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September 26th
European Day
of Languages

September 28th
"Help Your Child
to Revise"
Evening

September 29th
Year 7 Camp
Weekend
BAE Careers
Event

October 5th
Open Evening

October 6th
School closed
(Inset Day)

October 18th
Year 11 Progress
Evening



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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an outstanding fortnight at Team Millfield. The whole staff team have commented on how superb your children have been; we cannot recall a September start as fantastic as this one! Behaviour around school is outstanding – I have already given tours with prospective new students and their families and they all comment about how calm and purposeful lessons are and how the children and staff are so happy!

Our outstanding MFL department were superb last Friday. We were one of fifty schools chosen for an educational research visit, looking at best practice in the teaching of languages. Huge well done to the languages team and all the students who impressed our visitor.

Our new Lead Practitioner of Performing Arts is keen to get Millfield students engaged with the joy of learning to play a new instrument or carrying lessons on from primary school. Therefore, for the first time ever, we are offering a period of free music tuition with the specialist teachers, to give our students the opportunity to try something new! Details are on the school Twitter, or feel free to contact Mr Mitchell p.mitchell@millfield.lancs.sch.uk.

I had my first hot chocolate of the academic year with six outstanding Year 7s, who have already impressed their English teachers! Akain told me that he had read one of my favourite novels, *Wuthering Heights*, over the summer holidays – which was particularly impressive! The students all told me how much they love Millfield; here are just some of the things they told me:

"I have loved my first two weeks because the teachers are so kind - they are strict but kind too - and I have learned so many new things."

"Home-learning is so much better than primary school, it's not just sheets, we actually do things that are interesting and that really help with our learning."

"I love one of my lessons [Spanish] so much that I am really disappointed when the bell goes."

"I love it so much more than primary school because every teacher is so passionate about their subject and makes it really interesting."

"Millfield is a really happy place to be - I love coming to school."

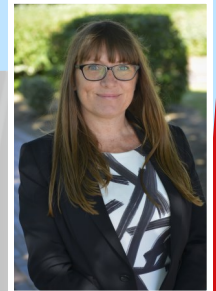
I will take this opportunity at the start of the year to politely request parents/carers not to take to social media to voice concerns about the school/individual staff. As can often happen with social media, a minor issue can be blown up out of proportion and unacceptable comments can be made by adults, which our students then get to hear about, causing unnecessary upset for staff who are working incredibly hard and go above and beyond for your children. If you have any worries or concerns, please contact the appropriate member of staff or admin@millfield.lancs.sch.uk, which is run by my PA, and she will direct your email to the relevant member of staff. We have a 24 working hours reply policy – if a member of staff has not replied, email my PA.

The only whole-school social media the school uses is Twitter: @millfieldhighsc.

Best wishes

Mrs Nicola Regan

Headteacher



Be Exceptional!

KS3 Graduation

As a school we are delighted to launch the 'Key Stage 3 Graduation Programme' for Year 9.

The aim of this programme is to give Key Stage 3 its own identity and to encourage our students to become exceptional by the end of their first three years at Team Millfield.

The Graduation Booklet is available on our website if you would like to take a look at it with your child and encourage them in their endeavours.

Students will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction for their achievements, based upon their work ethic, attendance, behaviour, subject/task challenges and attendance to extra-curricular activities. A scoring system is awarded out of 12. Attendance is based on in school sessions. Authorised absences are included in the attendance score as missed sessions in school.

Attendance	BFL	Tasks	Extra-Curricular	Final Grade
100%	0	50	20	12
97.5%	18	35	15	8
95%	36	20	10	4

Above is the scoring system.

To view the booklets online: <http://www.millfield.lancs.sch.uk/key-stage-3-graduation/>

The **Graduation Ceremony** takes place at the end of the summer term and is not only an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge students' achievements in their first three years, but also marks the next step in their educational journey.

The graduation will be celebrated with full academic dress, graduation gowns and caps. All parents and carers are invited to share in the celebrations at the graduation ceremony. We look forward to working in partnership with your son or daughter and yourself to achieve your child's full potential.



Rosie Harrison had a fabulous time in Portugal at the Dance World Cup in July.

She came away 4 times World Champion, in addition to winning 3 silver medals and 3 bronze medals!

What an amazing achievement – well done Rosie!





