



Issue No
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26th
November 2021

Important Dates:

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

**Wednesday 8th
December**
Parents' Forum
(see page 7)

**Tuesday 14th -
Thursday 16th
December**
Carol Service

**Please see Page 5 for
all the dates of
Parents' evenings this
year.**

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy few weeks for all our students as they have been studying hard, revising and completing their end of term assessments. Our Year 11s have been revising for their mock exams, which have started this week, and their determined and focussed attitude has been outstanding; on Monday morning all 170 students sat the first exam – impeccable behaviour throughout – we are so proud of them. The mock exams this year are especially important as they will be used as evidence if the GCSE examinations are cancelled next year; this is one of the contingency plans the government has put in place. We are of course planning for the exams to go ahead, and it is important that all Year 11s are ready for this, which our dedicated team of teachers are fully preparing them for.

It is fantastic to see all the extracurricular opportunities starting again, as we begin to get some normality into our children's lives. Here are just a few examples from the last two weeks:

On 16th November, my daughter and I had the absolute pleasure of watching our exceptional dancers from Years 7 to 11 perform on stage at the Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival. The event showcased eighteen primary schools and four secondary schools. It was an incredibly proud moment when our dancers came on stage; they were superb and the audience around me were particularly impressed with the tap-dancing section. A teacher from a primary school said our girls were inspirational and always gave the primary children dancing to aspire to. A huge well done and thank you must go to Miss Kilmartin and Miss Longworth for all their teaching, choreography and rehearsals with the performers.

As part of our Careers Programme, a group of students in Year 10 visited Fleetwood Nautical College to learn about the Merchant Navy. Students were very impressed with the facilities and showed a keen interest in the full mission ship bridge simulator and the engine room simulator. On 23rd November we welcomed the BBC into school; they delivered workshops on careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to all our Key Stage 3 students.

We have hosted inter-school primary competitions in our sports hall; our Key Stage 4 Sports Leaders have been incredible and received the following praise: "Your sports leaders were outstanding! The leaders were front of house for all to see and represented your school and the PE Department with great maturity and work ethic!"

We are now planning ahead and looking forward to having some normality back to our Christmas events: the Christmas Carol Service at Thornton Methodist Church and, of course, we will be bringing back our hugely popular (and hugely missed!) staff pantomime!

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 3



Year 7

It has been a challenging couple of weeks for our year 7s with it being revision and assessment weeks. The students have developed their techniques and skills for how to revise effectively. They have all worked incredibly hard on completing their assessments. Now that the CAT scores are in, we can ensure all of the students are in correct sets according to their strengths and abilities. This will enable the students to achieve or exceed their potential and succeed in their future years.



Year 8 Exceptional Awards and Year 9 Graduation Programme

Over the last couple of weeks, students have had a revision week and test week.

Students have been shown techniques on how to revise and challenge misconceptions with previous learning. Students have been encouraged to have good time management to complete revision throughout the week. The tests completed in lessons have allowed students to showcase their knowledge and skills they have retained from the first half term.

The students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in an exciting careers event led by BBC Bitesize. Nick Bright, Radio One Extra presenter, interviewed employers from the Science and Technology industries and students learnt about the pathways to success in a range of careers. This was another excellent opportunity for students to interact with employers and find out about employability skills; all part of Millfield's careers programme.



On Thursday it was the Pizza Hut trip for our highest achieving Year 8 and Year 9s. They had a great time and all we hope students use this as motivation to earn a place on the next trip which will take place before February half term.



This week we have sent home 265 postcards to Key Stage 3 students for behaviour and learning. Well done!

Miss Miller Crook - Year 7 Progress Lead
Mr. Booth - Head of Aspirations
Mr. Smith - Head of Personal Development





KEY STAGE 4

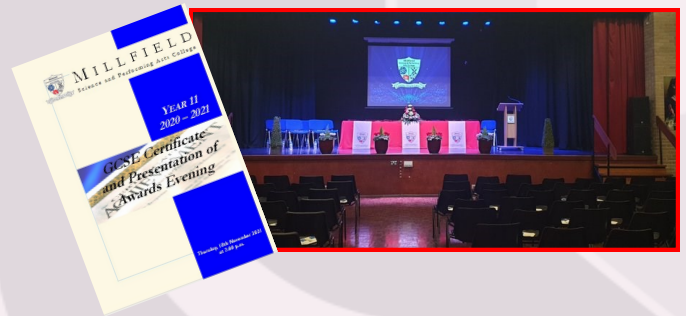
This has been a very busy two weeks for Key Stage 4 students. Year 11s have been hard at work revising for their mock exams which started in earnest this week. We have been incredibly impressed with the way they have conducted themselves so far and are sure that all their hard work will pay off.



It was fantastic to see so many Key Stage 4 students involved in the Dance Festival last week. Their talent never ceases to amaze. It was also wonderful to take some Year 10 students to Fleetwood Nautical College last week. It is a fascinating place and we were privileged to see the tank where they practise underwater helicopter escapes and an amazing simulated deck bridge. It was an interesting experience for everyone who attended.



