



Issue No
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10th December

Important Dates:

**Thursday 16th
December**

School closes for
Christmas
Y7, Y8 and Y9 - **1pm**
Y10 and Y11- **1.05pm**

Tuesday 4th January

Y9, Y10 and Y11 Covid
test in school
(timetable already
sent)
Y7 and Y8 Remote
learning

**Wednesday 5th
January**

Y9, Y10 and Y11 all in
school
Y7 and Y8 Covid test
in school (timetable
already sent)

Thursday 6th January

All students in school

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positive on a Covid
lateral flow test, or a PCR
(laboratory) test, please
notify the school on
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Thank you.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of the Millfield Messenger, and a special welcome to our local primary school children and their families, who also receive this edition.

What an incredibly successful term we have had; it has been wonderful to have a sense of normality back to school life, and the students have thoroughly enjoyed being able to once again experience everything that education brings: extra-curricular sporting events; clubs (including Chess, History, German, Welsh and Art – to name but a few!); careers events and practical lessons in science, art, technology and music in the newly refurbished rooms!

I am incredibly proud to announce that Millfield is oversubscribed again for September 2022, for the thirteenth consecutive year! This is testament to our Team Millfield ethos: everyone that visits us can instantly see we are a happy school, full of teachers and students who enjoy coming to school. As Charlie said in his Open Evening speech, "Be the best, with the best, at the best!"

After listening to our students' feedback, our team have worked hard this term ensuring all students are recognised and rewarded for having a positive attitude to learning. Every half term we hold a prize raffle draw in our rewards assemblies and the atmosphere in the hall is very exciting as we wait to see which students' names are drawn from the hat. It was also wonderful to reward 32 exceptional students with a trip to Pizza Hut for their lunch. Our Year 11s have also been rewarded with a celebration lunch this week, as their attitude, focus, determination and behaviour during the two intense weeks of their mock exams was outstanding. We are so proud of them!

Every year we hold our Christmas card design competition and this year the entries were exceptional. This year's winner is Alisha Wroe, in Year 10, the standout feature was her intricate and beautiful poinsettia; you can see her stunning painting on the back page.

We are incredibly proud to once again take part in a range of charity events to support our local community. On 10th December our student council have organised a range of fund-raising activities, including a non-uniform day, with the optional choice of wearing a Christmas jumper. All donations will go to Doherty's Destiny and Mayor Andrea Kay visited school to say well done to our students. We are also taking part in the Great Elf Run and Carol singing at Morrisons and Affinity, raising money for Brian House Hospice.

Don't forget, we use Twitter to celebrate achievements and remind parents of events; please follow us at @millfieldhighsc.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, hopefully a Christmas this year where we can spend time with our loved ones, and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes

N. Regan

Nicola Regan
Headteacher



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KEY STAGE

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What a fantastic first full term it has been for all of our Year 7 students. The transition period from primary school to Millfield has been fantastic! They have all displayed resilience and grown in confidence throughout the months. The overall behaviour and attitude to learning of our Year 7 students has filled me with pride to be the Progress Lead for this year group. This week was our awards ceremony for the term; it was certainly a challenge to select a small number of children to receive an award, when every student has excelled and grown in their own personal way. Keep up the amazing work!

Both our Year 7 and under 14s boys and girls' badminton teams have reached the finals of the local league. The students have been fantastic and played exceptionally well with one team winning 14 games out of a possible 15. The students will be representing the school in the finals during the coming weeks, and we look forward to being local champions!

Year 9 students have taken part in a resilience day, which challenged students to change their mindset when looking at difficult tasks, as well as developing their employability skills.

All Key Stage 3 students were invited to a careers roadshow delivered by the BBC. This was one of the most interactive and fun careers sessions we have had. The students were able to question and listen to 3 local business owners and a DJ from the BBC radio 1 extra team. Many questions were asked about how they were able to achieve their goals and what career paths they had to take to get to the positions they are in today. They were extremely relatable to students and we look forward to them coming back next year.

