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Important Dates:

Thursday 30th June
Year 11 Prom

Friday 1st July
Year 6 Induction
Day

Monday 11th July
Graduation
Evening

**Tuesday 12th &
Wednesday 13th
July**
BIG GIG

**Wednesday 13th
July**
Graduation Trip

Thursday 14th July
Graduation Party

Monday 18th July
Activities Day

**Wednesday 20th
July**
School Closes

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am starting this Messenger by thanking all our Year 11 parents and carers for their continued and invaluable support; your children have been an absolute credit to you, themselves and the school. A huge thanks must also go to all the staff; they have been working tirelessly ensuring our Year 11s are fully prepared: completing pre-exam revision sessions (giving up their time in the mornings, evenings, and holidays) and being there every step of the way. I have seen some wonderfully uplifting moments when someone is having a little pre-exam wobble and their friends and staff gather to support them and get them through – it reminds me of what an incredibly caring team we are! Not long to go and we are over the exam finish line! We'll look forward to celebrating with our students at the prom and, as a reminder, parents are more than welcome to join us to take photographs until 7.30pm. The prom finishes at 11pm; students can arrive from 6.45pm. Please don't be late to pick them up as we need to supervise until the end and it's a school night so we all need to be at work early the next day!

Our Year 9s are at that exciting point in their journey through secondary school, where they have chosen their options for September. Our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Humphreys, completely overhauled the options process last year, ensuring students pick their preferences first and then the timetable is built around their choices - this is a unique model, which enables our students to flourish in lessons they have a keen interest in and are good at. Mr Humphreys looks at every student's option choices and has individual meetings with all 178 students, listening to their aspirations and future career hopes and dreams. It takes him around three weeks to complete these meetings and he thoroughly enjoys every single one of them!

The summer term always flies by and this one seems to be extra special because every time we hold an event or are discussing an upcoming event, it is always followed by the phrase "it's the first time we've been able to do this in three years" and this is followed with happy smiles! Please be considerate of our team and everything they are doing; the evening events and activities take an inordinate amount of planning and time and a lot of this is done at the good will of our incredible team of staff – they go above and beyond for our children, giving up their own time, sometimes in the evenings, they do this because they care so much and know the value of these events: creating long-lasting memories for our children.

It was a wonderfully proud moment to see the school on the BBC Northwest News for the Jubilee Celebration, and even though it was a little chilly, spelling out HRH 70 on the field was great fun. There were around 900 on the field and it took some seriously impressive coordination, and hopefully the afternoon created some great memories; everyone will look back at the footage and remember where they were. The footage is available on the school's Twitter feed if you missed it.

We use Twitter to celebrate the achievements of our students and remind our families of events, please follow us at @millfieldhighsc.

Best wishes
N. Regan

Nicola Regan
Headteacher

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KEY 3

It has been an excellent start to the last term. Uniform and equipment has been great throughout the year group and behaviour has massively improved since last term. We have much to look forward to with Sports Day next month and performances from other years. Keep up the excellent work Year 7!



The countdown to the Summer Holidays has begun and the students are clearly excited about the summer activities.

Activities day, Sports Day, the Graduation party day, and trip, are all just around the corner and students need to make sure they continue to attend school and meet the school's behaviour expectations.

In lessons students have been developing their knowledge and skills and have been meeting these challenges with enthusiasm and motivation. I have been very pleased with the amount of progress KS3 students have been making this term. The students have continued to work hard, and this has been evident in our most recent data collection. .

OpTions

Year 9 have been deciding on their GCSE options this term and I have been impressed with how well they have approached this. Mr Humphreys has enjoyed meeting with all the students and looks forward to helping them prepare for the transition into Year 10 and starting their GCSEs.

With the Graduation and Exceptional programmes now coming to an end, it has been fantastic to see so many students reach at least a pass, with 40 students achieving a distinction and distinction*. The graduation ceremonies will be taking place on Monday 11th July at 6pm. Year 9 students will need to be in school for 5:30pm. The students have chosen for the trip to take place at Alton Towers on the 13th July. The party day will be on the 14th July. This will be a fantastic week for the students and more information will be being sent home in the coming weeks. I look forward to working closely with parents, tutors and teachers in the final preparations for students for Graduation.



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 11th JULY—GRADUATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 13th JULY—GRADUATION TRIP
THURSDAY 14th JULY—GRADUATION PARTY



KEY STAGE 4

The last half term of the school year has started well for Key Stage 4 students.