Our Head boy and Head girl, Hannah and Kane did a fantastic job representing Team Millfield at the Remembrance Sunday service in Thornton.



Last Thursday, our former students returned to receive their awards and certificates. Our deputies Josh and Brad did a brilliant job of opening and closing the proceedings. It was wonderful to see our former students and realise how much they have changed in just six months.



Just a quick reminder that all Year 11 students should have applied to at least one post 16 provider by Christmas.

Miss Gower
Head of Key Stage 4



Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge



Jumping Frogs puzzle



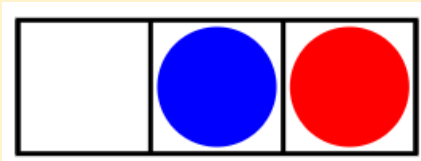
Rules:

The frogs on the left can only move right, the frogs on the right can only move left. Frogs can move forward one space, or move two spaces by jumping over another frog. The puzzle is solved when the two sets of frogs have switched positions. When using one 'frog' each side it takes three moves:

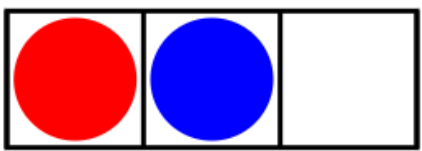
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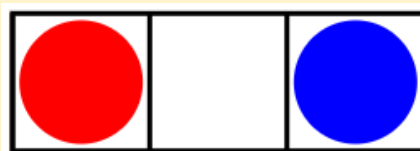
Move 1:



Move 2:



Move 3:



What is the minimum amount of moves when using two 'frogs' on each side?

What if there were three?

What is the rule that connects the number of 'frogs' each side with the minimum number of moves?

Please email your solutions to Mr Humphreys at:

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.

Make a Difference



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 students in History who produced the following outstanding examples of home Learning:- Year 10 facts about Ernst Rohm; Year 7 silk roads; Year 11 revision pieces .

Reminder

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



Growth Mindset Affirmations

Our students have much to be proud of. Years 7-10 have finished their revision and test weeks. Year 11 students are well under way with their mock examinations.

Whilst exams can be a stressful time for some students, it is important to remember the benefits of a growth mindset. It is **effort** and **good study habits** which lead to success.

Here are some positive growth mindset affirmations which would be useful to discuss at home:

1. Today is another chance to be better.
2. Don't stop until you are proud.
3. If you never try, you will never know what you are truly capable of.
4. Your attitude determines your success.
5. Strive for progress, not perfection.
6. Every mistake you make is an opportunity for progress.
7. You have not failed unless you have stopped trying.

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



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!

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

Careers Visit

As part of our Careers Programme, Year 9 and 10 Millfield students visited Fleetwood Nautical College to learn about careers in the Merchant Navy. Students said they were very impressed with the facilities and showed a keen interest in the full mission ship bridge simulator and the engine room simulator. The students also learnt about what it takes to work in the merchant Navy and the fantastic locations they can travel to around the world. For more information go online at <https://fleetwoodnautical.blackpool.ac.uk/maritime>.



Student Council

The student council have been working hard behind the scenes in order to improve everyday life for Millfield students, identify what Behaviour for Learning means for them and identifying why equality in the school environment is important.

Members of the student council were eager to promote Behaviour for Learning and be a group of model students within their lessons. They were very clear that their behaviour, attitude to learning and engagement within lessons were the key to

progressing and succeeding at Millfield. The students have started to develop posters and information guides that will be placed in classrooms that will demonstrate and advise other students, from all year groups, on what good Behaviour for Learning looks like from a student's perspective.

The student council have also begun writing a student equality statement. There were some fantastic suggestions and discussions on some of the points that should be included in the statement:

- ◆ Respect of beliefs and religions
- ◆ Freedom of speech
- ◆ Equal rights
- ◆ Support and ambition
- ◆ Modern British citizen



In the coming weeks, student council members will be going into forms to promote their ideas on helping those in need over the Christmas period. One initiative that they are keen to pursue is the selection box collection. These selection boxes will be collected by school and distributed to local charities and organisations in need. It would be fantastic if we could hit 1000 selection boxes!

"If people can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than it's opposite." – Nelson Mandela





Parents' Forum



The evening will be on Wednesday 8th 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/1FAIpQLScYe5hEkZBnO87IGZWljArmga4Ghla9FcdJQo2tY4Y5msAIJg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form link or email Mrs Susan Draper s.draper@millfield.lancs.sch.uk by 3rd December

Not sure what your son or daughter is studying in school this term?



Have a look on our school website where you will find the 'Learning Journeys' for every subject. The Learning Journeys give details about what is being studied each half term from the start of Year 7 right up to when students leave in Year 11.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Year 7

- Ollie Daniels
- Kaitlyn Quinn
- Kian Forsyth
- Delilah Mcmillan
- Chloe Hindle
- Travis Owen

All of the students have been nominated by Mrs. Winterson for their excellent work in Technology.

