

Culture Week

Last week, Speak Out and the Cultural Officials ran a Culture Week and we hope that this will become an annual event.

On Monday we ran a stall in the Dining Room advertising all the diverse literature we have in the Wills Library.

On Tuesday we ran a cultural quiz and so many of you turned up to have a go! The winner of the £20 Amazon voucher was Indie from 10D, congratulations!

The food and jewellery stalls on Wednesday were amazing and there was a real variety of goods to sell and eat. Over £200 pounds was raised for our charity on Wednesday alone. The games were enjoyed by many on Thursday, particularly the tug of war. The exact origin of Tug of War is unknown, but it has a history in ancient Greece, India, China, and Egypt.

On Friday we celebrated with a non-uniform day and a disco. It was wonderful to see the variety of traditional dress and finish the week in an energetic way, despite the heat!

The SpeakOut team and the Cultural Officials worked incredibly hard to put this together and I would like to thank them for all their help!

Mrs Absolon



On Tuesday the Music department hosted the annual Summer Concert, which was very well received by the audience. The quality of performances, especially singing, was incredibly high and all who took part were a credit to MGS. Well done!

Looking forward

Monday 3rd July

Sixth Form Induction
Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)
Year 9 Mandarin intensive study week

Tuesday 4th July

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (JFT/IGN)
Sixth Form Induction
Year 7 SEND Induction

Wednesday 5th July

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)
Year 10 trip to Thorpe Park

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

Monday 10th July

Celebration lunch

Tuesday 11th-Wednesday 12th July

Year 12 Criminology controlled assessment
Pride events

Tuesday 11th-Thursday 20th July

New Orleans – Florida trip

Wednesday 12th July

Summer Book Swap, 1.40pm, outside Malorie Blackman building

Wednesday 19th July

End of Term 6

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Having a Positive Approach to Life

Reflecting on what you do well; setting yourselves reasonable, achievable targets; those who have 'put on a brave face' when faced with difficult or life changing situations.

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free. **Litter duty: 9P** 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: 9R 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. 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.

Reminders/Notices

Summer Book Swap: will be held outside the Malorie Blackman Building on Wednesday 12th July at 1.45. Please donate some books to your English teacher to swap for tokens which you can use at the event.

Library Books: With the summer holidays fast approaching, the Wills Library needs students to return any books they have borrowed by the 7th of July. Students will be allowed to borrow books to keep over the summer from the 17th of July. Please bring the books back.

Reader's Corner

13 by 13

Over the past two weeks students in Year 7 and 8 have been visited by our Sixth Form English Officials in their English lessons to talk about our 13 by 13 collection. We have been completing quizzes and puzzles and reading extracts from some of the books; we hope this has given you a more of a feel for the collection, and inspired you to start reading! Many of the 13 by 13 books are now available to loan from the Wills Library- they are displayed next to the 16 by 16 books on the right-hand side of the library space as you walk in. Don't forget to use your 13 by 13 bookmark-and tick off the books as you read them!



Book Swap- Wednesday 12th July 1.45pm

Please keep your books coming in for our student book swap event on Wednesday 12th July. Hand any books you wish to swap to your English teacher, who will give you a token in exchange to use at the event. This is a whole school swap so whether you are in Year 7 or Year 13 please consider taking part; it would be great to see lots of you at the event on Wednesday 12th.

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>

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	139	138	107
Chadwick	165	159	123
Darnley	140	175	133
Lynton	167	160	119
Penfold	144	144	124
Reekie	139	116	94
Westbrook	148	181	152