



# Millfield MESSENGER

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## Important Dates

**Wednesday 30th  
September**  
Year 7 Tutor Evening

**Friday 9th October**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 21st  
October**  
Year 10 Parents'  
Evening

**Wednesday 11th  
November**  
Year 9 Parents'  
Evening

**Monday 23rd  
November**

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**Friday 4th  
December**  
Mock Exams

**Wednesday 20th  
January 2021**  
Year 11 Parents'  
Evening

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Dear Parents and Carers,



In November last year we held our first parents' forum and I am pleased to advise the school has acted on all concerns or suggestions raised by parents. One of these was a central way of communicating to parents, particularly regarding home-learning (which is why we introduced Insight in January 2020). I am pleased to say that the new Talaxy programme, which replaces Insight, will soon be fully functional and all students will have their own log-ins. Talaxy has been in the pipeline for over eight months; unfortunately the lockdown halted its implementation as we needed to have students in school to finalise the set-up. Talaxy will enable both teachers and students to upload work; this will be predominantly used for home-learning and will also be essential if students are required to work from home.

Following the survey conducted with students last week, we are aware that 20% of students do not have access to their own suitable device (laptop, tablet or desktop) or wifi; we are now putting plans in place to address this so all students can access learning in the evening, or in the event of moving to remote learning. Furthermore, around 10% of students advised that they do not have a suitable learning space at home; Miss Holden has produced a guide to help parents overcome this issue, whilst recognising the barriers and difficulties that some families may face – this guide can be found in this edition of the Messenger. As ever, we are always available to help and support with any learning issues.

It was wonderful to start Hot Chocolate Fridays again with the students; this year I am meeting them in the hall, and they are in year group bubbles. The first group of students I met were from Year 7 – they told me how they had settled well into Millfield, loved school already, and they had impressed their English teachers with their exceptional work.

Please note the days and times of parents' evenings this year; at the moment it is looking like these will be conducted over the phone with form tutors and parents will also be able to email in any questions or concerns. Further details will follow in due course.

Thank you once again for all the messages of support; the team are working hard every day to ensure our children are safe, happy and receiving an exceptional education.

*N. Regan*

Nicola Regan  
Headteacher

To keep up to date with events, please follow us on our school Twitter page @millfieldhighsc.

## Be Exceptional!





## What is an Effective Learning Space?

When completing home learning tasks, students require a quiet place to study in order for their work to be effective.

The following guidelines ensure students will be able to complete tasks in a productive manner:

<p><b><u>Time Management</u></b></p> <p>Use the school's home learning timetable to develop a routine (on the website). Teachers will specify the amount of time a task should take so use a timer to keep on track. If students are revising, advise them to complete tasks in four 25-minute chunks before taking a break.</p>	<p><b><u>Quiet Area</u></b></p> <p>Ideally, students should complete their home learning tasks in a quiet area of their home. Avoiding rooms such as their bedroom is more effective as there will be less distractions. Can you allocate a space and time where they can work quietly?</p>	<p><b><u>Desk/Table</u></b></p> <p>Students should aim to replicate the same learning environment that they are used to at school. A solid workspace such as a desk or table will allow them to organise their resources and work productively.</p>	<p><b><u>No Distractions</u></b></p> <p>Devices such as phones, TVs and tablets should be kept in a separate room when students are completing home learning tasks. If they require the use of a timer, they must use 'flight mode' whilst they are working. Background noise should be kept to a minimum.</p>
<p><b><u>Stationery</u></b></p> <p>If needed, home learning/ revision tasks will be printed and provided by teachers. However, essential items at home should be pens, pencils, ruler, calculator and paper. Other effective pieces of stationery such as highlighters and prompt cards are also helpful.</p>	<p><b><u>Refreshments</u></b></p> <p>Students should avoid fizzy drinks and sugary snacks when they are completing tasks at home. A glass or bottle of water and a healthy snack are ideal refreshments. Students should gather these before they begin their work so that they are organised.</p>	<p><b><u>Digital Device</u></b></p> <p>Some tasks may require the use of a digital device such as a PC, laptop or tablet. If students are using digital devices, they need to block distractions such as social media and gaming whilst they are working.</p>	<p><b><u>Internet Access</u></b></p> <p>Students may be given research tasks to complete as part of their home learning. If using a shared device, state a time limit to make sure your child is being productive and avoiding distractions.</p>

"Home learning is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education."

## Year 7 Autumn Term Update.

# KEY STAGE

# 3

Year 7 have made an incredible start to their time at Millfield, with students making new friends and developing positive relationships with staff.

Behaviour has been exemplary, with some students achieving more than 51 House points each in the first two weeks alone. No students have an overall negative score, which is incredible. Below are some quotes from students:

"I feel safe, happy and settled at Millfield."

"I have started enjoying lessons here that I didn't enjoy in primary school."

"I have made lots of new friends."

First week quotes from you



"My Form Tutor is really nice and very helpful."

"I have got positive house points in Science already. I felt really proud of myself."

"I have enjoyed meeting all my new fun teachers."