Our Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard in their exams and we are so proud of the effort they have put

in, the support they have given each other and the way they have conducted themselves in the exam hall. We look forward to seeing the results of their hard work in the results in the summer. As exams are drawing to a close, we came together on Friday for an emotional celebration assembly.

Year 10 students have also been working hard and getting fully involved in school life. There have been some wonderful performances by the Year 10 BTEC Performing Arts students and numerous students involved in a variety of sporting activities.

The Senior Student team have written a new school improvement plan with some wonderful and exciting ideas about how they want to improve the school. They have also done a great job in their first weeks on prefect duty and will soon be opening a stationery shop during break times.



We are also really looking forward to taking the whole of Year 10 to

Blackpool and Fylde College on 27th June for an Experience Day and then to Blackpool Sixth Form on 8th July.

Please remember that payments for the hoodies are due by Friday 1st July.

Miss C. Gower
Head of Key Stage 4

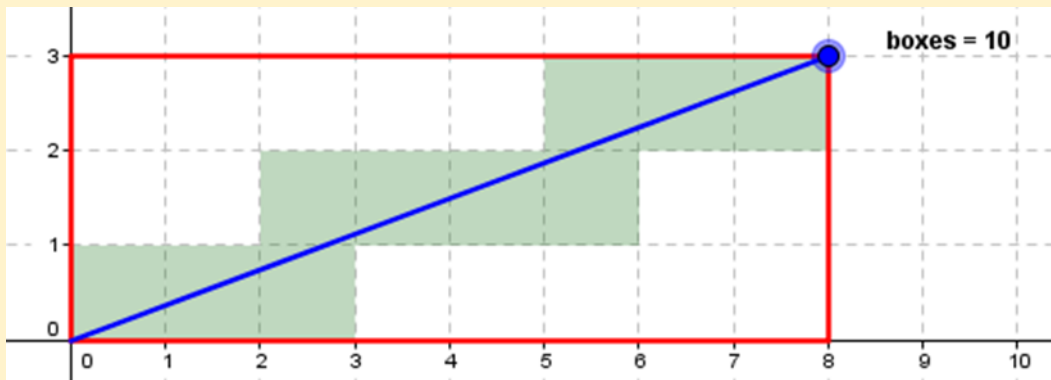
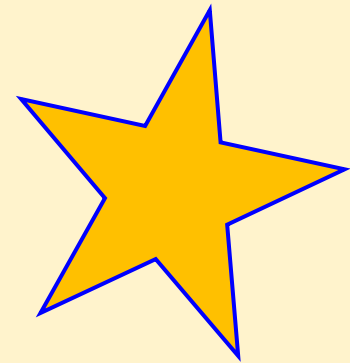
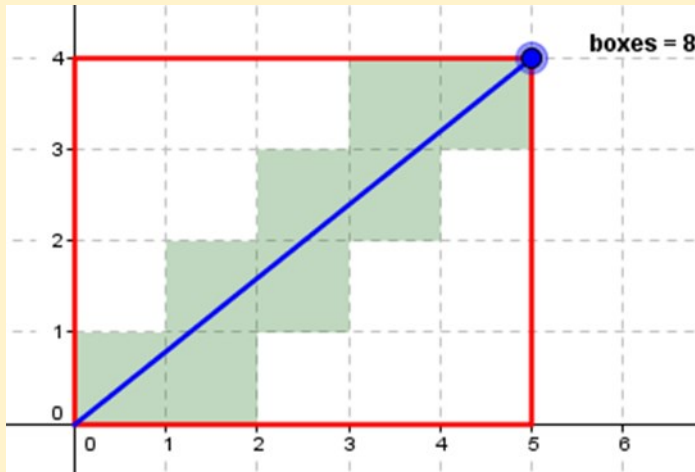


Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge



Diagonals of Rectangles Investigation

- Draw any size rectangle on square paper (whole number width and height)
- Draw a line from the bottom-left corner to the top-right corner
- Count how many squares the line passes through



- Can you work out a rule that connects the size of the rectangle to the number of squares its diagonal passes through?

Email your answers to: b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk



Home - Learning

Here at Millfield we celebrate excellence and home-learning is no exception. Home learning is a vital part of your child's education, and it is critical that you, as a parent, encourage them to engage to the best of their ability. This way we can continue to celebrate in their achievements, and they continue to make you proud of their time here at Millfield.

