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Important Dates:

Friday 11th February
School closes for
half term

Monday 21st February
School re-opens

**Please see Page 4 for
all the dates of
Parents' evenings this
year.**

REMEMBER

If your child tests positive on a Covid lateral flow test, or a PCR (laboratory) test, please notify the school on admin@millfield.lancs.sch.uk.

Thank you.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Just over two weeks ago I tested positive for Covid and for the first time in many years had to take time off work as I self-isolated. Fortunately, I only had very mild symptoms and so I was still able to work from home but being on email is most certainly not the same as being in school! I was immensely proud of everyone at Team Millfield and the senior team who led the school in my absence. As a Headteacher, you know your school is outstanding when you can be absent and the school continues to run like clockwork. It was also wonderful to be welcomed back by the students and staff – it reminded me of what a caring, family school we are!

It is now evident that the 2022 examinations will go ahead. Year 11 reports have gone out this week and we have held a virtual parents' evening. It is vital that our Year 11s have effective revision plans in place; they will be guided on how to do this by their teachers and form tutors – it is never too late to start revising and the impact it will have on final grades will make a massive difference. If any parents would like advice or support with helping their child to revise, they should contact us without hesitation. The next set of Year 11 mock exams will take place the week commencing 14th March.

Our students have recently taken part in a range of informative and inspirational assemblies:

These began with careers assemblies, as we believe that having aspirations and goals can really help some students to focus on their studies. As part of their assemblies, students looked at the jobs some celebrities did prior to getting their dream job. The aim was for students to understand how having a variety of skills and experiences gained from a job can be transferrable into their future lives. These assemblies were delivered by Mr Smith and Mr Booth, who both had other jobs before coming into teaching.

The Year 10 students took part in a resilience super learning day. As part of this day students completed a specially designed curriculum, looking at ways to improve their mental health and be resilient during their time at school, equipping them with skills for their future lives. The topics covered looked at ways to stay positive in times of adversity and coping strategies in times of stress. On the day, we welcomed a special guest speaker from UCLAN university, who discussed ways students can aspire to get into the police and university. Ed Thistlewaite is a former police officer and shared his many experiences from his time in the police and his current job as a university lecturer.

Mr Edet delivered assemblies on the theme of Young Carers and Miss Higgins has delivered assemblies on the Holocaust Memorial. In the celebration and rewards assemblies hundreds of students received their "Millfield Stars" badges. These badges were awarded for receiving zero negative BfL points last term, which is an exceptional achievement and shows these students are working incredibly hard.

We use Twitter to celebrate events and achievements of our students and remind parents of events, you can follow us at [@millfieldhighsc](https://twitter.com/millfieldhighsc).

Best wishes

N. Regan

Nicola Regan
Headteacher

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KEY STAGE 3



Year 7 Students have been learning about many exciting topics in their subjects. In English they have been reading extracts from Roald Dahl and exercising their imagination to create their own version of Captain Hardcastle from the classic autobiographical story 'Boy'. In Art, they have been looking at portraits, focusing on the work of Picasso and creating their own portrait of each other developing their creative skills.

I have been amazed by how many of the Students have been fascinated by our Landscapes topic in Geography and the impact of acid rain on our landscapes. Keep up the great work Year 7!

Year 8 and 9 students have been working extremely hard in lessons. Unfortunately, due to staff absence, the Year 8 RSE day had to be rearranged until later in the year; the new date will be arranged when staff return to school.

The Year 9 students will now need to start thinking about which GCSE subjects they are thinking of choosing to study for the next two years in KS4. The best advice we always give is to choose subjects you enjoy. If you are choosing subjects for a career or from advice given, that you do not like or are not interested in, is this career you should be aiming for?



The BBC bitesize have a fantastic page which can help answer some questions - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrjh92p> - but also start to ask your form tutor and teachers.



The Graduation and Exceptional programme are now well under way. Students should now be looking to have completed at least 26 subject challenges.

Students need to also be trying to ensure that they are attending school every day and ensuring they are not receiving negative points. Similar to the RSE day, the rewards trip to Pizza Hut has also had to be delayed due to staff absence but will be arranged for soon after the February half term break. Keep up the hard work!



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

KEY STAGE 4



It has been another busy and important fortnight for Key Stage 4 students. Last week the National Citizenship Service came in to assembly to let students know about the

wonderful opportunities available with them. This two week programme filled with outdoor activities, residentials, life skills and charity work is almost entirely funded by the

government, with students paying no more than £50 for the two weeks. The NCS programme is highly regarded by universities, colleges and employers and would benefit students both personally and in their careers. I would thoroughly recommend that all students sign up for this. Further information can be found by Googling NCS.



Myerscough College were in assembly this week informing Year 11 students about the opportunities available at the college and the Excellence Programme from Blackpool Sixth will be in assembly next week.



Year 11 are currently in the middle of a closely fought green slip competition. The winners of this will be announced next week and the winning form will enjoy a pizza lunch.

Year 11 students should now be focussing on revising for GCSE and we will be practising revision skills in form and in PSHE.

Year 10 students interested in becoming members of the Senior Student Team 2022/3 should listen out for an announcement about this after half term.

Miss C. Gower
Head of Key Stage 4



Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge



Well done to Mr Rawcliffe for correctly identifying that the missing column total was 21.

The answers were: Orange = 8, Green = 6, Red = 4 and Yellow = 7



Difference of Squares Problem

Many numbers can be expressed as the difference of two perfect squares. For example,

$$20 = 6^2 - 4^2$$

$$21 = 5^2 - 2^2$$

$$36 = 6^2 - 0^2$$



How many of the numbers from 1 to 40 can you express as the difference of two perfect squares?

What do you notice about the numbers that cannot be expressed as a difference of two perfect squares?

Please email your solutions to Mr Humphreys at:
b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk



Make a Difference

DATES FOR 2022

Y11 French Speaking Exam - 28 February -
3rd March 2022

Y10 Mock Interview Day - 1st March 2022

Whole School Career's Fair Day-
3rd March 2022

Celebration of Music - 7th March 2022

Y11 Mock Exams- 14th -18th March
(Timetable on website)

Y7 Parents' Evening - 23rd March 2022

Y8 Parents' Evening - 18th May 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work Experience 2022

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

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Tuesday 1st March 2022

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

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

Home - Learning

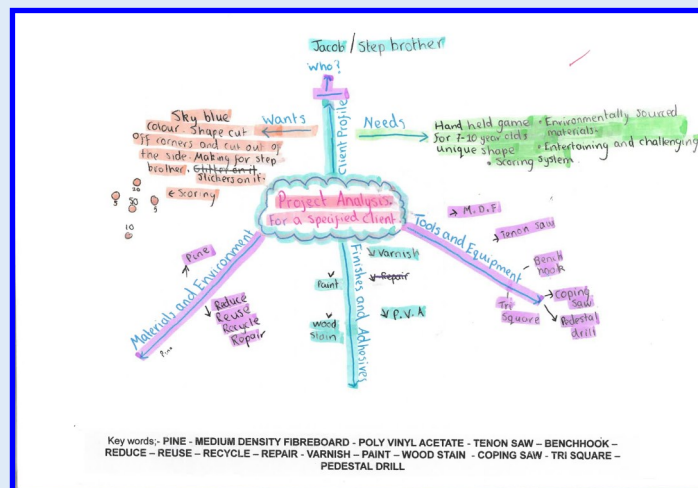
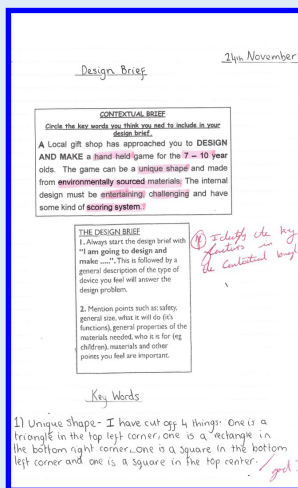
Definition – why is Home-Learning important?

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 college
- ⇒ **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 Design Technology who have produced outstanding examples of home-learning, in which they have focused on product mind mapping and creating design briefs based on their findings.



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).

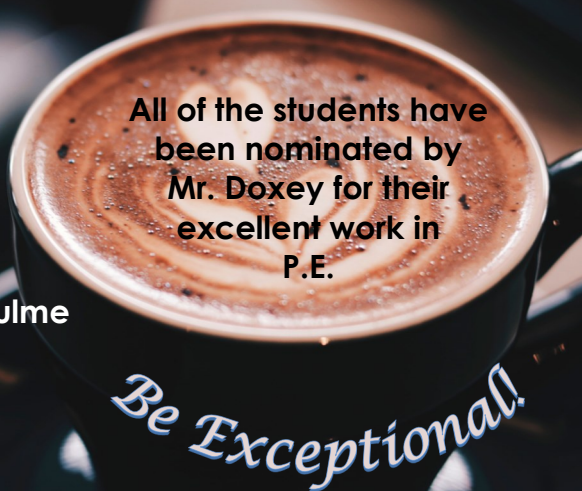


HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Year 7

- Mia Thornburrow
- Bethany Casey
- Cameron Craven
- Rosie Witcher
- Kean Goddard
- Lincoln Crumblehulme

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



Please look on the school website for the Extra-Curricular Activities available this term.