TEACHING AND LEARNING

ORACY

Just a few months ago, oracy, the skill of speaking and listening well, was back in the political headlines. Political leaders emphasised that teaching students to talk confidently and to be articulate is incredibly important to a student's success.

Traditionally, some people might have held the view that oracy is a naturally acquired skill that young people will pick up as they go along. Except that many students do not. Even when starting school, some students are up to 19 months behind their peers in terms of their ability to use language and how they use vocabulary.

Our aim at Millfield is to ensure that all our students are able to express themselves articulately and fluently. Explicitly teaching oracy skills will play a significant part in achieving this goal.

What have we done already?

Last year, staff undertook training to help them ensure that students worked effectively in pairs. This involved a focus on the think – pair – share technique. Students were taught to think about what they knew independently about a topic, they were then paired with another student and then ultimately shared their ideas with each other, and the whole class. Staff also learned how to set up collaborative learning – using groups to enhance learning by students working together.

What will be doing this year?

This year, staff will undertake further training in how to explicitly teach oracy to help our students make better progress, faster.

We will be learning how to model verbal language effectively in the classroom and how to discuss formality with students.

Staff will teach students to speak like a historian, or a mathematician, or a scientist, and so forth so that students are able to confidently express themselves across their different subjects, selecting the appropriate vocabulary and style of language for the situation.

Additionally, staff will be teaching students to listen actively so that they take turns and can manage spoken interactions. Staff will ensure that time is given to oracy in lessons so that there are many opportunities to practise oracy skills in class.

Staff are really looking forward to continuing to develop this important skill. As always, if you would like to find out more, contact the Teaching & Learning team (Miss Cook, Mr Hodgkinson and Mr Tyson), who will be happy to discuss this with you further.

WHAT IS ORACY?

Oracy is to speaking what numeracy is to mathematics or literacy to reading and writing. In short, it's nothing more than being able to express yourself well across a range of contexts. It's about having the vocabulary to say what you want to say and the ability to structure your thoughts so that they make sense to others.

[What is oracy and why is it so important? | English-Speaking Union \(esu.org\)](https://www.esu.org/)



CAREERS



Go Construct is CITB's website for encouraging new entrants, to join the construction industry. The website offers construction careers information, with nearly 200 job roles, case studies and different content available to inform and inspire the next generation to consider a career in construction. It includes interactive tools like a Personality Quiz, Interactive Careers Map and an Interactive Construction Site. The website is designed to be used by people seeking advice and guidance about careers, and careers advisers.



Lancashire and South Cumbria

Careers
in health and social care



Find out about working in the NHS and Care

We are comprised of 5 NHS Trusts and around 800 Care Providers within the region. Our Careers and Engagement Team is continuously developing an engaging range of experiences and opportunities across the Lancashire and South Cumbria region.

We want to help you find the career of your choice within the NHS and Care. We are a team of responsive and knowledgeable professionals who develop events, projects and programmes to support the future workforce.

WORK EXPERIENCE



Year 10 Work Experience 2024

The dates for the Work Experience will be
18th March – 28th March 2024

MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Wednesday 17th January 2024

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

Become a Millfield Equality Ambassador



WANTED: A team of Equality Ambassadors who will support our whole school approach to equality, inclusion, and the celebration of diversity.

The equality ambassadors will:

- Understand and promote the school's values regarding equality.
- Meet regularly to work together on promoting equality for all and to celebrate diversity.
- Help others understand their rights and responsibilities regarding protected characteristics (for example, through assemblies).

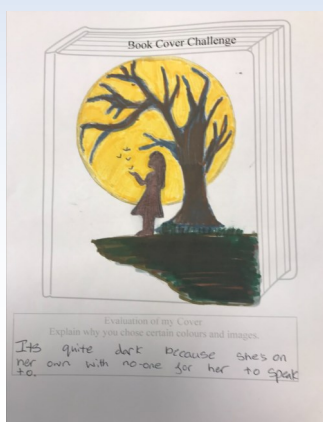
If you are interested in becoming an Equality Ambassador, **please collect an application pack from J3 and apply in writing** to Mrs Fawcett (Assistant Headteacher)



HOME LEARNING PAGE

Think piece: What is the significance of home learning?

