

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup>– Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Week 1

Last weekend the Year 12 geography students visited Swanage in Dorset to carry out fieldwork for our A level coursework, with Mr Orr, Miss Archer, and Mrs Kemp.

Although the weather was a bit wet and windy, the trip was a success overall- with only a few cases of people getting wet feet! We managed to collect a range of data, from transects of sand dunes in Studland Bay, to interviews of residents in Poundbury, to measurements of beach groynes in Swanage, which will all be useful for our coursework we are completing in the next few months. After finishing our fieldwork, we were also able to visit some of Dorset's famous coastal landmarks, including Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and Chesil beach and spend some time with students from other schools also on their field trips. We had a great few days of work, fun and sore feet!



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 10 students had the spectacular opportunity to attend the annual Maths Feast that takes place at Thomas Tallis School in London. Right from entering, they were welcomed with brain-teasers. They were put through various obstacles where their maths skills were tested vigorously. They went through 4 rounds, each harder than the previous and a relay at the end. Despite this, our students won the Maths competition, out of 20 teams, becoming the first winners for Mayfield Grammar School since attending these competitions. A massive well done to the following: Gurleen 10C, Wiktoria 10D, Indie 10D, Iman 10A, Annabella 10R, Aleesha 10R, Sukhpreet 10W and Shaddai 10W. See overleaf to have a go at the brain-teasers yourself.



*Written by Shaddai 10W*

On Tuesday the Music department hosted the Spring Concert. Fifty performers from all years of the school entertained the audience and the standard of music presented was very high indeed. Performances from the Voice in a Million Choir, The M&Ms, Stay Tuned and Boomwhackers represented the extra-curricular life of the department and there were some very high-quality solo performances. Well done to all involved.



Year 10 had an exciting opportunity to go to a purpose-built Buddhist Temple, which are very rare in Britain. This one was built by the Thai Royal family to serve the Thai community in Britain, and it has a permanent monastic presence. The Buddhapadipa Temple was built at the end of the 1970's but was not completed until 1985. Students learnt about the history of the building in Wimbledon. The original house is now the monastery, and the Temple was built in the Thai style.

Inside the walls and ceilings are covered with murals which tell the story of the Buddha. However, the monks, who were brought over from Thailand especially to paint the walls had fun and painted some very modern objects and people into the pictures. In the image of Buddha's enlightenment, where he is facing both good and evil, are some famous faces including Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. In another image you can find Margaret Thatcher. Students were given the opportunity to speak to the abbot and learn about life as a monk. He spoke very openly about the rules and life style he had chosen to adopt and the students were shocked to learn that he spent between 6 and 8 hours meditating each day. Students were given time to wander around the ground and see the smaller shrines and sit watching the water in the artificial lake/river, along with the meditation exercises the trip was a very relaxing time, and certainly it destressed us all, if only for a day.



### Looking forward

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)  
Year 8 LEAP Challenge event  
GCSE PE Practical NEA

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)  
GCSE/AL Drama trip  
Year 10 MEP Conference  
Head Prefect interviews

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)  
Year 8 Learning to Learn

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Period 1 – 3: as normal  
Period 4: All students to go to Tutor Time for 11.55am;  
Form Rooms to be tidied etc; End of Term address/  
message 12.05pm; Dismissal from 12.20pm by LLs.  
*Note: NAG 2 and 305 buses will run earlier, at 12:35pm*

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>-Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Easter provision for Years 10-13

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Theatre trip to Canterbury, 2.30pm

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Term 5 begins

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

GCSE/AL Music trip

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 12 Higher Education Evening

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup>+Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Year 11 Textiles external assignment

## Assembly theme

### This week's Assembly theme: Passiontide

The events of Holy Week, leading up to Jesus' Crucifixion, in particular: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

**Easter:** The Resurrection and its significance to Christians.

### Ramadan

(March 22<sup>nd</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April)

## Reader's Corner

The Easter holidays are just around the corner; the perfect time to enjoy some reading for pleasure without any time constraints or deadlines! It is well worth joining the public library service if you are not already a member. It could not be easier to join; simply pop into your local library or join online at

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries>. Joining online will provide you with a basic library membership that will enable you to reserve items for collection from one of our libraries or mobile libraries, as well as use online resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-newspapers.

If you are busy and on the move over Easter, our ELibrary is the perfect solution for those occasions when you may have some spare time on your hands. You can access the ELibrary at <https://mgsg.eplatform.co/>. If you click on this link, you will be directed to the platform and asked to enter your login, which is the same as your school email/password.

If you are already logged into '365' you should find that it automatically logs you in.

There is also an app which can be downloaded, which makes access very straight-forward.

**7A Competition Winners:** 7A were invited to enter a competition to design a new front cover for the novella 'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London which they studied during Terms 2 and 3. Our Year 12 Literature students judged the entries and decided on the following winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Margaret G, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Chloe P. Highly Commended: Emily T, Diana O, Elsie-May H and Efetobo I. Well done to all who entered; we were impressed by your creativity and knowledge of the text.

## Reminders

**Lost Property:** All lost property is now 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 time.

**Parking on roads around the school:** A reminder to parents/carers to park considerately and safely on 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. School gates are in constant use and for safety there should be no parking either in front of the gates or on the yellow zig-zag lines.

**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.

## House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	104	104	82
Chadwick	110	103	94
Darnley	87	123	105
Lynton	117	117	97
Penfold	107	93	90
Reekie	102	94	71
Westbrook	105	123	130

## Our School Environment

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

**Litter duty: 7W** 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.

## Exploring risk, keeping safe

In Sixth Form this week, we talked about managing stress to ensure good physical and mental health as students prepare for exams.

Upper School students have been looking at risks when online, including communicating with people who are unknown, fake accounts, the sending or receiving of indecent images, accessing sites which are not age appropriate and meeting people from online in the real world.

Lower School have talked about 'Stranger Danger' and how to keep themselves safe when on public transport.

## Maths Feast brainteasers

Here are some of the warm-up questions the girls were challenged to have a try:-

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?
2. How do you make 7 even?
3. A clock breaks into 3 pieces. The total number on each piece were the same. What three pieces did they break into?
4. If I have no brothers and sisters, but this man's father is my father's son, who is he?
5. If 3 cats catch 3 rats in 3 minutes, how many cats will it take to catch 100 rats in 100 minutes?
6. What comes next... 1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221.....

Answers in next week's Bulletin.