feast brainteaser answers

Answers to last term's brainteasers are:

1. A farm has some sheep and chickens. If the number of mouths is 24 and the number of legs is 66, how many of each animal?

9 sheep and 15 chickens

2. How do you make 7 even?

Remove the 'S' from 'Seven'

3. A clock breaks into 3 pieces. The total number on each piece were the same. What three pieces did they break into?

1, 2, 11, 12; 3, 4, 9, 10; 5, 6, 7, 8

4. If I have no brothers and sisters, but this man's father is my father's son, who is he?

My son

5. If 3 cats catch 3 rats in 3 minutes, how many cats will it take to catch 100 rats in 100 minutes?

3 cats

6. What comes next... 1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221.....

312211 (Three ones, two twos and one one!)

Reader's Corner

E Library We know many of you use our ELibrary – so why not try the EPlatform Reading Challenge? Read some books from the following categories to complete the challenge; how many will you be able to tick off? Let your English teacher know if you manage to complete it!



First News: A great way to engage with what is happening in the news is to use the polls facility on First News; each week there are a series of news stories to vote on. See if your opinions about the latest news stories are the same as other people! <https://live.firstnews.co.uk/polls/> Current polling issues (at the time of writing) include: Is an hour long enough to be using TikTok? Is it OK to change Roald Dahl's words? Should balloons be banned from UK beaches? Would you like to have a bionic third arm? (To name but a few of the very varied topics for debate each week!) Don't forget to log in to access the current edition (a new issue comes out each Friday) by using the following link: digitaledition.firstnews.co.uk and entering the school ID LING0205. Reading about current affairs is important because:

- It helps you to develop an open and critical mind.
- It helps you to learn something new every day.
- It helps you to distinguish truth from falsehoods.
- It is a source of inspiration, knowledge, and finding solutions.
- It helps you to improve your storytelling techniques.
- It helps you to be a great conversationalist!

House Merits

There were 9 Year 7 students and 2 Year 9 students who received over 5 achievement points this week.

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	109	106	88
Chadwick	116	110	98
Darnley	90	128	107
Lynton	124	120	100
Penfold	109	99	95
Reekie	103	96	78
Westbrook	109	127	131

Easter Lunch

In the last week of term, we hosted our first student thank you lunch in recognition of those who have gone above and beyond in their service to the school. Students were nominated across a range of areas including excelling in their role as Subject Prefects, for leading discussions at Form, Year, and Whole-school level as School Council Reps, for outstanding work in any area of the curriculum, developing skills beyond the curriculum, participating in the debating team, acting as Student Librarians, for the highest achievement points awarded in their year group, excelling in sporting events and positively contributing to any area of the school community. Well done to all those who were nominated and a huge thank you to Mrs Walsh and her team for putting on a wonderful Easter spread.

