

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Miss Ahmed who has just had her new baby and we welcomed back Mrs Byatt after her maternity leave. We also welcome some new staff: Ms Conway (Office Manager) and Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Shoker, Ms Handley and Mrs Jackson (Cleaning Team).

Congratulations to Aisha S (Year 10) and to Polly A, Humara H, Elena H and Kacey H (all Year 12) who have all got through to the final of the Chinese Bridge Speaking competition on 5th May, which is excellent!

Congratulations go to Matilda O in Year 11 who has been selected as District Winner for the Musical Achievement category in KCC's annual Try Angle Awards. Aleena M, also in year 11, received a nomination for the same category. The nominations were made in recognition of the students' continuing dedication and commitment to Music, both within school and the wider community. Well done to both.

Congratulations to: Rishita M (8W), Preet Jasman K (7W) and Winning D (7P) for winning the Bedrock Easter Competition. Winners will receive vouchers, certificates, and merits over the coming days. The English department would like to give an honourable mention to Catherine W (8C) who achieved 293 points!



On 29th March, Year 10 Mandarin students attended the Mandarin Excellence Programme's conference "Journey to the East: A Voyage of Discovery" in Birmingham. They were treated to a variety of Chinese musical performances and interesting talks, participated in cultural activities such as calligraphy and paper-cutting, and practised their Mandarin skills chatting to native speakers from all over China. I hope they agree it was worth the long coach journey and very rainy return to Gravesend!

On 29th March, GCSE and A-level students went to see a production of *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre. We were struck by the phenomenal performance of Daniel Rigby, who played the Maniac. His hilariously funny performance had the ability to convey topical ideas that impacted the audience greatly. Each of us left the theatre wanting to watch again; having been both entertained and educated on police brutality and corruption in the UK today. It was a highly comedic play and whether it was laughing at the Superintendent's ignorance or the Maniac's quick wit and eccentric physicality, the audience were almost constantly laughing. It was a brilliant show that we'd highly recommend anyone go and see if they have the opportunity. 5 Stars!



On 5th April, Upper School students watched *An Inspector Calls* at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury. The trip was a huge success, and the behaviour of the students was exemplary. It provided an excellent opportunity for revision of the play for their upcoming English GCSE exams. Thank you to Mr Broadley and Mrs Kaur for organising the trip and to all staff who supported on the day.

Looking forward

Monday 24th April

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)

Year 11 Textiles external assignment

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 25th April

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)

Year 10 Classical Civilisation trip to Lullingstone

Tuesday 25th April-Tuesday 9th May

Year 10 & 12 internal examinations

Wednesday 26th April

Library Advisory Board meeting, p5

Thursday 27th April

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday

Friday 5th May

Chinese Bridge Speaking competition final

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)

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Human Rights and Freedom

The experiences of being imprisoned; valuing the freedom that you have; why rules are necessary; valuing homes and families; slavery; religions that free the mind from the desires of everyday life in order to find true happiness.

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 10C 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: 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 every 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

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

Examinations: MFL oral examinations are continuing in the Malorie Blackman building this week and Years 10 and 12 will begin their internal examinations at Bainbridge. Please observe silence in any areas with exam signs.

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. 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.

Sparx Update

Since introducing Sparx for Mathematics homework in January 2023, MGSG students have completed 8845 hours of personalised learning and answered 503,435 questions correctly. In addition, 208 students have improved at their times tables. Sparx has also added new analyses for teachers each week so, from this term onwards, Achievement Points on EduLink will also be given to everyone in the class/set which has the highest completion rate each week and everyone in the class/set which has the biggest improvement each week from the previous week. In addition, any student reaching a new XP Level will also receive an Achievement Point, so make sure you use Sparx thoroughly for your examination revision. Sparx estimates that a student will reach a new level every term if they complete each week's Compulsory, Boost XP and Target homework and points earned are carried on across into the next academic year. Keep up the good work.

Exploring risk, keeping safe

Year 13 have considered the importance of treating minor injuries and wounds to the body and how to ensure that these are kept clean and free from infection.

Lower School have discussed what vaping is as well as understanding the Law surrounding it and the health risks associated with it.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	110	109	91
Chadwick	123	117	101
Darnley	96	134	113
Lynton	129	125	103
Penfold	113	101	102
Reekie	106	97	82
Westbrook	111	131	137

Reader's Corner

Last term Years 7 and 8 were invited to produce an interesting and eye-catching front page news story for our Mayfield Journalism Competition. We were so impressed by the high standard of the entries; many thanks to all who took part, and for taking such time and care over your work. Our sixth form English representatives had a very difficult task judging them as they were all so good! We do, however, have our winners – and the names will be announced in assembly this week (and in next week's bulletin) so watch this space! Some of the articles will be displayed in the top corridor of the Fox building over the coming weeks; please do take the opportunity to read some of them when you can. Many of you took your inspiration from current news stories; don't forget to keep abreast of current events by reading *First News* (a new issue is published every Friday) Log in at digitaledition.firstnews.co.uk and then enter the password LINGO205.



Well done to our top 3 ePlatform Star Readers for March: Rekah N (8R), Shannon S (8P), Azaria A (9A). Log onto ePlatform to read an audiobook or eBook today.

Coming soon: 13 by 13

We hope to shortly reveal a specially selected collection of books for our lower school readers: Mayfield's 13 by 13! Look out for further details later this term in the bulletin, and from your English teacher.