

On Wednesday 19th April the Music and Drama departments took 52 students to the Apollo Victoria Theatre, London to see a matinee performance of *Wicked*. The show contains themes of self-esteem, discrimination, and identity, and was exceptionally well received by our students, some of whom had not seen a professional West End theatre production before. All of our students were amazed by the acting, singing, dancing and musicians. In addition, we were lucky enough to be able to participate in a post-show Q&A session with four members of the cast. It was definitely an experience that will be remembered.



On 20th April we welcomed Year 12 and their parents/carers to our annual Higher Education evening which provided the opportunity for everyone to find out more about University options as well as Higher and Degree apprenticeships. We had talks delivered by Portsmouth University on 'Student Finance'. The University of Surrey gave us more insight into 'Choosing a degree course and University, and the UCAS process' whilst ASK/CXK gave an informative talk about Higher and degree Apprenticeship. We were also delighted to welcome back Lucy Gibbons to the school. Lucy recently left MGSG to study German at Oxford University and spoke to us about her experience of choosing a degree course and University. Lucy also gave us a fascinating insight into how she manages her time between studying hard and maintaining a busy schedule of activities whilst at University. All of the speakers were also available for students and their parents to talk to at the end of the evening. The event gave our Year 12s a lot to think about when considering their post 18 options pathways and we would like to thank all our speakers for delivering their comprehensive and informative talks.

Congratulations to Keira O (10W) who was part of the Team England Youth Team who won GOLD at the 2023 ICU World Cheerleading Championships in Florida last month, coming in 1st place, and they were WORLD champions in the Youth Co-Ed median division. A superb routine both days – well done!



Looking forward

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday – school closed

Tuesday 2nd-Tuesday 9th May

Year 10 & 12 examinations continue at Bainbridge

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)

Wednesday 3rd May

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

Thursday 4th May

French students from Les Augustins in the Jura to visit virtual exchange partners

Friday 5th May

Chinese Bridge Speaking competition final
Community Event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III:

- Period 1-3: normal
- Period 4: Tutor Time – there will be address from Mrs Wilson before we all head out to the field for a school picnic, approx. 12.20pm once address is complete.
- Period 5: Out on field – games, music and school picnic.

Monday 8th May

Bank holiday

Friday 12th May

Shakespeare workshop, p2+3

Monday 15th May

13 by 13 book launch

Written external examinations begin

Tuesday 16th May

Year 7 Intensive Learning Day at DGS (Mandarin)

Friday 26th May

End of Term 5

Monday 5th June

Term 6 begins

Year 12 UCAS Conference, p1-4

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme:

Approach to exams

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 10D 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: 9A 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 (next to the vending machine). 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.

Forthcoming PE Fixtures

Wednesday 3rd May:

Year 7 & 8 Swimming at DGSG (3.30)

Tuesday 9th May:

Year 7 & 8 Rounders at Meopham

Tuesday 16th May:

Year 9 & 10 Rounders at Meopham

Tuesday 23rd May:

Year 7 & 8 Rounders at Meopham

Reader's Corner

Mayfield Journalism Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Mayfield Journalism Competition: 1st Place, Isabel P 7L, 2nd Place Krina P 7A and 3rd Place Rebecca A 7A. Our runners up include Esha B 7W, Chloe P 7A, Diamond O 7P, Shayla-Louise M 7L, Eirllys W 7C, Efetobo I 7A and Eseoha A 7A. Many thanks again to all who entered; the standard of this year's competition was incredibly high and our sixth form English representatives had quite a challenge to judge all of your fantastic work.

The Coronation of King Charles III

A poem, written in Arabic and translated into Latin to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles II 360 years ago has emerged and been brought back to life in time for the Coronation of King Charles III. The sonnet, written by Edward Pococke in 1660 celebrates the return of Charles II to Britain after years in exile following the English Civil War. Pococke was the professor of Arabic and Hebrew at Oxford University and his poem captured the jubilant mood of the nation. The poem has come to light via conversations between Samera Hassan of MEMOs (Medieval and Early Modern Orients), The Bodleian Library and Sussex potter, Carole Bennett: *"It is a wonderful coincidence, to come across a poem written in Arabic celebrating the coronation of King Charles II when we are about to witness the coronation of our own King, Charles III. It was delightful to discover that a deep fascination and love of the beautiful Arabic language was as alive and well in the early 17th century as it is today.*

"The poem is incredibly beautiful, full of joy and optimism and it seemed right to incorporate it into a new body of work, in time for the coronation".

You can read a copy of the poem here: <https://memorients.com/articles/an-arabic-poem-for-an-english-king-edward-pocockes-verses-to-charles-ii>

Look out for coverage of the King's Coronation in First News - access the digital edition every Friday at digitaledition.firstnews.co.uk and then enter the password LING0205.

Reminders

16 by 16 Competition: Write a book review and submit by 19th May to win Amazon vouchers. See attached poster for more information.

Examinations: Years 10 and 12 continue their internal examinations at Bainbridge. Please observe silence in any areas with exam signs. Years 7-9 examinations will take place from 5th-9th June.

End of day: All students should leave the school site by 4.30pm, unless a specific arrangement has been made with a member of staff/the school. Students who are on site between 3.30 and 4.30 must either be attending a club with a member of staff, using the Wills Library or working in the Dining Room. Sixth formers may use their study areas.

Road Crossing: A reminder that when moving between sites you should use the zebra crossing near Bainbridge building to cross Pelham Road. When crossing roads please ensure you are not on your mobile phone and are paying careful attention to your surroundings

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	111	111	94
Chadwick	125	123	108
Darnley	99	139	116
Lynton	134	128	110
Penfold	117	108	107
Reekie	113	98	85
Westbrook	117	135	141

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA (Vision, Effort, Systems, Practice, Attitude): Years 7-9 have been given a number of resources to aid their preparation for their end of year examinations. As you read through the advice and activities provided compare this with your current Practice and assess if you could try something more effective than you have used this academic year. If you have any further questions about these resources please speak to your form tutor or subject teachers. Good Luck!

Mindfulness Club