"I have really enjoyed PE, Maths and English."

"Lessons are really fun and I have studied things we haven't done before."

*Mr. Byrne—Head of Key Stage 3 / Transition*

## Exceptional Students!





# Year 8 and 9

We are very pleased to welcome our Year 8 and 9 students back into school after the most difficult of times for you, the students and us! The systems and procedures to keep everyone safe will bring new challenges for us all but we know that with everyone working together, we can overcome these adversities with positivity and optimism for the year ahead. Our continued high standards and expectations of all of our pupils will lead us on our journey to help maximise the potential of all our young people, both academically and in terms of their personal growth

It's been really great to welcome all of our students back into school these past few weeks, looking very smart and ready to get back to work. Students have co-operated well with the new changes superbly. It was lovely to see the school back in full swing and busy for the first time since March. Below is a list of students who have been working exceptionally hard since they have come back.

Mr. Byrne—Head of Key Stage 3



## Year 7

Ellie Greaves  
Lucy Flynn  
Emily Flynn  
Jacob Morrell  
Arthur Hudson  
Grace Poxon  
Ethan McMillan  
Claudia Greenwood,  
Tiana Kane  
Harrison Prince  
Liam Rawcliffe  
Kely Sinclair  
Abbie Whitehead

## Year 8

Zac Haddon  
Alyssa Hellawell  
Daniel Bailey  
Tierney Garner  
Emily Thistleon  
Alisha Billington  
Francis Taylor  
Erin Hill  
Ben Abraham  
Maddie Ashton  
Charlie McAllister  
Oliver Fielder  
Isabel Daniells  
Emily Draper  
Holly Walwyn  
Emily Thistleton

## Year 9

Ethan Woodcock  
Amelia Smith  
Sophie Lloyd Jones  
Liam Parsons  
Ella Hayes  
Phoebe Richie  
Stuart Dell  
Ephram Falzon  
Richard Reygan  
Hattie Wade  
Joshua Alderson  
Jaedon Stone  
Daisy Briggs  
Alfie Jayes  
Carys Rawlinson  
Oliver Stott  
Phoebe Ritchie  
Maddie Gilby



# KEY

# 4

It was lovely to welcome our Key Stage 4 students back to school in September. It has been great to see how well both year groups have adapted to the new routines of school life. When I have visited lessons, I have been impressed with the calm determination of the vast majority of students to succeed in their studies. It has been wonderful to be able to send so many "Star Student" postcards home in recognition of exceptional work in a whole variety of subjects.

Our Senior Student team is now in place and they are working hard on their plans to improve school life for all our students, Harriet and Luke have been busy filming a welcome address for our virtual Open Evening.



## College Applications

Year 11 are currently discussing the college application process during form time. Parents should be aware that all the local colleges are advertising their Open Evenings / Days on their websites and places at these events can be booked on line. Students in Year 11 should be encouraged to attend as many of these as they can and they are equally useful for Year 10 students.



Rossall are offering scholarships for their Sixth Form and if your child is interested in applying for one of these, they should also book on to Rossall's virtual open event (via their website) which is on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Over the course of this academic year there will be lots of events and competitions to support and encourage students and I look forward to a happy, healthy and successful year for all our Key Stage 4 students.

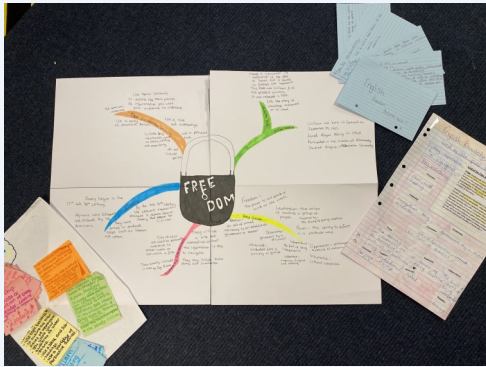
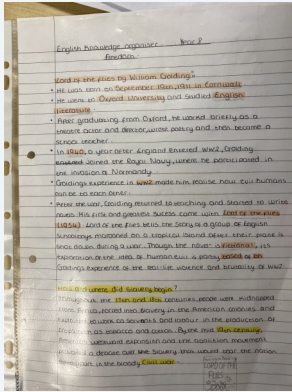
*Miss. Gower*  
*Head of Key Stage 4*

*Make a Difference*



## Excellent Knowledge Organisers

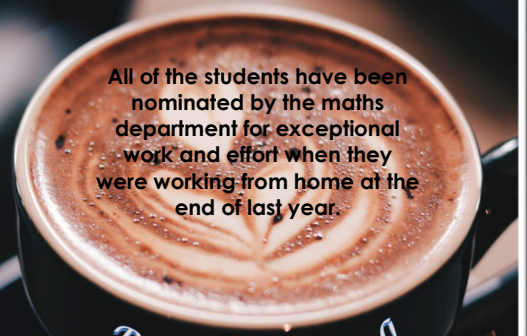
Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 students who have been creating some fantastic revision resources from their knowledge organisers. Olivia C has started off the year with an amazing resource- well done, Olivia!



