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Important Dates

**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,

The students and staff have made an exceptional start to the new academic year and I can hardly believe that we have nearly completed our first half term! Our team have quickly adapted to the new routines of school life, which has providing a high-quality full curriculum, in a covid-safe environment, firmly at its core.

Thank you to the parents who completed the Year 7 feedback survey last week. It gives the team and I immense pride to know that our newest members of Team Millfield have transitioned so well into high school. We had 62 parental responses, and we received exceptional feedback: 100% of parents said their child feels settled, happy and safe at Millfield; 100% of parents said there was a good range of subjects at Millfield and 61 parents said they would recommend Millfield to other parents. Parents also commented that they were really happy with everything Millfield is doing to keep their children safe and provide them with a smooth transition into high school. Others said that their children liked every single one of their teachers and felt valued and cared for. Parents also said that the communication from the school had been exceptional and allowed them time to discuss things with their child before they took place.

Please look out for my letter, which gives details of our parents' forum for 2020.

I am also pleased to announce our interactive virtual open evening is now live on the school website; it can be accessed via a link on the school website's opening page.

In terms of teaching and learning, our new remote learning policy is available on our school's website; the flow charts at the end of the policy explain what will happen if students are required to work from home. Also available are curriculum-linked lessons (in the pupils/remote learning section of the website); these should be accessed if your child is required to self-isolate for 14 days and is still well enough to complete work.

Many parents ask us what their child is or will be learning; if you look in the departments area on the school website, you can find our new learning journeys, which detail what your child is learning in all their subjects.

For our Year 11 parents and students, we are still no clearer about next year's GCSE examinations and are waiting for an update from the government. We are going to resume intervention sessions to support catch-up after half term. To safely facilitate this, after half term we are swapping the finishing times of Year 9 and 11: Year 9 will leave at 2:40pm and Year 11 will leave at 3pm.

I hope that you all enjoy the half term and manage to spend some quality time with your children.

N. Regan

Nicola Regan
Headteacher

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

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VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING 2020

AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW VIA OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.MILLFIELD.LANCS.SCH.UK

PHONE 01253865929

EMAIL: ADMIN@MILLFIELD.LANCS.SCH.UK

TWITTER @MILLFIELDHIGH5

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CLICK HERE <https://kuula.co/share/collection/7Pk8r?fs=1&vr=0&sd=1&thumbs=1&chromeless=0&logo=1>

Our virtual open evening aims to give you a taste of life here at Team Millfield. You and your child will be able to listen to our students, and hear about their personal journeys through the school, and the experiences that have been important to them. You will also be able to meet our passionate teachers and listen to what each subject area has to offer your child. Please share this information with friends and family who have children in Year 5 and 6.



KEY STAGE

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Star Students

The following students have the most
High Achievement Snapchat points in their class.

Well done!

Year 7

Isabelle Park
Tyla Dyas
Joseph Pook
Grace Poxon
Isla Woodward
Lottie Stansfield

Year 8

Isabel Daniells
Leo Cole
Lydia Briggs
Chloe Cantley
Olivia Probin
Phoebe Clark
Hannah Jones
Emma Fairfield
Alyssa Hellowell
Zac Haddon

Year 9

Rebecca Cartwright
Callum Saville
Josh Alderson
Josh Wilson
Oscar Johnson



Exceptional Students!





KEY STAGE 4

The last two weeks have been a period of a number of successes for students in Key Stage 4. It has been really pleasing to send home so many Star Student postcards and I am often inundated with nominations from members of staff. Six of our exceptional Year 10 Film and Media students enjoyed "Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher" last Friday. Well done to them all.



Year 11 are currently coming to the end of their inter-form housepoint competition. The form with the highest housepoint average will win a Subway lunch. The competition will finish at the end of the day on Monday 12th October. At the time of writing, B10 are leading the race but there is still all to play for.



On Monday, Year 11 had an assembly about the importance of working hard and making the best of their

remaining time at Millfield. In addition to this, during form time, students have been receiving a lot of information about applying to college. They have viewed virtual assemblies from Blackpool Sixth Form and Blackpool and Fylde College, as well as receiving information about apprenticeships and Rossall Sixth Form. Students should now be completing their applications to college. This can be done very easily via the college websites which also advertise their virtual open events. Blackpool Sixth Form's next open event is on 7th November. It is highly beneficial for Year 10 students to sign up for these virtual events.



A reminder to Year 10 parents that Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on October 21st via telephone. **Please remember to complete the survey monkey that was emailed to you so you can book a time to receive your phone call.** Alternatively, you can request an email update.

