



Last Tuesday, Year 8 MEP students enjoyed a taste of China in London. The day began with a visit to the British Museum to see the extraordinary exhibition 'Hidden China', where students were given a glimpse into Qing dynasty China, through art, fashion, newspapers and furniture. From there we went to Chinatown for lunch and bubble tea, followed by Karaoke, which all students enjoyed! This was a joint trip with DGS Year 8 MEP students and it was lovely to see students from both schools integrating and sharing their experience of learning Chinese on the Mandarin Excellence Programme. Despite a lot of walking, we hope students enjoyed their day and their experience of Chinese food and culture!



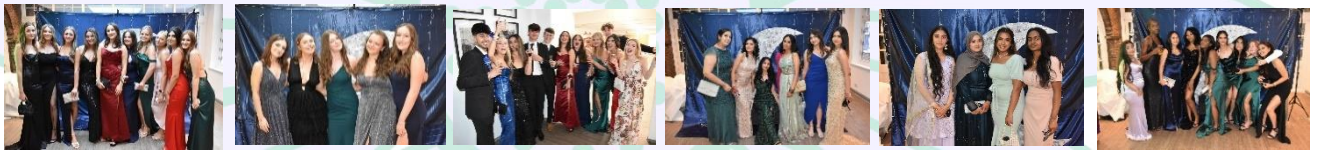
Year 10 MEP students have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks engaging in their Intensive Learning Tourism Project. After 3 days of online learning activities, they were tasked with creating their own tourism marketing campaign in Chinese, to showcase their local area. Students created some wonderful videos, which were then shown to other local schools during a visit to the University of

Kent last Thursday. Students were a credit to the school and special congratulations have to go to Aisha and Alicia who got through to the final and narrowly missed out on winning! Well done to all, we are really proud of your progress, creativity and effort with this project.

Thank you, to those of you who attended the Media Exhibition during lunchtime on Tuesday - We hope that you enjoyed all of our amazing A Level student work from across the past few years, and have a better idea of the activities we complete in the subject. If this is a subject that you are considering choosing when you get to Sixth Form, please keep an eye out for the exciting creative competitions that we will be running during the next academic year. If you have any questions about the subject, feel free to email Mr Clements: clementse@mgsg.kent.sch.uk



On Friday 30th June, we said a fond farewell to our current Year 13s. During the morning, Year 13s attended school for a Leavers' Assembly, before returning in the evening for the Graduation Ball. It was great to see many of our Year 13 students at the Ball, which included music from a live band, *Beer Pressure*, and a DJ set. The event was thoroughly enjoyable and thank you to students and staff for helping with organising the event. We look forward to the next Graduation Ball in 2024.



We held our Sixth Form Induction on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th July. Across the two days, incoming Year 12 students were able to meet key members of MGSG staff, including Mrs Wilson, Mrs Absolon, the Sixth Form Team and a Sixth Form Tutor. To help students transition into Sixth Form life, a range of activities were held on the first day, including a picnic on the field, a treasure hunt, history of the school and teambuilding activities. On the second day, students were able to participate in induction lessons and experience A Level-style teaching. Thank you to all staff and students who helped to support this event. We wish students well with their GCSE results and look forward to welcoming them into the Sixth Form.



On Sunday 2nd July, the Aster Association held its annual summer tea, where former staff and students of the school shared memories with current staff and Sixth Form students of their time at Mayfield. Year 12 enjoyed



hearing about the past experiences of staff and students, including the changes that have taken place during the school's long history. Many thanks to all students who assisted with the event.

Looking forward

Monday 10th July

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)
Celebration lunch in the Hall

Tuesday 11th-Wednesday 12th July

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)
Year 12 Criminology controlled assessment
Pride events

Tuesday 11th-Thursday 20th July

New Orleans – Florida trip

Wednesday 12th July

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)
Summer Book Swap, 1.40pm, outside Malorie Blackman building

Thursday 13th July

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)

Wednesday 19th July

End of Term 6 – school finishes at 12.15pm

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme:
Celebrating our Achievements

Work experience; Community Service; Foreign trips and exchanges; Duke of Edinburgh Awards. All these in the context of helping others; work in the community; loving our neighbour.

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free.
Litter duty: 9R Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Curley 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.

Reminders/Notices

Sun Screen: As the weather has changed, please make sure that you use and bring in sun screen to protect your skin.

Golden Ticket Opportunity: Please see the attached flier for an opportunity for A-level students to study in China. If you are interested, please contact H-J Colston-Inge directly at hjcolston@engagewithchina.org

Library Books: With the summer holidays fast approaching, students need 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

Reminder: 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. If you forget to hand your book/s to your teacher in advance, just pop along on Wednesday 12th July and we will issue your tokens then.

National Simplicity Day Wednesday 12th July: National Simplicity Day was founded in honour of Henry David Thoreau, who was born on July 12th 1817. Thoreau was an advocate of living simply and wrote a number of well-known books on the subject. In the complicated world that we inhabit today, mobile phones, laptops and other modern-day gadgets mean that we very rarely experience true peace and quiet to gather our thoughts. What better way to leave the technology at home and experience the feeling of truly being in the moment, and embrace simplicity - even for just one day- than to indulge in the simple pleasure of reading. You may be out of the habit of reading because of the demands of school and everyday life. Reflect today on what you can do to experience being 'in the moment' by putting down your devices and picking up a book. Talk to your friends about what they are reading and browse the Wills Library and our eLibrary for some *simple* summer reading inspiration!

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

Final House Points will be calculated by Mr Boyce before the end of term. The House Trophies will be presented to the winning Houses during the final week.

If you want to win, now's the time to work hard!