

At the end of April, Years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Mathematics Challenge, a one-hour collection of questions with multiple choice answers to test mental agility as well as problem-solving skills. Huge congratulations to Alex R (8W) who achieved GOLD (and Best in School) and Krina P (7A) who achieved GOLD (and Best in Year 7).

Top scorers Year 7: **GOLD** – Krina P (7A); **SILVER** – Efetobo I (7A); Olivia S (7W); Shannon M (7W); Fatima K (7P)

Top scorers Year 8: **GOLD** – Alex R (8W), Temitope Abisogun (8W), Olivia Brown (8R), Keira M (8A), Josie P (8L), Avani S (8C)



On 16th May Year 7 Mandarin Excellence Programme students visited Dartford Grammar School for Boys to take part in an intensive learning day, the first to be jointly organised between our two schools for 3 years.

Students enjoyed a fun day of activities such as blow

painting, fan and ribbon dancing, paper cutting and a treasure hunt using their Mandarin skills. They worked together well and new friendships were formed, whilst

gaining a greater appreciation for Chinese culture. Well done Year 7!



16by16 competition – pupils were asked to write a review of their favourite book from the collection. First prize was a £20 Amazon voucher, with second and third prizes being £10 Amazon Vouchers. Congratulations to our winners: Harleen M (10D) won 1st prize for her review of Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything." Hollie F (8R), and Aleena M (11C) won 2nd and 3rd prize. Well done to Lily H (8R) and Emily B (10L) who were runners-up and received a merit for their entries. The reviews will be displayed soon in the English Department.

Looking forward

Monday 5th June

Term 6 begins

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall

Year 12 UCAS Conference, p1-4

Monday 5th-Friday 9th June

Year 7-9 internal examinations

Tuesday 6th June

AL Biology trip to Shorne Woods

Monday 12th June

Year 10/12 Computing trip to Bletchley Park

Wednesday 14th June

Year 8 'Frozen' trip

Thursday 15th June

Library Advisory Board meeting, p5

Friday 16th June

Year 9 French trip

Saturday 17th June

Targeted support (all years)

Wednesday 21st-Thursday 22nd June

School Production

Saturday 24th June

Targeted support (all years)

Monday 26th June

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: World Environment Day

Looking at the world environment; the destruction of the environment by mankind; conserving the environment.

Disabilities and Caring (Carers Week)

What does it mean to be disabled? Being positive about disabilities; frustrations of life; ageism as a disabling prejudice; what is caring? Care in the community; those who care for others.

Our School Environment

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

Litter duty: 9A 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: 9D 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.

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. Years 7-9 internal examinations are also taking place this week.

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.

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA: Last week we encouraged you to look at your subjects and break them down to knowledge and skills. Now ask yourself the following questions before you start to organise your revision:

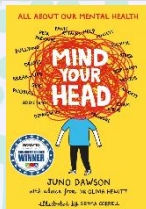
- How will you make the elements of knowledge and skills stick in your memory?
- What will you practise?
- What will you do if you forget this?
- What resources will you use?
- Do you need to ask for help with the content?

Year 12 Prep: We have been reflecting on what academic reading is and how to use JSTOR to access some of the reading. We have also discussed the importance of the paperwork when completing the EPQ and which websites are helpful during this process.

Reader's Corner

Spotlight on: 'Mind your Head'

It is natural to have worries about school, friendships and family from time to time. 'Mind Your Head' by Juno Dawson (and illustrated by the fantastic Gemma Correll) is a super book to dip into. In 'Mind Your Head' Dawson and psychologist Dr Olivia Hewitt talk clearly and supportively about a range of issues facing young people's mental health - whether fleeting or long-term - and how to manage them. Featuring real-life stories from young people around the world, it offers practical advice and reassurance for those everyday challenges that we all face. Even better, it is available to borrow from the Wills Library!



Coming soon...

The Mayfield Book Swap is back! We had a phenomenal response to our Christmas event and we will be running another swap later this term, on Wednesday 12th July at 1.45pm; fingers crossed for some lovely summer weather so that we hold the book swap outside. Full details will be issued to you soon via your English teachers and Edulink, so watch this space (and in the meantime, think about any books that you have at home that you would like to swap with your peers.) It's a great opportunity to exchange the books gathering dust on your shelf for some exciting new summer reads.

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	127	122	95
Chadwick	149	144	111
Darnley	118	156	123
Lynton	152	146	113
Penfold	128	125	113
Reekie	126	109	90
Westbrook	130	157	146