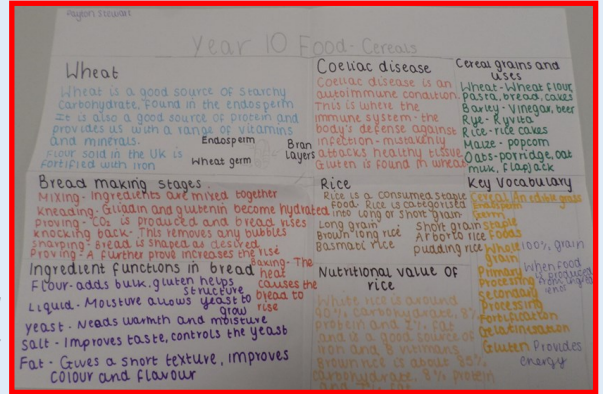
Congratulations go to students in Food and Nutrition - who have produced outstanding examples of home learning, in which they have focused on the layout and content of knowledge organisers.

The use of Synergy Virtual Learning Platform.

We are in the process of switching to Synergy virtual learning platform to record home learning. It is vital that all parents and students have accessed this before we break up for the summer term.

If you require any further information about our home-learning please do not hesitate to contact me - g.wood@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

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



Thank you!



Mrs Regan enjoyed a thank you lunch with the Year 11 senior student team.

Lancaster University

Some Year 10s had a great day at Lancaster University. So many of them expressed an interest in going to university, which is fantastic to hear.



What an amazing finish to the day - the whole school out on the field forming HRH70 for the Jubilee Celebration.



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

Year 8

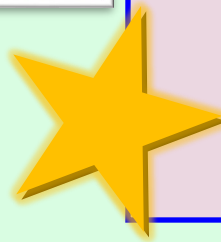
- Chloe Morris
- Payton Gardner
- Amelie Whitworth
- Alecia Atkinson
- Ellie Dicks
- Nicholas McCready

All of the students have been nominated by the MFL department for their excellent work in MFL

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DID YOU KNOW?

Read 20 minutes a day, and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year!



Student Council

The student council have been fantastic ambassadors for the school in recent weeks.

Members of the council participated in the planting of trees at the front of Millfield to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. They were also interviewed by the BBC and appeared on National TV.

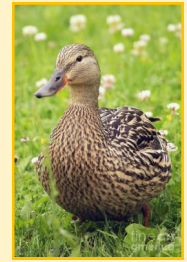


They will continue their ambassadorial role in the coming weeks, where they will welcome Year 6 students and give them a taste of Millfield in preparation for their arrival in September.

The student council will hold a Q&A session with students as well as giving them a tour of our exceptional school.

Mr. D. Booth - Head of Aspirations

Super Smashing Quacking Great



We are very pleased to inform you that once again we have a family of mallard ducks living in our quad. There are currently three ducklings enjoying the pond and duck houses built by the technology students. This time of year is perfect for visiting local ponds to feed the ducks, but please remember to try and feed them foods other than bread. Good alternatives are bird seed, frozen peas, and porridge oats.

We also have another interesting bird sighting on our assembly hall roof. Most days we have at least two oyster catchers resting around midday. These birds have very long beaks which they use to dig out molluscs from under the sand. They are probably using our hall roof to rest in between feedings at Stanah or Cleveleys beach.



Let us know if you spot any interesting bird species around the Thornton-Cleveleys area on Twitter.

Mrs. L. McCaffery

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

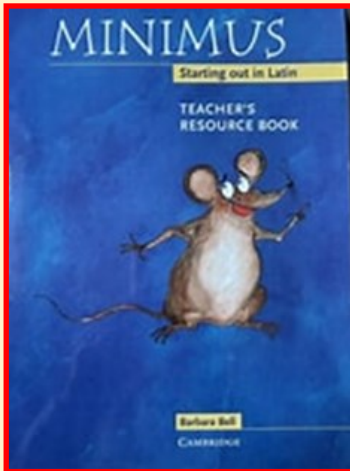


Have a look on our school website where you will find the 'Learning Journeys' for every subject. The Learning Journeys give details about what is being studied each half term from the start of Year 7 right up to when students leave in Year 11.

POLITE REMINDER:

For the safety of all of our students at the start and the end of the day can I remind parents who are dropping off and picking up by car not to drive too quickly down Belvedere Road and to be courteous of other road users when parking. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Teaching and Learning Tips



At Millfield we want to provide students with opportunities to enrich their learning both in and out of the classroom. Miss Higgins has set up a Latin club for Years 7 and 8 after school on Thursday.