Extra-Curricular
Activities
Spring Term
2022



Student Council

Following on from the successful charity events, the student council have been hard at work preparing for their next big fund raisers.

The next important date in the calendar is Comic Relief, which is taking place on Friday 18th March. The council will be visiting form groups in the next couple of weeks to promote the ideas they have to help such a worthy cause.

COMIC RELIEF



The student council have also been focusing on internal school matters, focusing on what makes a successful student. They have been involved with a session with Miss Copping, brainstorming ideas with the view of producing an information poster that will be visible around school in the coming weeks/months. It would be fantastic if you could speak with your son/daughter/grandchild about what they think a successful student looks like.

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm” – Sir Winston Churchill.

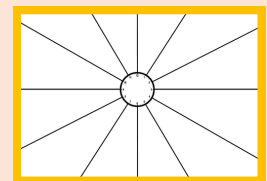
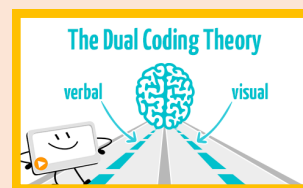
Teaching and Learning Tips

What is effective revision?

The prefix 're' means again and 'vision' is to look – so when we revise, we are simply 'looking again' at prior learning, not trying to pass a test or exam. Students who enjoy regular revision throughout secondary school will enjoy the benefits in Year 11. Traditional ideas about revision suggested that methods such as re-reading notes and highlighting work were useful ways to revise, however, our knowledge of the brain has moved on. We now have a better understanding of the way our brain commits information to the long-term memory.

At Millfield, we want to embed a culture of revision from Year 7. Students are taught highly effective revision methods as part of the rolling programme of revision weeks throughout the year. For example:

- ◇ Retrieval practice
- ◇ Dual-coding
- ◇ Interleaving and spaced practice
- ◇ Revision clocks
- ◇ High frequency cards



Further support and information can be found on our school website. It is never too early to form positive lifelong study habits!

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

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
MOCK INTERVIEW DAY 2022

Tuesday, 1st March 2022
with staff from
Westinghouse,
Victrex,
H.S.B.C,
Virgin Money,
Blackpool & the Fylde College,
Blackpool 6th Form College,
NHS

For further details see information on the examination notice board or Mrs. Draper in A50

Dress smartly in appropriate day/interview wear or school uniform. NO JEANS.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT!

DOs

- Arrive on time
- Be polite
- Be professional
- Be confident
- Be enthusiastic
- Be prepared
- Be tidy
- Be well rested
- Be well dressed
- Be well behaved
- Be well spoken
- Be well informed
- Be well prepared
- Be well presented
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DON'Ts

- Don't be late
- Don't be rude
- Don't be unprofessional
- Don't be unconfident
- Don't be unenthusiastic
- Don't be unprepared
- Don't be untidy
- Don't be unwell rested
- Don't be unwell dressed
- Don't be unwell behaved
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- Don't be unwell prepared
- Don't be unwell presented

EXAMINATIONS

Year 11

BTEC Exams
(Vocational/
Technical
Qualifications)

9th Feb Health &
Wellbeing 9am

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.

Look what we helped contribute to:

Hangout!

Starting 6th
February

Looking for somewhere to go with friends?
Are you 11 - 16 Years old?

If yes, then come to Hangout! To have fun, relax
and play games.

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at
St John's Community Hub from 5pm till 6pm
(St John's Church, Thornton)



Games - Table Tennis, Pool
Table, Board Games and lots
more!



Music



Refreshments



A place to relax



Art

Maximum charge of £2
for
refreshments
& heating

MILLFIELD SCIENCE & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE
PRESENTS

IN AID OF THE WINTER GARDENS TRUST

CELEBRATION OF
MUSIC
2022

Good Times

OPERA HOUSE

BLACKPOOL

MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2022

6:30PM - 9:00PM

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC FEATURING PUPILS FROM
SCHOOLS ACROSS THE FYLDE COAST

ADULTS £9.00 CHILD £5.00

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.WGBPL.CO.UK

OR CALL THE BOX OFFICE ON

01253 629600

BOOKING FEES APPLY.

OR VISIT : BOX OFFICE AT THE WINTER GARDENS BLACKPOOL -NO BOOKING FEE

