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# **DATES FOR** 2022/2023

Open Evening -Thursday 6th October 2022

Year 10 Progress Evening -19th October 2022

Year 9 Progress Evening -9th November 2022

Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams -14th, 15th & 16th November 2022

Year 11 Mock Exams -21st November - 2nd December 2022

Year 11 Art Mock Exam -5th, 6th, 8th & 9th December 2022

All School Carol Services -14th & 15th December 2022

Year 10 Mock Interview Day -18th January 2023

Celebration of Music -6th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our new Year 7s have had an exceptional start and have quickly adapted and settled into Team Millfield. Their behaviour in lessons and around school is superb and they talk to me about how much they are enjoying their subjects and what extracurricular activities they have been involved in. We are really excited to have Emma Norry, author of one of the 2022 Bookbuzz free books, Amber Under Cover, as our Book Pen Pal this year! Our Year 7 students will receive and reply to 6 postcards from Emma, all about reading, throughout the school year.

A huge thank you must go to all the staff who gave up their weekend to go on the Year 7 activity camp; the students (and staff!) had a brilliant time; the students made new friends and really bonded as a group.

We managed to bring the whole school together for the inter-house sports day on 26<sup>th</sup> September, this was due to cancelling sports day on the incredibly hot day before the summer holidays. It was a fantastic day, expertly organised by our PE team, who even got the army to bring in a huge inflatable assault course! What an amazing day we had, and the rain held off! It was a very close contest with the Sharks coming in at first place. Well done to everyone who took part and gave it their all!

Well done to our Year 11 girls' netball ball team, who came a very respectable second in a Fylde and Wyre inter-school competition. Thank you to Miss Clark, who has been giving the team expert coaching.

Our brand-new food and nutrition room has been completed; it had been fully ripped out over the summer holidays and now boasts a teaching area and brand new kitchen fittings and appliances. The students are enjoying learning about cookery skills and completing practical activities with Miss Norman.

Thank you to all our families who attended our 'help your child revise' evening. Don't worry if you couldn't make it, just send Mr Wood an email and he'll get all the information and resources sent out to you: <a href="mailto:g.wood@millfield.lancs.sch.uk">g.wood@millfield.lancs.sch.uk</a>. A reminder for our Year 11 parents, that intervention after school is compulsory, if you have received an email from a teacher. Intervention is important as it means your child has fallen behind/not understood something and the teacher is putting additional teaching in place to support them to catch up.

Mr Smith and I have been out to visit our local primary schools to talk to their Year 6s about life at Millfield. It was lovely to meet with them and they asked some fantastic questions. We are really looking forward to seeing them with their families at our Open Evening.

We use Twitter to celebrate our students and remind parents of upcoming events, you can follow us at @millfieldhighsc.

Best wishes



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## **Home Learning**

At Millfield Science and Performing Arts College, home learning is an essential part of each students' whole learning process. It is a vital aspect of supporting, extending, and preparing for the learning that takes place in the classroom.

In order to support your child further we will be running a home learning support programme, Monday to Thursday for one hour after school. This support is open to everyone, and those students that attend voluntarily will receive a 'high achievement slip', which will be entered into our rewards draw where they could win a whole host of prizes.

Students who receive three home learning detentions (equivalent to nine pieces of missed home learning) will be directed to attend home learning support for a period of two weeks to help them to establish good routines.

#### Mr G Wood – Lead Practitioner

### **Teaching and Learning Update** – OCTOBER 2022

### **Using technology to support Revision**

With revision weeks and mock exams on the horizon, this Teaching and Learning update will direct you to some useful websites and apps to support your revision.

**Seneca Learning** - Seneca Learning is the U.K.'s most popular revision app for high school students with more than 2.5 million users in England alone. Seneca's mission is to reduce educational inequality by creating a free and effective learning resource that is accessible to all. 500+ free courses across 29 subjects are available for high school students. Seneca is based on the most recent developments in cognitive science and reacts live to personalise your revision.

**Gojimo** – Gojimo allows you to access over 65,000 free revision questions for all major subjects, including English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

**Kahoot** – Kahoot allows you to create timed quizzes for key words or ideas. Kahoot can be used online or as an app so that students can work in teams or alone to get the correct answer. Also, Kahoot ghost allows students to try and beat their own scores! This is great to show progress from the start of a revision session compared to the end.

**Class timetable** - You can create an individual revision schedule for your subjects. The app syncs across all the devices you have. You can give people access to your schedule. Furthermore, when it's time for classes, the app can automatically mute your mobile device.

# **Attendance**

There has been an excellent start to the academic year with students at Millfield attending 2.3% higher than the national average:



Excellent attendance will be rewarded throughout the year and Activities day in July will be for students who have outstanding attendance for the full year.

## <u>Uniform swap-Shop / Pre-loved Uniform</u>

Due to the increasing living costs and our proactive approach to addressing the financial burden of uniform costs, we are proud of our newly opened "Uniform Swap Shop". We are encouraging all families and the local community to donate any unwanted uniform to school which can then be re-used by others who are in need of specific items or whole uniforms. There is a drop off box at the front of school in reception for anybody wishing to donate. For anybody wishing to make the most of this cost saving initiative, please complete a request form which can be found in the main reception foyer or email your child's Progress Lead directly.

Year 7: Mr Greenall r.greenall@millfield.lancs.sch.uk
Year 8: Miss Miller-Crook g.miller-crook@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Year 9: Mrs Clare

Year 10: Mr Griffiths

Year 11: Mrs Doran

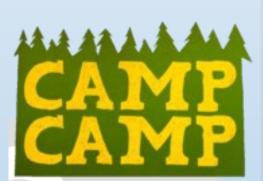
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#### Year 7 Camp

We have had at fantastic weekend away with 112 year 7 students and 13 members of staff. We stayed at Peak Venture in Huddersfield from Friday evening until Sunday.

The aim of this transition trip is to allow students to make new friends and improve their resilience when faced with various challenges. On the first evening the students had a campfire and sing song with the camp leaders, followed by roasted marshmallows and hot chocolate.

The following the day, the students took part in a variety of activities including archery, a 3G swing, laser quest, buggy building, rock climbing, bouldering, and nightline. In the evening, the students took part in a mini-Olympics before enjoying birthday cake afterwards as there were 3 birthdays while we were away.

In the morning, students packed up their rooms and completed the final two adventurous activities they had not participated in the day before.

The students were excellent. Their behaviour really was exceptional, and I have to say, after going on many of these trips, they were the best group we have ever taken.

Please see the next page for some photos of our adventures!





















## WORK EXPERIENCE

The dates for the Year 10 Work Experience will be 20th March – 31st March 2023

Please assist by talking to your child about work experience and support them with questions they may have.

Medical Forms (Yellow) to be returned by Thursday 6th October 2022.

Work Experience Support Hub
Every Wednesday Lunchtime in A41
Students can receive advise, discuss work experience opportunities or make phone calls

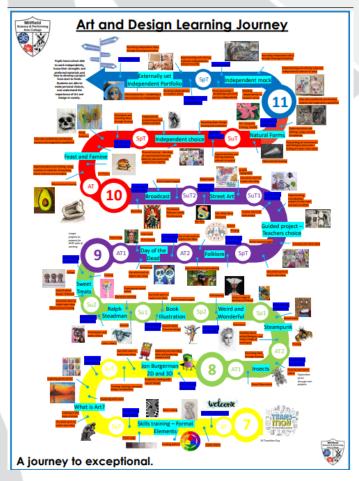
Please look on the school website for the Extra-Curricular Activities available this term.



## 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.



## 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.