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



**Year 8**  
 Zac Haddon      Emily Hume  
 George Wolfe    Melanie Cartwright  
 Isabel Daniels   Emily Draper



All of the students have been nominated by the maths department for exceptional work and effort when they were working from home at the end of last year.

*Be Exceptional!*



## PARENTS' EVENING

Please see the important dates on the front cover. These evenings at this present time will be replaced with telephone appointments but the dates will remain the same. Parents will be notified of the arrangements by date or email.

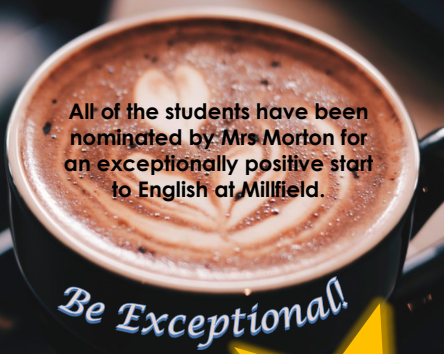
## REMINDER ABOUT FACE COVERINGS

Please make sure your child has a face covering when coming to school. These must be worn in communal areas in school. It would also help if you could send your child with a spare. Thank you.

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

### Year 7

Louise Brooks  
 Liam Rawcliffe  
 Frank Meikle  
 Starr Hammond  
 Lily Waring  
 Claudia Greenwood



All of the students have been nominated by Mrs Morton for an exceptionally positive start to English at Millfield.

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## New House Logos



## Community Events

Susan Draper

We are hoping to hold the following events next year:-

- \* 13th January 2021 – Careers Convention
- \* 15th March 2021 - Science Fayre
- \* June 2020 —Pond Dipping



# Teaching and Learning Tip

Adopt a Growth Mindset!

A new academic year means a fresh Growth Mindset opportunity! Start as you mean to go on with a positive attitude and a new approach to learning. Remember that your brain can grow stronger with increased effort and resilience. Children should be encouraged to embrace this new way of thinking about their potential. Urge them to believe in themselves. Inspire them to 'have a go' rather than giving up. Help them to try new things no matter how small. Praise any effort they make. Ask them to share what they have learned.

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

## Staff Stars

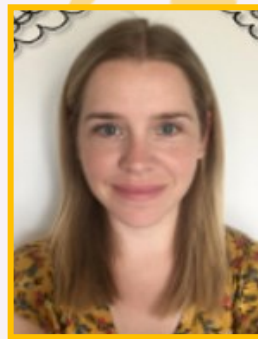
Well done to all our new staff members who have quickly adapted and become a valued member of Team Millfield!



MR. BLUNDEN



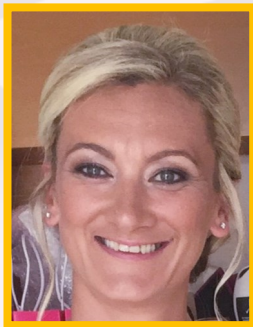
MISS CLARKE



MRS. DEVANEY



MRS. JACKSON



MRS. McLAUGHLIN



MR. NEWSOME



MISS SHARP



MISS SHEPHERD



MR. TYSON



# HOUSE POINTS

**Bears**  
Miss. Cullen  
5723

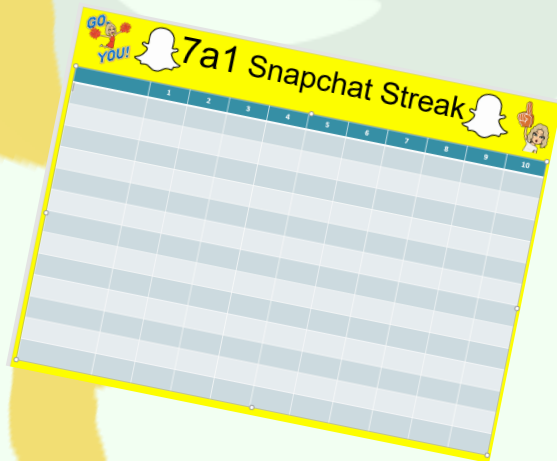
**Hawks**  
Mr. Edet  
5247

**Rhinos**  
Mrs. Clare  
5699

**Sharks**  
Mrs. Doran  
5609

It has been a brilliant start to this unusual year at Millfield. So far, well over 1000 extra housepoints have been awarded compared to the same time last year and there are hundreds of fewer negative points on the system. The students have been an absolute credit and adapted to the changes really well.

Students are rewarded on a weekly basis for being the highest housepoint achievers in their year and there is the on-going incentive to achieve *High Achievement Snapchat Streaks* in order to be in with a chance of winning Love2Shop Vouchers.



The competitions we were hoping to run between Houses, have been adapted and the first competition will be for the Rotary Shoe Box appeal. The form with the most donations will be rewarded with a Subway lunch!



In our new virtual assemblies, students have been discussing what it means to be a student at Millfield, with *The Millfield Way* powerpoint, and have also explored healthy relationships and being a good friend.

Mr. Deaville  
Assistant Headteacher  
In charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding