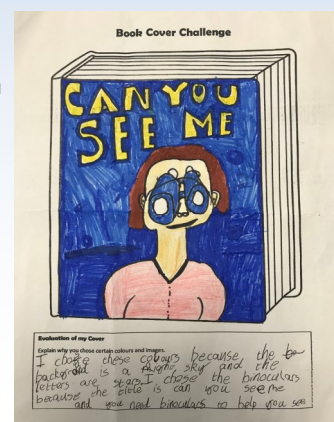
Home learning is important as it allows students to develop and hone important skills, such as time management and discipline. These are skills that they will find invaluable in the near future – including higher education and their career. It also acts as a way for the teacher, as well as the student themselves, to assess their current level along with their progress. Home learning also helps students to consolidate class work, encouraging them to become more independent and disciplined. This may involve planning out their after-school time and deciding to complete a home learning task in a given time limit. This is something they will find fundamental during exams as well as in their future careers.



Congratulations go to our students in English who were asked to complete an 'Evie's Alternative Book Cover' for the transition text, 'Can You See Me', written by two Year 7 students, about a girl with autism who is about to start high school.

Students used information from the text to come up with a different book cover which would tie in with the story. They briefly explained their choices of image, colour and text/font.

The students received a high achievement slip for their efforts and had their work published here in the Messenger.



Reminder

In order to support your child with their home learning, please regularly log into Synergy 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 Synergy, please contact the school.



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

Akain Narayana	7 R2 EAV
Ollie Harper	7 B1 ERO
River Kray	7 B1 ERO
Marcella Lomas	7 H2 TYE
Isobelle Morton	7 H1 LJO
Will Hindle	7 H1 LJO

The students have been nominated by Mrs Morton for their excellent work in English.





eco club



****Welcome back! A new year has started.****

As the halls of Millfield once again echo with the excitement of students returning for a fresh academic year, we have some remarkable news to share. Last year, thanks to the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of our students in the **Eco Club**, the 'Wyre in Bloom Foundation' paid a visit to our school to assess our garden. We are thrilled to announce that their evaluation has resulted in a prestigious **Silver Award**, a testament to the incredible contributions and hard work put forth by our students.



Our students' commitment to nurturing and enhancing our Eco Garden is truly inspiring. As we embark on this new academic year, they hold a brilliant vision in their hearts: to attain the coveted Gold Award in next year's Wyre in Bloom competition. This ambitious goal reflects not only their passion for sustainability but also their determination to make a positive impact on our school community.

****Millfield's Eco Club warmly invites all members of the Millfield family to join us on this remarkable journey.****

Our Eco Garden is not merely a patch of green on our campus; it is a symbol of our commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the power of collective effort. We believe that by working together, we can not only maintain but further enhance this exquisite and delicate part of our school community.

****Zero Emissions Day - September 21, 2023****

*Dates for
your
diary.....*

On September 21, the world observed Zero Emissions Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the harmful impact of CO₂ emissions and encouraging a one-day respite from fossil fuels. In 2023, the significance of this environmental day cannot be overstated. It calls for a concerted effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address our historical contributions to the environmental challenge.

Seed Gathering Season

From 23rd September. "Our annual Seed Gathering Season inspires everyone to join us to gather seeds, fruits and nuts which can be nurture to grow the trees of the future. Now in its 21st year, The Tree Council welcomes all our volunteer Tree Wardens, member organisations, local communities and families to get involved during the month-long celebrations. The campaign runs from September 23rd, which is the autumn equinox and considered to be the first day of autumn. It finishes on October 23rd."

[Eco-Friendly & Sustainable Lifestyle Tips & Products - Green Eco Friend](#)

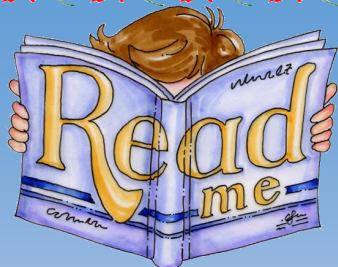


Recycle Week

From 23rd September. "Recycle Week is a celebration of recycling, organised by WRAP under the Recycle Now brand. The aim of the week is to encourage the public to recycle more of the right things, more often from all around the home."

Let's make this academic year one filled with growth, learning, and a shared commitment to preserving our environment. Together, we can reach for the stars and achieve that coveted Gold Award while leaving a lasting legacy of eco-consciousness at Millfield Science and Performing Arts College.



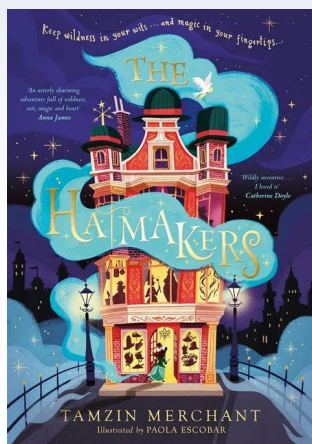


Recommended Reads

'The Hatmakers' by Tamzin Merchant, and
'The Girl who Speaks Bear' by Sophie Anderson

'The Hatmakers'

Cordelia comes from a long line of milliners, who weave enchantment into every hat. This book is wildly inventive . . . full of laugh-out-loud humour, enchanting magic and rebellious hope.



The most important rule to follow when you hunt for hat ingredients is this:

keep wildness in your wits and magic in your fingertips.

In Cordelia's London, magic is real and is woven into objects created by the five

Maker families: the Hatmakers, the Bootmakers, the Watchmakers, the Cloakmakers, and the Glovemakers.

Growing up in her father Prospero's footsteps, eleven-year-old Cordelia Hatmaker has learned the family's ancient skills and secrets so she can one day make her own enchanted hats.

When Prospero and his ship are lost at sea during an important ingredient expedition, her grief-stricken aunt and uncle must turn their attention toward fulfilling a decree to create a Peace Hat for the king. But Cordelia refuses to accept that her father is gone for good and desperately begins making plans to find him. Then, the Peace Hat is stolen - along with the Peace Boots, Watch, Cloak, and Gloves - and Cordelia realizes that there is a more menacing plot against the Makers' Guild, and that Prospero Hatmaker's disappearance may be connected. Cordelia must uncover the truth about who is behind the thefts if she is to save the Makers and find out what really happened to her father.

Full of magic, surprise, and adventure, this is a sparkling debut introducing a captivating heroine and her extraordinary world.

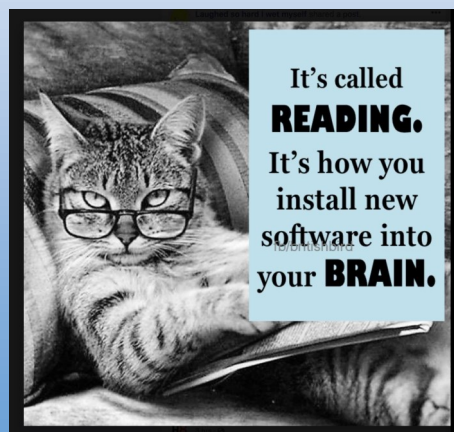
'The Girl who Speaks Bear'

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered where she is from. Interwoven with stories of bears, princesses and dragons, Yanka's story is a beautiful, lyrical adventure.

They call me Yanka the Bear. Not because of where I was found - only a few people know about that. They call me Yanka the Bear because I am so big and strong.



Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.





Democracy in Action!

As a school, we are excited about the upcoming election for our new Student Council.

Student Council

Students have been asked to put themselves forward by creating a PowerPoint slide stating why they want to be on the Student Council, and what they aim to achieve. The rest of the school will then vote on who they want to represent them. In previous years, we have had an excellent response with many students putting themselves forward.

Promoting British values is extremely important at Millfield, and we believe in preparing our students for life in modern Britain. We believe having the election will allow students to experience voting later in life and they will see the importance of deciding who makes the decisions on the issues they care about.

We wish all students who have put themselves forward luck in the election and, if successful, the role. We cannot wait to work with them on making Millfield even more exceptional.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT MILLFIELD

Building on our successful personal development programme


We are excited to announce that we are building on our already successful personal development programme this year. We believe that it is essential for all students to develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to succeed in life, both academically and personally.

As part of our programme, we will be providing a range of opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop their talents, and learn about different career options. We will also be working with parents to help them support their children's career choices.

Here are some of the specific things we will be doing:

- Offering a wide range of extra-curricular activities, such as MFL club, sports teams and practices - football, netball and basketball, Minecraft Lab, computer club, maths club to mention a few.
- Running more school trips to places of interest, such as businesses, universities, and museums.
- Hosting career talks and workshops from guest speakers.
- Providing parents with information and resources on how to support their children's career choices. Please visit our careers section of the website by following the link - <https://millfield.lancs.sch.uk/careers-at-millfield/>

We believe that these activities will help our students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their futures. We are committed to providing our students with the best possible start in life, and we believe that our personal development programme is an important part of that.

