



Issue No  
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12th  
November 2021

### Important Dates:

**Monday 15th  
November -  
Friday 3rd December**  
Year 11 Mock  
Exams

**Thursday 18th  
November**  
GCSE Awards  
Evening

**Wednesday 8th  
December**  
Parents' Forum  
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### REMEMBER

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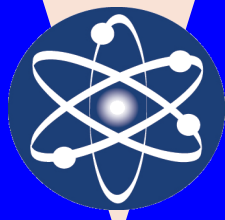
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you managed to enjoy your half term with your families, despite the dreadful weather!

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will welcome back our incredible Class of 2021, as they collect their GCSE and Vocational Certificates, along with many awards and prizes from their teachers and our school sponsors. Education is about the long haul; it is a journey that begins from birth and should continue through life. Of course, GCSE results matter as they are indicative of academic progress, and I believe that as parents you should expect a high-quality of education for your child. However, more than that, just like you, we have the highest aspirations for your children; it is our responsibility to inspire and empower each and every one of them to help them become the best possible versions of themselves. I believe that how we focus upon the extraordinary potential of each individual child truly distinguishes us from other schools and the Class of 2021 are testament to this. We are unbelievably proud of them, their personal successes and what they have already gone on to achieve.

During the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> November, Miss Higgins, our Head of History will deliver assemblies on the importance of Remembrance. On the morning of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Head Girl, Head Boy and I will proudly join the Remembrance procession in Thornton and lay a wreath on behalf of the school to remember all of those who have given their lives or have been impacted by the tragedy of war.

On the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> November, I am incredibly excited to go and watch our talented performers at the Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival at the Winter Gardens; it feels like such a long time that our students have waited to perform and show off their incredible skills! A huge well done and thank you must go to Miss Kilmartin and Miss Longworth for all their teaching and rehearsals with the performers.

As I am sure you are aware, on Fridays I have hot chocolate with students who have been nominated by their teachers. Last week I spent time with six exceptional French students who have been recognised for their contribution and dedication to their studies. A special mention must go to J-J, who explained how he aspires to go to the University of Paris and immerses himself in the language: reading French books and articles; watching French TV and films and he is even teaching himself Mandarin to further develop his languages. The group and I were incredibly impressed by his commitment and passion to his studies!

Don't forget, we use Twitter to celebrate events and achievements at our school and remind parents of events, you can follow us at @millfieldhighsc.

Best wishes

*N. Regan*

Nicola Regan  
Headteacher

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# KEY STAGE YEAR 7

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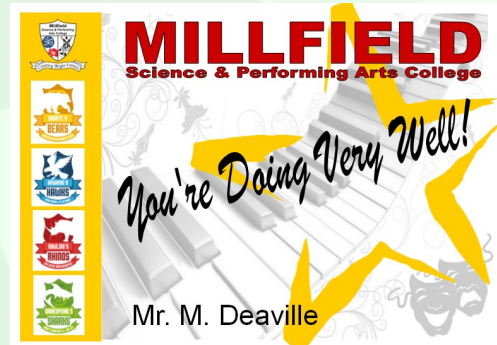


The Year 7 students have made an exceptional start to the year. Year 7 have the highest attendance (94%) in the whole school for the last half term (despite COVID).

Uniform standards throughout Year 7 have been outstanding. They have also shown great teamwork skills during our sports day and form games in the sports hall.

As a whole, the year group are kind and Polite; on many occasions, I have witnessed students helping others with their schoolwork and supporting those that are shy to develop strong friendships.

I am incredibly proud of all our Year 7 students and how they have matured and developed during their transition from primary to secondary school.



It has also been good to see over 90 postcards a week being sent home to our Year 7 Students for exceptional behaviour.

Please encourage your child to take part in our Extra-Curricular activities. Have a look on the school website for all of the details of the clubs that are being held, either at lunchtime or afterschool.



Miss G. Miller Crook  
Year 7 Progress Lead



# KEY STAGE 3

## YEAR 8

## EXCEPTIONAL AWARDS

## YEAR 9

## GRADUATION



### Year 8 Exceptional Awards

There has been a real buzz amongst Year 8 students in relation to the Exceptional Awards programme.

Students have been eager to show off the fantastic work that they have been completing over half term in order to complete the tasks set out in the booklet.

### Year 9 Graduation

The Year 9s have really embraced the Graduation Programme and have been making excellent progress. 96% of students have been completing the recommended weekly challenges. The work that has been created has been outstanding. One student has created a device that helps him randomly select a subject challenge to complete; others have been volunteering to litter pick around school to complete the community work challenge, and we have had a massive increase in the number of students attending extracurricular activities across school.



Form tutors were asked to nominate their Star Student for the first half term. These students have received an invitation to an 'all you can eat' buffet at Pizza Hut and they will also receive a Head Teacher's Award.



Big congratulations to the following students:

#### **YEAR 8**

Archie  
Jess  
Penny  
Taiah  
Logan  
Molly  
Flo  
Kiera

#### **YEAR 9**

Lewis  
Ben  
Charlie  
Lily  
Aran  
Lily  
Elisha  
Hannah  
Olivia

(Chosen by Mr. Smith)



"It is never too late to engage in the Exceptional Awards and Graduation Programme. These award will run throughout the whole of the academic year. There is still plenty of opportunity for every student to be rewarded for their hard work and dedication. **Never give up!**

"Success isn't always about greatness, it is about consistency. Consistent hard work gains success. Greatness will come!" – Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.

Mr. D. Booth  
Head of Aspirations

Mr. R. Smith  
Head of Personal Development



# KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 students have made a great start to this half term. I was really pleased to send home so many postcards this week. We have had some really good remembrance assemblies this week and our Senior Student Team have been very successful at selling poppies during form time and at lunchtime.



Our Year 11 students are hard at work revising for their mocks which begin on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Students should all now have received their examination timetable and be aware of where seating plans will be displayed. If there are any issues, students should see Mrs Draper in the first instance.



It is worth reminding students in Year 11 that Blackpool Sixth Form has an Open Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

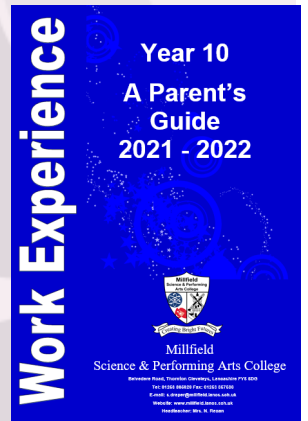
November, details of which can be found on line. All Year 11 students should have applied to at least one college or apprenticeship by Christ-

mas.

Year 10 students have had assemblies and received information about planning for work experience. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and they should be encouraged to organise their own placements in a field of work which interests them. Again, any questions should be addressed to Mrs Draper initially.

As always, please feel free to contact me if necessary  
[c.gower@millfield.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:c.gower@millfield.lancs.sch.uk).

Miss. C. Gower  
Head of Key Stage 4



# Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge

## Maximum Product Investigation

What is the maximum product possible for positive numbers which sum to 12?

For example:

$$4 + 8 = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad 4 \times 8 = 32$$

$$2 + 2 + 3 + 5 = 12 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 = 60$$

What is the largest product using integers (whole numbers)?

Can you make the product larger by using decimal numbers?

What is the rule that allows you to find the largest product?

Please email your solutions to Mr Humphreys at:

[b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk)



## WORK EXPERIENCE



### Year 10 Work Experience 2022

The dates for the Work Experience will be **21st March – 1st April 2022**

**Please encourage your child to arrange their own placement for work experience, this ensures they work in a field that they are interested in.**

**Self Placement forms due back on 8th December 2021**

Any problems, please send students to A50 to see me—Mrs Draper.

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

### Year 10

- Regan Wilson
- Curtis Longmire
- Carys Rawlinson
- E.W.
- A.M
- E.W.
- L.J.

All of the students have been nominated by Miss Gower for exceptional work in media.

*Be Exceptional!*

## DATES FOR 2021/2022

Mock Exams - 22nd Nov - 3rd December 2021  
Parents' Forum - 8th December 2021  
Carol Service - 14th - 16th December 2021  
Mock Interview Day - 19th January 2022  
Y11 Parents' Evening - 26th January 2022  
Career's Fair—3rd March 2022  
Celebration of Music - 7th March 2022  
Y7 Parents' Evening - 23rd March 2022  
Y8 Parents' Evening - 18th May 2022



**Are you ready for the school day?**

**Don't forget to test twice weekly at home using your lateral flow test home kit.**

Around one in three people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading.

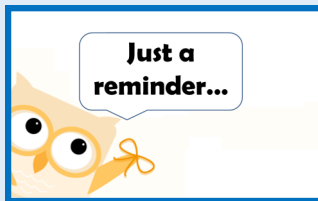
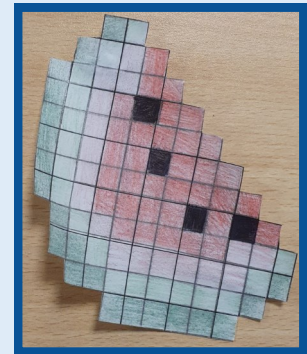
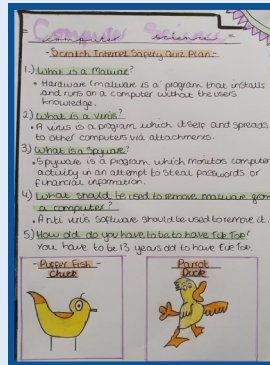
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# Home - Learning

Here at Millfield we celebrate excellence and home-learning is no exception:-

Congratulations go to a student in Computer Science who produced a representation of a computer bitmap based on learning within the lesson.



In order to support your child with their home learning, please regularly log into Talaxy to monitor the tasks that have been set and remind your child to complete them. The home learning policy can be viewed on our school website; this explains how much home learning your child should be set each week and the types of tasks they could be set.

If you require any further information about our home-learning or how to register for Talaxy, please visit the schools website: -

<http://www.millfield.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-parental-reporting/>

Mr. G. Wood  
Lead Practitioner of Teaching and Learning (Technology).

## Teaching and Learning Tips



### Revision week

Across the curriculum we have been supporting Year 7-10 students with their preparation for test week. By studying a range of effective revision strategies, students have had the opportunity to develop their independent study skills.

It is important that students evaluate their own revision by asking: has this particular strategy helped me? Can I remember more after using this revision strategy? Do I feel more confident with the work?

I would encourage students to reflect on these new revision strategies in order to work out what works best for them and how they can use them to prepare for any future assessments.

There is a section on the school website for students to access some of the templates we have used in school, for example: revision clocks and knowledge organisers.

Miss J. Copping  
Lead Practitioner of Teaching & Learning (Foundation Subjects).



Parents' Forum



The evening will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, in the school theatre, and refreshments will be served. Parents should attend without their child.

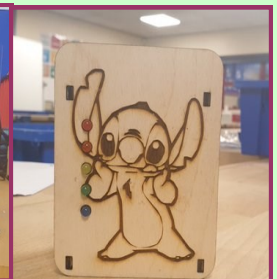
If you would like to come along to the forum, please confirm your attendance via the following link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYe5hEkZBnO87IGZWljArmga4Ghla9FcdJQo2tY4Y5msAlJg/viewform?](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYe5hEkZBnO87IGZWljArmga4Ghla9FcdJQo2tY4Y5msAlJg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form) [link](#) or email Mrs Susan Draper [s.draper@millfield.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:s.draper@millfield.lancs.sch.uk) by 3<sup>rd</sup> December

# WANTED

**If you have any items of school uniform, which are in good condition and you no longer require, please could you send these into our Pastoral department for use as spares.  
Thank you!**

## Remarkable Results

In design technology, our Year 7s have made some exceptional lights and our Year 8s have finished their thermometers. Fantastic Work!



*Make a Difference*

## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

### Year 11

- Kane Bittley
- Isobel Farey
- Eleanor Linacre
- J-J Maycock
- Jake Hawes
- Isabella Hill

All of the students have been nominated by Mr. Robathan for their excellent work in MFL.



# Pastoral and Wellbeing



We've been back a week and it's like we've never been away!



Last year the Rotary Shoe Box appeal was a great success with lots of shoe boxes being collected for those who are less fortunate and I am pleased to say that the charity spirit is still very much part of the plan for the upcoming half term. The Student Leadership Team are arranging a charity collection for local people in need; there will be activities taking place in school for Children in Need and the English department will be writing letters to the local community.

It was over a year ago that we were kindly donated a bench from KINDNESS COUNTS UK for a place to go when somebody feels like would like to talk to somebody. Now the restrictions have been lifted, we thought it was a brilliant time to put the bench in place to support all students. It will be situated in the new outdoor eating area.

On a final note I would like to ask parents to remind students who use the local Co-op that students should not be congregating in large groups by the doorway. There have been no reports of poor behaviour but some customers have been put off entering the shop due to the amount of students that are standing in the doorway.



**Mr. Deaville**  
**Assistant Headteacher in charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding**

## Staff Stars!