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Creative Art Work!

For their first time doing clay I think 9A1 did a fantastic job with these skulls. This was only 40mins work - imagine what they could do in a couple of hours! Well done.



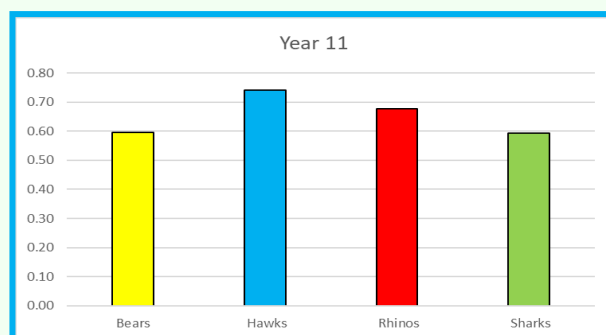
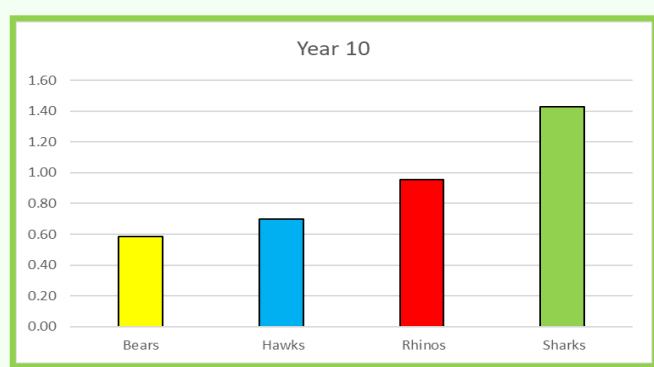
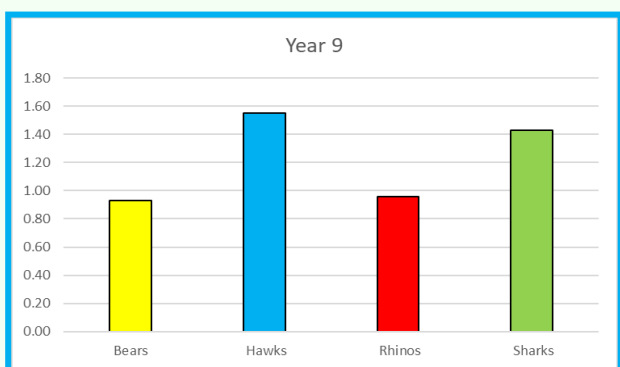
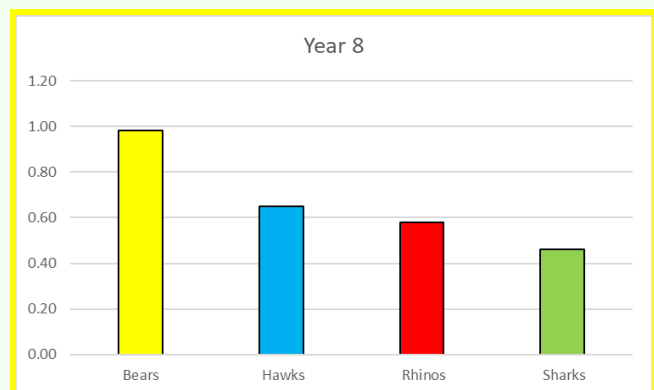
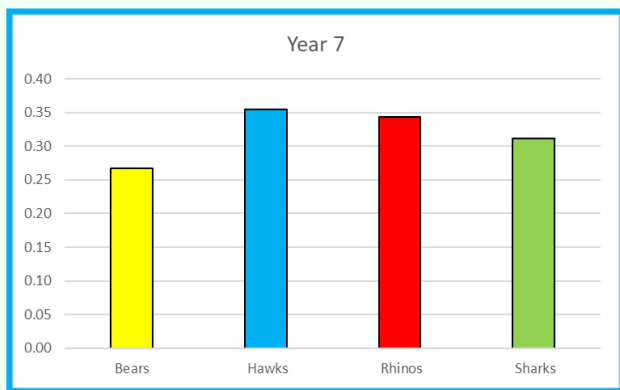
Pastoral and Wellbeing



As we approach the last few weeks of the term, the inter-House competition is getting very tense. Students are competing against their peers in other Houses to earn a Dominos lunch in the last week of term. The House with the lowest average negative points will be crowned champions and you can see from the graphs below that it is very close!

In addition to this, I am delighted that we have nearly 300 students who have received no negative points since September. This means that they have always been fully equipped, wearing full uniform, working as hard as they can and completing all their homework. These students will be rewarded in the last week of term for their exceptional contribution to school life.

Finally, last week was anti-bullying week. Students discussed bullying in their form groups, particularly how social media can play such a huge role in causing unnecessary issues. They also voted on where we will be placing our "Be Kind" bench where students can sit quietly or meet new friends.



Mr. Deaville
Assistant Headteacher in charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding