



Fifteen students travelled to Gravesend's partner town in Germany (Neumünster) from 27th February to 6th March. We had a grand reception in the Town Hall and a burger buffet dinner hosted by the mayor of Neumünster. Other highlights included attending lessons with their partners at the Klaus-Groth-Schule, a visit to Hamburg where we had wonderful sunny weather and ideal photo opportunities from the Elbphilharmonie concert hall, and a guided tour of the Hansa-Museum in Lübeck. Mayfield students were well looked after by their exchange partners and their families, attending sports clubs in the evenings and days out at the weekend. A Level German students Ellie, Alyssa, Maria and Shelly also completed a work experience placement, which will make valuable addition to their CV and university applications. Thank you very much to the students for mixing so well with their partners and making the most of the experience.



We are thrilled to announce that our school's debating team has emerged victorious as Champions of the South of England in the prestigious ESU Mace Competition held on 3rd March. Competing against five other teams, they proposed the motion, "This house believes that the UK government should pay reparations to their former colonies," and presented compelling and credible arguments with their impeccable teamwork and rhetorical skills. Starting their journey as one of 380 teams, our team has shown immense dedication and hard work to secure their position as one of the top 12 teams in the country. We couldn't be prouder of their exceptional talent. We wish them all the best and we are confident that they will continue to showcase their outstanding debating skills in the national finals.

We raised almost £200 from our bake sale to support victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. It was a fantastic event and would not have been possible without the support of students and staff. Thank you to all.



On Tuesday forty-eight Year 7 students travelled to Wembley Arena to participate in the Voice In A Million Event. They were part of a 5,000 strong choir made up of 150 schools from around the UK. We have been preparing for the event since October, learning fourteen songs with movements, to sing as part of the massed choir. MGS was also represented by Lily B in

Year 10, who won a place in the VIAM Stage Choir: it was wonderful to see our Year 7 students cheering Lily on as she sang her solos. Well done to everyone who took part and we look forward to expanding our VIAM choir after the Easter holiday, ready for next year.



Looking forward

Tuesday 21st March

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)
Reekie & Westbrook festival
Library Advisory Board meeting, p5
Spring Concert, 7-9pm

Wednesday 22nd March

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)
Year 8 trip to Gurdwara

Thursday 23rd March

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Week of 27th March

Year 9 Entry Level Computing tests

Monday 27th March

Year 8 LEAP Challenge event
GCSE PE Practical NEA

Wednesday 29th March

GCSE/AL Drama trip
Year 10 MEP Conference

Thursday 30th March

Year 8 Learning to Learn

Friday 31st March

End of Term 4: early finish – dismissal by LLs at 12.20pm

Monday 3rd-Thursday 6th April

Easter provision for Years 10-13

Wednesday 5th April

Theatre trip to Canterbury, 2.30pm

Monday 17th April

Term 5 begins

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Mothering Sunday
(Celebrated on 19th March)

This 400-year-old observance occurs on the middle Sunday of Lent. Where would we be without our mothers? Let's think about our own mothers (or other people who care for us) and give thanks for all the love and support that they give to us, even when things are busy or difficult.

Ramadan

(Begins March 22nd)

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 7R 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: 7W 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.

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.

Reader's Corner

Thank you to all of you who have taken part in our Book Quiz which has been part of our Pop Up Book Festival in the Orangery.

Answers to the Lower School (KS3 quiz): 1.C, 2.A, 3.A, 4.B, 5.C, 6.B, 7.A, 8.C, 9.B, 10.C, 11.B, 12.C, 13.B, 14.A, 15.C, 16.A, 17.B, 18.B, 19.A, 20.B.

Upper School quiz answers:

1.A, 2.C, 3.A, 4.B, 5.C, 6.A, 7.B, 8.C, 9.C, 10.B, 11.A, 12.C, 13.C, 14.A, 15.B, 16.B, 17.C, 18.A, 19.B, 20.B

The lucky winners drawn from our post-box are Tabitha (9W) and Sehidah (7R). Well done; prizes will be distributed to you shortly.

Thank you again to all of our Lower School students for their wonderful work which has made up this display; we hope you enjoyed taking part. It has been much admired by the rest of the school community.



British Science Week (extended)



Reminders

Eating and drinking in classrooms: A reminder to all students that eating and drinking is not permitted in classrooms at any time. Please use the designated areas.

Chewing Gum: Is not permitted in school. Any who discard as they arrive on site must use the bins we provide at all entrances to the school.

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. School gates are in constant use and for the safety of all 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 other 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. Parents/Carers should park in marked areas only, keeping school exits clear.

Lost Property: Students are reminded to please check the orangery for any items of uniform, coats, trainers which have been lost. At the end of this term the bins will be emptied.

The Mayfield Mindset

Y12 Prep: We are revisiting revision strategies and reminding ourselves about the importance of prioritising topics that we find challenging; revisiting knowledge in regular intervals and spacing our learning instead of having a 'Biology' or 'Psychology Revision Day'.

Y13 Prep: Starting on Friday 17th March, Year 13 students will be using their Prep lessons for silent, supervised study. It is important that students come prepared to these sessions as they need to ensure that they use this gained time effectively.

After the Mock examinations, in Prep lessons, we focused on:

- the importance of responding to feedback;
 - how self-regulation enables students to become more effective learners;
 - the importance of spaced repetition and interleaving;
 - low utility versus high utility revision strategies;
 - responding to setbacks and how to stay motivated.
- Now, the expectation is that students should apply this knowledge to their revision.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	99	102	76
Chadwick	107	97	88
Darnley	86	119	98
Lynton	113	110	95
Penfold	100	88	86
Reekie	96	91	69
Westbrook	103	122	127