Students have worked through the Minimus resources. They have learnt about a British family who lived at Vindolanda, a Roman settlement near Hadrian's wall. The Latin team unpick the grammar of the story each week focusing on nouns, adjectives and verbs. The students have enjoyed creative activities including deciphering

Roman cursive script, creating Latin birthday cards, and learning about Roman food. The team have also focused on ancient myths included a Medusa mosaic and the Icarus myth. We look forward to reading the rest of the Minimus book and continuing to work alongside the Ancient History Department at Blackpool Sixth.

Miss J. Copping

Lead Practitioner of Teaching & Learning (Foundation Subjects).

Before you speak

THINK

T = Is it **t** true?

H = Is it **h**elpful?

I = Is it **i**nspiring?

N = Is it **n**ecessary?

K = Is it **k**ind?

If not, don't say it, text it or post it!

DATES FOR 2022

Year 11 Prom - 30th June

Induction Day (Y6) - 1st July

Graduation Evening—11th July

Big Gig— 12th & 13th July

Graduation Trip—13th July

Graduation Party—14th July

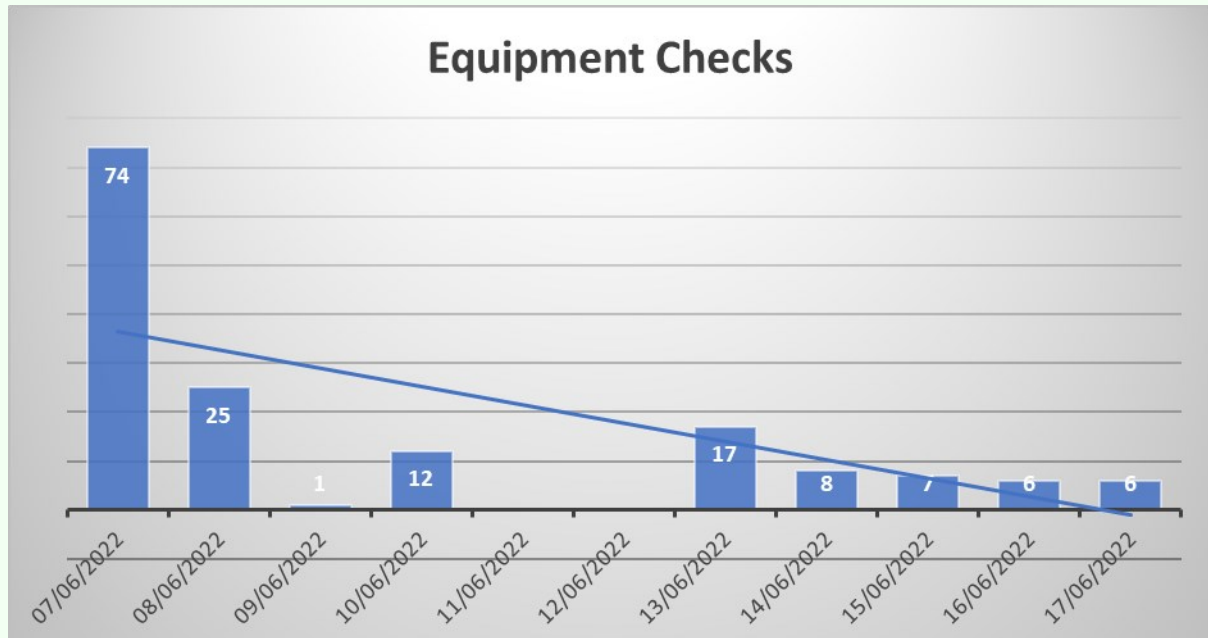
Sports Day—15th July

Activities Day—18th July

School closes for Summer –20th July



Pastoral and Wellbeing



Fantastic news!

A few weeks ago we acknowledged that too many students were attending school without the very basic equipment. We have reduced the amount of students arriving at school from 74 (on the first day of the initiative – so you can imagine how many weren't bringing equipment before this) to **six!**

So what does this mean? Simply it means that staff do not have to waste your child's time by looking for equipment that other students should already have. It means that your child can start lessons properly and maximise their learning time and it also means that students are taking ownership of their learning which is something they will need to do as they approach their GCSEs, further studies and adulthood.

No student has been excluded and all students who have arrived in school on a Monday without equipment have been provided with what they were missing. All we expect is that these students then look after it so that everyone can learn.

The effect of a consistent approach when school and parents work together; exceptional!

Mr. Deaville
Assistant Headteacher in charge of Behaviour and Safeguarding



Goodbye and Goodluck
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