



To mark the 50th anniversary of the first official Pride march in London, Mayfield Grammar hosted a Pride Festival in the quad on 30th June. Students sold sweet treats of cupcakes, doughnuts and cookies; jewellery was made to mark the occasion too. Students also ran a few fun stalls where there was a chance to win prizes. The afternoon was a poignant reminder of how history within the LGBTQ+ community has evolved. A fantastic sum of money was raised and as a school we will be donating £178 to Switchboard, the LGBT+ helpline.



Well done to the Art and Technology departments for the Summer Exhibition, where there was some wonderful art and design work on display.



On 1st July, we said goodbye to our Year 13 students with a Leavers' Assembly and in the evening they enjoyed their Graduation Ball.



Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme visited London to get an experience of 'China in London'. Students visited the British Museum where they were able to view many Chinese artefacts, ceramics and jade. We then walked to Chinatown for a delicious Chinese lunch followed by free time to explore Chinatown - the bubble tea and Chinese waffle shops proved popular! It was then time for



Karaoke with pizza and burgers which everyone loved! It was such a pleasure to see students discover and appreciate many elements of Chinese culture and we hope they enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to all who took part in our Sports Day. We thank Miss McCormack, the PE department and all staff who helped to run the day.

Sports Day Results

Tug of War



	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 12	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10
1 st	Darnley	Lynton	Reekie	Westbrook	Westbrook	Chadwick	Penfold	Chadwick	Chadwick
2 nd	Penfold	Penfold	Westbrook	Chadwick	Atholl	Darnley	Reekie	Darnley	Atholl
3 rd	Westbrook	Atholl	Atholl	Lynton	Lynton	Penfold	Atholl	Atholl	Westbrook
4 th	Reekie	Westbrook	Chadwick	Atholl	Reekie	Reekie	Darnley	Westbrook	Darnley
5 th	Atholl	Chadwick	Darnley	Darnley	Darnley	Lynton	Lynton	Lynton	Lynton
6 th	Lynton	Darnley	Lynton	Reekie	Penfold	Atholl	Chadwick	Reekie	Reekie
7 th	Chadwick	Reekie			Chadwick	Westbrook	Westbrook		

It was lovely to see so many new Year 7 and 12 students in school last week. Thank you to all the staff who provided taster lessons and to all the students who acted as guides throughout the day. Those who attended certainly had a very positive experience of our school.

As we approach the final days of this academic year and look forward to a welcome break this summer, we should take the time in our final week to thank all the staff who have worked hard throughout the school year to support each and every one of us. Please find the time to say a personal thank you. We will also be saying farewell to a number of staff over this week, we wish them well and encourage them to keep in touch. Finally, as this will be the last bulletin of the year, we wish you all a fun and restful summer holiday.

Looking ahead

Monday 11th July

Year 12 Reject Racism Workshop
Speaking & Listening exams

Tuesday 12th July

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall
Music Modulo trip

Wednesday 13th July

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall

Monday 18th July

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall
Year 7 MEP Intensive Learning Day

Tuesday 19th July

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall
End of Term 6

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.

Respect for others' Feelings and Differences

Showing loyalty and support; what we expect from others and what they have the right to expect from us; loving our neighbour.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 9W Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

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

Canteen: Please ensure that you clear rubbish into the appropriate bins when using the canteen. Dining Room staff are present to ensure the smooth running of the canteen and not to tidy up your waste and mess.

Parking on roads around the school: Please could we ask that parents/carers park considerately and safely on the 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. We have recently received reports of parents blocking residents' access to their property – please can we ask that you be considerate to our neighbours.

Holiday Support for FSM pupils/families:

<https://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/news/primary/holiday-activity-and-food-haf-programme-for-the-summer-2022>

Free bus travel: Local bus operators have again kindly agreed to support children, young people and families this summer holiday with free bus travel. Pupils in years 6 to 13 will be able to travel free on buses within Kent, from Saturday 23 July until Sunday 31 August inclusive, using a bus pass available from the school. For those who would prefer to use a digital bus pass, please click here:

https://www.kelsi.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/136945/Reconnect-Young-Persons-Bus-Pass.pdf

Kooth support: Kooth want to make sure that children and young people know they're still here for them despite schools being closed. Free, safe and anonymous support is available for all 10 to 25 year olds in Kent, right throughout the summer holidays. <https://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/news/primary/kooths-summer-holiday-support>

Punctuality: Please ensure that you keep a careful eye on the time throughout the school day.

Safety in the car park: A reminder to all students that you should not be sitting in between the cars by the side of the science block (or anywhere else where cars are parked). Cars are driving into and out of the school site throughout the day and need to access the tennis courts safely.

Book Swap!

We are holding a book swap event for Years 7-8 on Wednesday 13th July at 1.45 in Room 20. This is an opportunity for you to bring in a book from home that you no longer want, and swap it for something that you would like to read. There is a box in Room 20 for you to deposit your book before Wednesday's swap. Make sure you have a parent/carer's permission to bring in an unwanted book. You will only be allowed to pick up a new book if you have donated your old book via the box in Room 20. It is a great opportunity for you to update your book-shelf and find something new to read over the summer. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 13th July.

Stephanie Brobbey

At the beginning of the academic year, our Y12 students were very fortunate to listen to a lecture by Stephanie Brobbey. In her talk, she addressed what her job entailed as a private wealth solicitor and why she left this lucrative career to establish the 'Good Ancestor Movement'. In her lecture, she explained that the catalyst for change was when a friend told her that there were more food banks than McDonald's branches in the UK. Recently, she has written a though-provoking article for *The Guardian* in which she said: "A boom in billionaire wealth should be no cause for celebration at a time when many people in the country cannot afford to heat their homes and put food on the table. While inflation, which effectively becomes a tax on ordinary people, spirals out of control, the wealthiest remain largely shielded from tax." If you would like to read the complete article, please use the following link:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jul/06/rich-people-inequality-cost-of-living-crisis-wealth-inequality-economy>

Aster Association

The Aster Association, our ex-students association, is running the afternoon tea again! It will take place on Sunday 24 July 2-5pm, cost £5.00, pay on the day.

We hope lots of students and staff, both past and present, will come along to see their friends and reminisce about their school days. Sandwiches and cakes will be available, and there will be parking on site. It would be really helpful to know how many people are coming in order to cater properly, so please let us know by going onto the Aster Association Facebook page and registering your interest there.