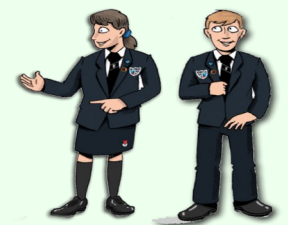


Year 8 Exceptional Awards and Year 9 Graduation Programme

The Year 8s and 9s have been working well on their graduation and exceptional awards workbooks. The students have been buzzing and the atmosphere has been outstanding during form time when we have been discussing the varying tasks. This was topped off with a group of exceptional students being rewarded with an afternoon at Pizza Hut in recognition of their incredible efforts. They have shown an exceptional commitment and attitude to learning.



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



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KEY STAGE 4

Key Stage 4 students continue to be very busy in the run up to the end of term.



Year 11 students impressed us massively with their conduct and attitude during the recent mock exams. Their maturity and determination to succeed was commendable. SO impressed were we that we combined our rewards

assembly with a buffet "brunch", which students thoroughly enjoyed. It is worth noting that this is the first time that we have felt compelled to offer this reward so students should feel very proud of themselves.

Year 10 students have experienced their own small piece of exam experience as they sat their English Literature and Language mock exams, and again conducted themselves admirably. Year 10 students were lucky enough to receive assemblies about apprenticeships in the local area during the past two weeks. We are indeed fortunate to have such opportunities on our doorstep.



I would like to remind parents of Year 10 students that work experience placements should be organised by this point.



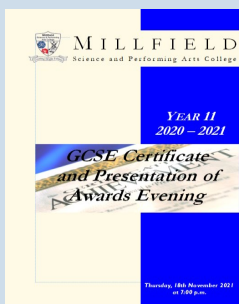
Also a reminder to parents of Year 11 students: all students should have applied to at least one college by this point.

I hope all of our families have a peaceful and safe Christmas and I look forward to welcoming our Key Stage 4 students back in January.

Miss Gower
Head of Key Stage 4

Class of 2021 Year 11 GCSE

Certificate & Presentation of Awards Evening



On Wednesday 18th November, our summer Year 11 leavers said a final farewell to our school as they returned to receive their GCSE certificates and awards, which were presented to them by Mrs Regan. The school hall was buzzing with family and friends, who had come along to share in the celebrations and it was, indeed, a proud moment for all.

We wish our former students good health, happiness, and prosperity as they embark on their chosen pathway to achieve their bright futures.

Our sincere thanks also goes to all our sponsors, who recognise and reward our exceptional students every year.

Mrs Nicola Regan
Headteacher





Student Council







The student council has been fully involved in raising awareness and vital funds for a variety of charities in the build up to the Christmas break.

The week began with the Charity Officer and a Committee member visiting forms within their year groups to discuss with their peers the importance of going the extra mile for those in need during the festive period.

The week ended on a high with a fantastic Christmas jumper non-uniform day, a festive bake sale, glow in the dark dodgeball and a collection of many, many selection boxes for various children in the local community who are in need of a gift this Christmas.



What are we doing?

<p>Non-uniform day</p> <p>Wear a Christmas jumper! (If you can)</p> 	<p>Selection box collection</p> <p>Bring them to Mr Booth or Mr Smith</p> 	<p>Festive bake sale (run by student council)</p> <p>Friday at break</p> 	<p>Glow in the dark dodgeball (more info to follow)</p> 
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As well as their exceptional community and charity work, the council have also been involved in a mental health workshop, highlighting the importance of looking after our own minds, as well as those around us. Students from the Millfield School Council met with the NHS Mental Health Practitioners to explore ways to support children with their mental health needs. The school has set up links with the mental health programme so that we can access targeted support for young people with the important issue of mental health. This programme will begin in January, and students will have access to expert advice.

The student council have many more projects and charity events planned for the new year and are excited to share them with staff and students upon their return in 2022!

On behalf of the student council, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up." - Mark Twain

Exceptional Students!

Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge

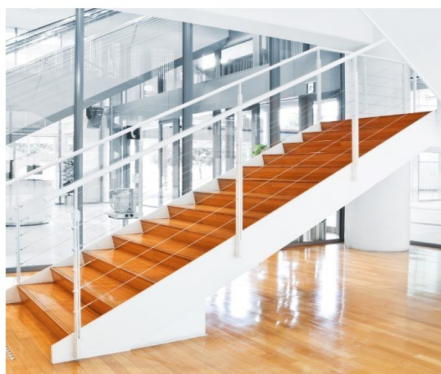
The challenge for this week:

Please email your solutions to Mr Humphreys at:

b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk



1 Step, 2 Step



Liam's house has a staircase with 12 steps. He can go down the steps one at a time or two at a time.

For example, he could go down 1 step, then 1 step, then 2 steps, then 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1.

In how many different ways can Liam go down the 12 steps, taking 1 or 2 steps at a time?

WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work Experience 2022

The dates for the Work Experience will be

21st March – 1st April 2022

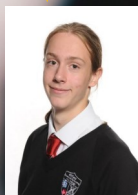
MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Wednesday 19th January 2022

In preparation for work experience we will be hosting mock interviews.

Any problems, see me—Mrs Draper.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



All of the students have been nominated by Miss Copping for their excellent work in Sociology.

Year 11

- Joseph Webb
- Kate Rawcliffe
- Hannah Mullin

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DATES FOR 2021/2022

Carol Service - 14th - 16th December 2021

Mock Interview Day - 19th January 2022

Y11 Parents' Evening - 26th January 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

Why is home-learning important?

Home-learning bridges the gap between school and home. Here at Millfield we believe in a collaborative approach, which allows students, teachers and parents to monitor the progress of their child in the learning process. Common home-learning assignments may include required reading, writing or typing projects, mathematical exercises to be completed, information to be reviewed before a test, or other skills to be practised.

As a parent, here are a few things you may wish to consider:

* **Home-learning improves student achievement.**

Studies show that home-learning improves student achievement in terms of improved grades, test results, and the likelihood to attend school.

* **Home-learning helps to reinforce learning and develop good study habits and life skills.**

Everyone knows that practise makes perfect. Students typically retain only 50% of the information teachers provide in class, and they need to apply that information in order to truly learn it.

* **Home-learning allows parents to be involved with their child's learning.**

Thanks to take-home assignments, parents are able to track what their children are learning at school, as well as their academic strengths and weaknesses.

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

Congratulations go to students in Childcare and Health and Social Care - who have produced outstanding examples of home-learning, in which they have focused on individual, personalised SMART targets and a think piece on 'What is Child development?'

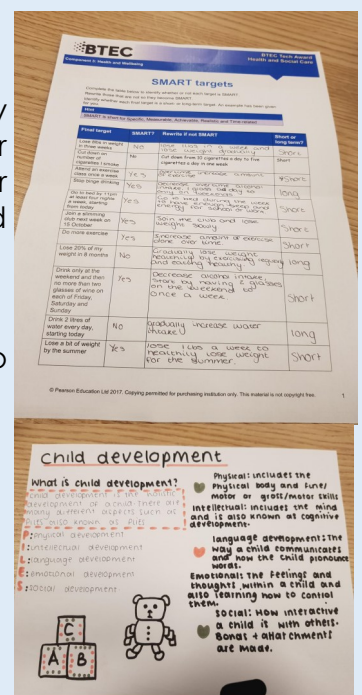
Reminder

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).





EXAMINATIONS

Year 11

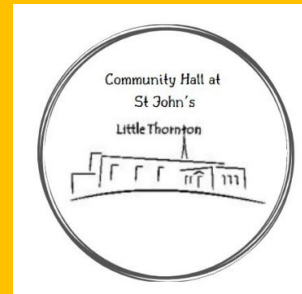
BTEC/Cambridge National Exams (Vocational/Technical Qualifications)

- 10th Jan. Creative iMedia 1.30pm
- 12th Jan. Enterprise & Marketing 9am
- 13th Jan. Music Industry 9am
- 9th Feb. Health & Wellbeing 9am

GCSE—NEA

- 24th Jan.—27th Jan.
- Food Preparation & Nutrition

LITTLE THORNTON COMMUNITY HUB



NEWS UPDATE:

DECEMBER – JANUARY

PHASE 1 COMPLETE!

We now have a new lounge, toilets and kitchens ready for use in 2022. Official opening in February and new classes, meetings and activities will be starting in the new year – details will be on the St John's website and outside the hall.

Thank you to everyone from school who has supported our fund raising – over £100,000 raised in 12 months - well done!

We can't wait to welcome you!

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 8

- Harriet Hutchinson
- Adam Mir
- Katie Corrie
- Alexis McGee
- Joseph Pook
- Amelie Whitworth

All of the students have been nominated by Miss Higgins for their excellent work in History.

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Teaching and Learning Tips

As we finish the Autumn Term I would like to encourage students to think about their wellbeing and how this can have a positive impact on their learning. We hope that our students enjoy the time to rest and enjoy the Christmas break. Students might like to follow these simple steps improve their wellbeing, ready to make exceptional progress when we return for the Spring Term.



SLEEP – 8 hours of sleep (or more) will help you to excel in the classroom and stay alert while you study.

FOOD – Brain food comes in many forms from nuts and seeds to vegetables. Try to eat a balance of foods like broccoli for vitamin K and pumpkin seeds for zinc, alongside the many festive treats like mince pies and chocolate!



GET ACTIVE – Try to exercise every day. Regular physical activity boosts mental alertness and energy levels required to study effectively.

RELAX! – Make sure you enjoy yourself. Get outside for a daily walk. Connect with family or friends and have fun. Enjoying life reduces stress and will leave you feeling refreshed and ready for the Spring Term.



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



Alisha Wroe – Year 10
Winner of the Christmas Card Competition.



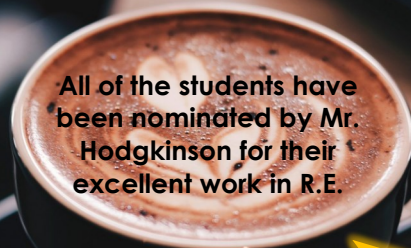
Charity Elf Run

In the run up to Christmas all students are looking forward to taking part in dodgeball and our charity 'elf run' where we are raising money for Brian House. Students are encouraged to bring in something festive to wear whilst participating in the elf run – something to get us all into the Christmas spirit, whilst also raising money for a great cause. The Just Giving page link can be found on our website, in the PE department section, for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Year 9

- Dominic Birch
- Hannah Jones
- Maria Seddon



All of the students have been nominated by Mr. Hodgkinson for their excellent work in R.E.



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Pastoral and Wellbeing



The end of the first term of being back to "normal" and what a term it has been!

I am so proud of all the things that have been achieved this year so far and it is a real testament to the dedication of the staff and the hard work and exceptional behaviour shown by all the students.

I have sent thousands of postcards home when form tutors have told me about students in their form who have behaved impeccably. We have over 250 students who haven't received a single negative Behaviour for Learning point and a further 200 who have only received one. This means that all of these students have behaved well, given 100% effort, completed all their home learning and always had full equipment to school!



The house competition is finishing this week, so I can't reveal the winners just yet, but it is very close and the last few days will be exciting as we find out who will be receiving Domino's lunches next week.



As well as being constantly proud of our students, I am also constantly worried about them as they leave school at the end of the day and so I'd like to ask parents again to ensure the junction at Alexandra Road and Belvedere Road is kept clear and do not park on the yellow markings outside school.

Finally, I'd like to thank all parents and carers for your support this term and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful (and lockdown free!) New Year.

Mr. Deaville

Assistant Headteacher in charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding



We wish all our Millfield families, our local families and our community, a happy and safe Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

