



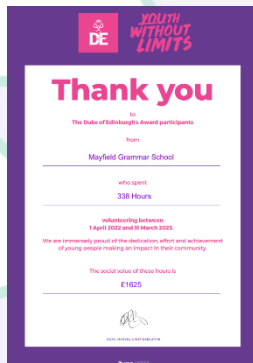
On 23rd of May, Year 10 and Year 12 French students visited L'Institut Français in South Kensington to take part in a French Day à la carte. They started the day with an interactive workshop where they had the opportunity to practise their language skills and discover French culture and society. After a well-deserved lunch break, students enjoyed a special screening of a French movie, *Fahim*, in the Ciné Lumière. Based on a true story, the movie portrays the life of a young world junior chess champion, born in Bangladesh, who leaves his country to start a new life in France. Un super film!



Grace, Ka Yi, Amanda and Amreece went to the Eid Mela Festival to sell the goods we baked and were able to raise over £400 from sales and the Go Fund Me Page! We would like to thank you all for your contributions and to extend our thanks to Manal's parents and Ms Widdison, who played a



tremendous role in helping us exceed our goal! From the major success of this event, we will come up with more fundraisers in the foreseeable future with equal participation from all members of our Duke of Edinburgh Team. If you come up with any other fundraising ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the Fundraising Officials: Polly, Amreece, Shalom and Rithicca.



Last week was National Volunteers Week. We were delighted to receive, from the Duke of Edinburgh Award, recognition of the volunteer hours (338 hours) our students have given whilst working towards their award in the last year. We are so proud of all those who dedicated their time and energy to volunteering, well done! The Duke of Edinburgh Award is open to all students in Years 9-13, a weekly student drop-in is held every Wednesday lunchtime in GF08 at 13:40, if you would like to find out more.

Looking forward

Monday 12th June

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall (IGN/JFT)
Year 10/12 Computing trip to Bletchley Park
Cultural events all week

Tuesday 13th June

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC/JMT)
Year 9 Equaliteach workshops
Year 12 Biology trip to Howlett's

Wednesday 14th June

Year 12 Assembly in the Hall (BST)

Thursday 15th June

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall (ANN/JFT)
Library Advisory Board meeting, p5
Year 8 'Frozen' trip

Friday 16th June

Year 9 French trip

Saturday 17th June

Targeted support (all years)

Tuesday 20th June

Year 8 French trip

Tuesday 20th-Thursday 22nd June

School Production

Tuesday 20th-Monday 26th June

Speaking & Listening exams

Saturday 24th June

Targeted support (all years)

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Loyalty

Loyalty is essential to every relationship we have in life that matters – friendship, family, community, country, faith.

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 9C 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 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

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

Lanyards: You should now have been given a school lanyard by your Form Tutor. If you were absent on Monday and did not receive one, you will need to come to the Finance Office at lunch time to collect. If lanyards are lost, new ones will be issued at a cost of £3.00. Payment can be made via Scopay, in a similar way to paying for a new entry card or locker key. The new lanyard can then be collected from the Finance Office.

Examinations: GCSE and AL examinations are now under way and will continue until the end of June. Please observe silence in any areas with exam signs.

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.

Reader's Corner

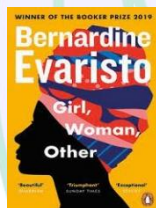
During Pride month, we come together to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in different ways. Literature can be a great way to showcase LGBTQ+ voices and share stories, highlighting important issues that remain in the modern world, despite the progress that has been made to end discrimination against members of the LGBTQ+ community.



It is a great opportunity to read books written by LGBTQ+ authors, in addition to books which explore LGBTQ+ issues or that feature LGBTQ+ characters. We have many such books in the Wills Library, which can be identified by the rainbow sticker on their spine, ranging from popular contemporary fiction such as the Heartstopper series by Alice Oseman and Rules of Wolves by Leigh Bardugo, through to more classic texts by LGBTQ+ authors such as Oscar Wilde and Jeanette Winterson. Non-Fiction texts available to loan for our older members of the school community include the Female Eunuch by Germaine Greer and 'Women, Race and Class' by Angela Y Davis.



The publisher Penguin has also published an exciting list for LGBTQ+ texts, <https://www.penguin.com/ya-books-to-read-for-pride-this-year/>. There's a little something for everyone on this list, so why not have a look at their recommendations to read for Pride this month—and every month after that!



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

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	132	129	95
Chadwick	153	146	111
Darnley	125	162	123
Lynton	158	150	113
Penfold	131	128	113
Reekie	127	110	90
Westbrook	132	162	146

Real Life Autism Course

Autism Apprentice have a new Real Life Autism Course starting on Wednesday 14th June at 12pm with 6 sessions (via Zoom) delivered by experts by experience. There are no more than 12 participants in each group plus 2 family support advisors and the cost is £80.

Week 1, Introductions, autism and the co-occurring conditions

Week 2, sensory processing

Week 3, anxiety, stimming and masking

Week 4, education

Week 5, communication and behaviour

Week 6, Q & A- ask us

For more information or to book please email admin@autismapprentice.co.uk