We're looking forward to another successful fortnight after a successful start to the academic year.

Miss. Gower
Head of Key Stage 4



Teaching and Learning Notices

How do I find out what my child will be learning?

If you would like to know what your child will be learning, you can access all department learning journeys on our school website. Visit www.millfield.lancs.sch.uk and select the department tab; here you will find all our curriculum areas and their learning journey.

What do I do if my child has to self-isolate but is well enough to complete work?

If your child is required to self-isolate but is well enough to complete school work, there are now year group outlines on our school website that pupils can access. Your child will need to go to the school website using www.millfield.lancs.sch.uk, select the pupil tab, then remote learning. Within this section there is a folder for each year group. If your child selects the appropriate year group, there are outlines for every subject. The outline is split into weeks and states the focus for the week, accompanied by links that will support their learning. There is additional information on the outlines including success criteria, how to receive feedback, and the appropriate email addresses for teachers should your child require further guidance or support. We hope this will support your child if they are required to learn remotely.

Scientific Calculators

A reminder to all parents and carers that all pupils should have a scientific calculator as part of their equipment. Mrs Hall (Head of Key Stage 4 Maths) sent out a letter with recommendations and instructions of how to purchase a calculator from school if you would prefer.

TALAXY

Please make sure you log in to Talaxy (parents and students). All home learning tasks are now being set on there.

If you are having any issues logging in, please go on to the school website and view the help guides under the Talaxy tab.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Entries for the Christmas card competition are due in on Friday 16th October. The winner will have their design made into the school Christmas card, receiving a set of personalised cards and a prize.

Please make sure your entries are in!



Face masks are an essential part of our lives now, but that doesn't mean they have to be disposable. There are many washable masks available online, with plenty of designs to suit everyone.



However, it is also really easy to make your own, even if you don't have a sewing machine. Go to the BBC link below which shows you alternative ways to make a mask, whether you can sew or not. The picture shows a handmade mask by a seller – you may have to make small knots in the loops to fit it snugly.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering

If you do find yourself using a disposable mask, please make sure you snip the ear loops before disposing of it in a bin. Many disposable masks are finding their way into the environment due to incorrect disposal or by simply being blown from rubbish dumps. Many animals are getting their necks or limbs caught in the ear loops and unfortunately in some circumstances this is proving to be fatal. The Sky News and Heart Radio articles below highlight the issues.

news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-disposable-face-masks-creating-new-plastic-pollution-crisis-experts-warn-12045350

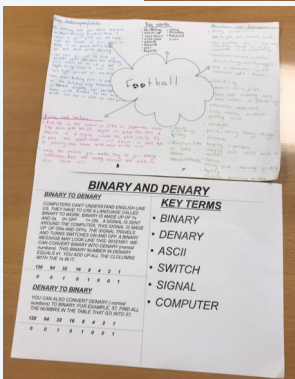
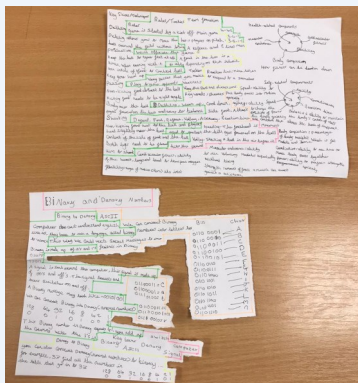
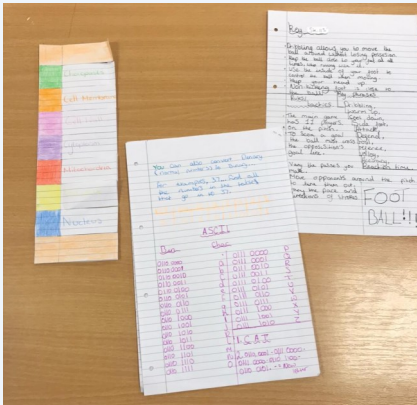
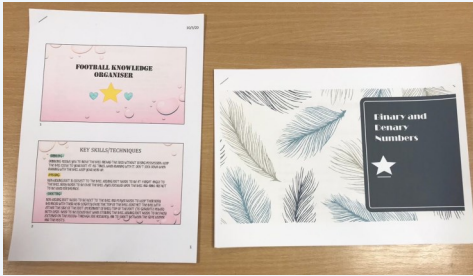
www.heart.co.uk/lifestyle/rspca-warn-face-masks-wildlife/

Let's protect ourselves and others, but also the environment .

