

Congratulations to Avneet (9P) who received a special commendation for her competition entry for the Anthea Bell Translation Prize for German (Level 2). This is a prestigious award coordinated by The Queen's College, University of Oxford.



Professor Sukhi Shergill BSc MBBS SFHEA PhD FRCPsych visited our school on Thursday 22nd to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NHS and to share his accomplished career in neuroscience and psychiatry. Students were mesmerised by his emphasis on the importance of extracurricular activities and exploring hobbies and interests as a route to success and into careers such as Medicine. He spoke very highly of the students who attended the talk and asked fantastic questions, such as on how animal and human brains differ enabling one species to speak and the other to not. All who attended were left inspired and with a true appreciation for the NHS and the heroes who work in it.

The Emotional Wellbeing Team have been into school to deliver assemblies to all Year groups this year, as well as sessions on coping with examination stress to Years 11 and 13. They have also provided support to smaller groups of students and will be working with Year 6 during Summer School. They run online workshops for parents and carers. The next workshop is called Understanding Sleep and Autism and is on Thursday 29th June, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. If you are interested in attending please see the attached information poster.



This week, the Quad has been transformed to host a production of a Midsummer Night's Dream. Thank you to Mrs Quiros, the cast, crew, designers and all those involved in this very successful production which sold out on all three nights! See attachment for more photos.



A Review by Anne Stuart:

To all the cast and crew, I just wanted to say what a triumph last night was! Your production is outstanding, and a great credit to everyone involved. You have managed to bring Shakespeare alive in a new and relevant way, combining the outstanding talent of all the students and staff involved across many different departments. I was totally engaged all the way through and I smiled all the way home. You can all be extremely proud of yourselves!

As far as I know, this is the first time a full production has been done in the Quad, a fantastic achievement in itself. As an audience, we all felt as if we were there in the forest with you, thanks to your engaging performances.

Congratulations to you all and your visionary director, Mrs Quiros!

Looking forward

Monday 26th June

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (Wellbeing Ambassadors)

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Duke of Edinburgh

Tuesday 27th June

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)

Atholl & Chadwick festival

Year 8 Mandarin trip

Duke of Edinburgh

Summer Concert, 4-5pm

Wednesday 28th June

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)

Year 10 university visit

Climate Change summit Yr 12

Thursday 29th June

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (Wellbeing Ambassadors)

Year 10 university visit

Thursday 29th-Friday 30th June

Art/Technology exhibition

Friday 30th June

Year 12 & 13 Leavers' Assembly in the Hall

Graduation Ball

Friday 30th June-Monday 3rd July

Year 8 PGL

Saturday 1st July

Targeted support

Sunday 2nd July

Aster Association afternoon tea, 2-4pm

Monday 3rd-Tuesday 4th July

Sixth Form Induction

Monday 3rd-7th July

Year 9 Mandarin intensive study

Tuesday 4th July

Year 7 SEND Induction

Wednesday 5th July

Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park

Celebration lunch

Wednesday 5th-Tuesday 11th July

Year 11 work experience

Thursday 6th July

Sports Day

Year 7 Induction Evening

Friday 7th July

Year 7 Induction

Mayfield camp

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Courage and Meeting Challenges

Discovering personal hopes; persevering in the face of difficulty; helping others by taking action yourself; inventors that struggled to get their work noticed; hopes for the future and how these might change as life progresses. Can be linked also to Armed Forces Day.

Reminders/Notices

Uniform: A reminder that skirts should be worn at knee length. During Term 6 pupils may wear ankle socks; any pupils wearing knee length socks – these must be black. Our uniform suppliers are offering a discount on uniform items as per information shared by Mrs Brown with parents/carers last week. They will also be running a pop-up shop from 3-6pm on 24th, 25th and 26th July, therefore if new skirts or other uniform items need to be purchased for the next academic year, please take this opportunity.

Litter: Please use bins provided around the school. A reminder that food may not be consumed in classrooms.

Toilets: If you notice that hand towels or toilet paper have run out, or sanitary bins are full, please do let Mrs Higgins or another member of the Premises team know so we can re-stock immediately.

Reader's Corner

Book Swap- Reminder

Don't forget that our summer book swap is coming up shortly; hand in any books that you would like to swap to your English teacher in exchange for a token to use at the event. The Book Swap will be held on **Wednesday 12th July at 1.45pm**, in the quad outside the Malorie Blackman building. Please do take part if you can, and stock up on some great books ready for the summer holidays!

Spotlight on: Malorie Blackman: Malorie Blackman OBE is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults, using the genre of science fiction to explore social and ethical issues. She is undoubtedly one of the most influential writers for young people today- so much so that our newest building at Mayfield is named in her honour!

The Wills Library has an extensive collection of Malorie Blackman's books. Whilst she is famous for her science fiction and dystopian novels, she has also utilised other genres, as can be seen in 'Boys Don't Cry'- an exploration of teenage fatherhood- and her compilation of short stories 'Love Hurts', which detail the trials and tribulations of modern teen relationships. Her autobiography, 'Just Sayin', offers a fascinating insight into her life and the challenges that she has overcome in order to become one of the world's greatest writers. Do take the opportunity to browse her books in the Wills Library. You can find out more about her life and work here, and watch her response to the many messages she receives from fans around the world:

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/authors/159198/malorie-blackman>



Online Safety



With the Online Safety Bill currently moving through Parliament, now is a good time to remind all parents/carers about our partners at National Online Safety. They offer bespoke training courses on how to keep children safe online for parents/ carers and offer some very informative guides and advice specifically for parents/carers.

To create a National Online Safety account, please visit the following website:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/mayfield-grammar-school-gravesend>

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 9L 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: All lost property is located in clearly labelled grey boxes in the Orangery. Please check for your lost items as these boxes will be emptied at the end of 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.

Aster Association

It's nearly time for the ex-students Aster Association annual Afternoon Tea! It will be on Sunday 2nd July 2-4pm at the cost of £3 per person. Sandwiches, cakes, tea/coffee and soft drinks will be available. This year there will also be musical entertainment by current members of the school, plus the head prefect, and some current staff will be coming to help. We are asking people to bring any memorabilia they would like to share with them on the day. All ex-students are more than welcome to come, as are ex and current staff. Hope to see you there!

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	137	133	107
Chadwick	158	154	123
Darnley	137	173	133
Lynton	166	157	119
Penfold	139	137	124
Reekie	135	115	94
Westbrook	142	175	152