Excellent Knowledge Organisers

7B1 have been creating some exceptional revision resources from their knowledge organisers. Well done to the following students:

- * Elodie Helm
- * Lennie-Ray Smith
- * Emily Ford
- * Millie Powell



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



Year 9
 Joshua Alderson
 Callum Campbell
 Richard Reegan



All of the above students have been nominated by Miss Latham for their exceptional work in science during lock down.

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Caitlyn Hornby
 Carys Rawlinson
 Thomas Pritchard



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 10

Lucy Bradshaw
 Tom Davies
 Lucy Flanagan
 Scott Hughes
 Reece Lyttle
 Connor Nicholson-Roberts



All of the above students have been nominated by Miss Gower for their exceptional work in Film & Media.

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Teaching and Learning Tip

Growth mindset tip no.2: Give frequent feedback

The “Growth mindset” is the belief that “your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts” – Carol Dweck.

Theory: People with a good growth mindset are better at assessing their own performance because they believe they can develop themselves. This means they're more open to accurate information about their abilities, even when it challenges them to do better and improve.

Action: Talk through completed home learning tasks and ask your child what they have done well and what they could do better. Give time to provide feedback and discuss ways to make further progress in future tasks. Praise effort NOT outcomes. Ask if they have shown their best effort.

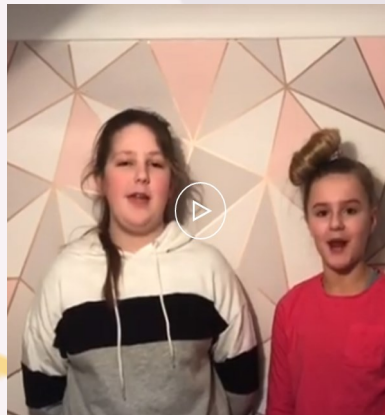


BABY NEWS



Congratulations to Mrs. Morton, Mr. Bryne & Noah. Noah is excited to have Freddie as his little brother. All Team Millfield send you lots of good wishes.

Vote Team Millfield



Hannah & Isabel,
Millfield Science and
Performing Arts College

Isabel Daniells and Hannah Jones in Year 8 worked really hard on this video following a visit from United Utilities back in January. They have been waiting for ages for you to see this and vote for them.

Last year we came second so fingers crossed for first place! First prize is £1,000 for school and £250 Amazon vouchers for the girls.

CLICK HERE <https://www.unitedutilities.com/votenow>

Thank you in advance!
Miss Mackenzie

Success for All

HOUSE POINTS



BRONTË'S BEARS
SUCCESS NOTHING LESS

Bears
Miss. Cullen
8822



HAWKING'S HAWKS
HIGH HIGH, FLY HIGH

Hawks
Mr. Edet
8080



ROWLING'S RHINOS
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Rhinos
Mrs. Clare
8772



SHAKESPEARE'S SHARKS
DON'T DREAM IT... BE IT!

Sharks
Mrs. Doran
8412

I think we can all agree that this has been the strangest half term that any of us can remember! What I have found to be absolutely fantastic is the way all students and staff have adapted to the new way of working. The students have been an absolute credit to you all and this is evidenced by the amount of rewards that have been given out so far this year.

The Rotary Shoe Box appeal continues to gather pace with the forms competing in each House to fill the most boxes in order to win a Subway lunch. After half term, the focus will move to local charities in ensuring that deprived children receive presents at Christmas.

On a different note, we have spent many years building excellent relationships with our neighbours as we value the feedback they can give us. One issue that is recurring at the minute is parents parking over neighbours' driveways. Please ensure that your parking around school ensures that all our students are safe and not affecting our neighbours.

NO PARKING
KEEP DRIVEWAY
CLEAR
THANK YOU



Secondly, I am delighted to report that students have responded really well to the new mobile phones rules. The only issues we have had recently are when a parent has contacted their child and the child has been caught replying. To avoid unnecessary confrontation, please use reception if you need to pass on a message to a student.

Finally, to parents of year 7, I would very much appreciate it if you could remind your child of the importance of excellent behaviour when in the local area, particularly on the local park. There have been some small issues that have been brought to our attention which do not reflect the way students at Millfield behave. This will not apply to the overwhelming majority of students, however we know that lots of our year 7s go to the park after school and I am aware some of them may have witnessed the behaviour which we will not tolerate.

Mr. Deaville
Assistant Headteacher
In charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding

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