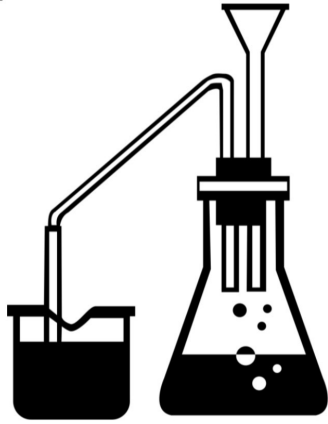




SCIENCE CLUB

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 20TH

Wednesdays in D4
Mrs Alden



★ ★ ★
READ
LEARN
THINK
CREATE
DREAM
ACHIEVE

Here are the first **exceptional star students** of the year! Well done to them all for an outstanding start!



We are proud to announce that we have won the Wyre in Bloom Foundation prestigious Silver Award, a testament to the incredible contributions and hard work of our students in our eco garden.

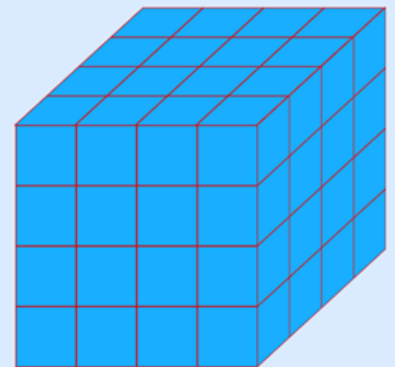


Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge Cut Cube Puzzle

A solid, four-inch cube of wood is coated with blue paint on all six sides.

Then the cube is cut into smaller one-inch cubes.

These new one-inch cubes will have either three blue sides, two blue sides, one blue side, or no blue sides. How many of each will there be?



Please email your worked solution to Mr Humphreys - b.humphreys@millfield.lancs.sch.uk



NOTICE BOARD

CONTRACT 02/568 SERVICE INSTRUCTION FORM B

COMMENCING 4 JANUARY 2022

SERVICE: 568 CLEVELEYS – THORNTON MILLFIELD SPAC

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY

Service No...	568
CLEVELEYS Bus Station	0747
CLEVELEYS Cumberland Ave (Jct. with Rossall Rd)	0750
CLEVELEYS Central Ave North (Jct. with West Drive)	0758
CLEVELEYS Pheasants Wood	0800
THORNTON Gardner's Arms	0808
THORNTON Millfield SPAC	0815
Service No...	568
THORNTON MILLFIELD SPAC arr.	1445
THORNTON MILLFIELD SPAC dep.	1500
THORNTON Gardner's Arms	1505
CLEVELEYS Pheasants Wood	1513
CLEVELEYS Central Ave North (Jct. with West Drive)	1515
CLEVELEYS Cumberland Ave (Jct. with Rossall Rd)	1523
CLEVELEYS Bus Station	1526

School Bus Service 568

POETRY COMPETITION

Do you enjoy creative writing and reading poetry?
Perhaps you have a grandparent who shares this interest with you?

Poetry Together encourages young budding poets and elderly writers to come together and share their written poems on 'happiness'

What does Happiness mean to you?



By taking part, you could be invited to ITV's This Morning, have your poem published and even win £250 worth of books for our school library!

Poetry Writing Workshop:
Tuesday 7th November
3-4pm
Years 7-9 welcome
J1 with Mrs Holden



You are invited
Come and see the transformed facilities at your Community Hub



Stanah Road FY5 5JE

Open Day
Saturday 23rd September
10am - 4pm

Lots happening throughout the day
Come and see or even have a go!

PLUS A PROJECT UPDATE FOR AUTUMN 2023

Activities - in the hall - watch or join in

- 10.00am Open
- 10.30 - 11.00 Example Dance Academy
- 11.15 - 11.45 Pilates
- 12.00 - 12.30 Latino Aerobics
- 12.45 - 1.15 Scouts/Cubs/Beavers/Squirrels
- 1.30 - 2.00 Guides/Brownies/Rainbows
- 2.15 - 2.45 Table Tennis
- 3.00 - 3.30 Chair Exercise
- 4.00pm Close

Displays & Activities in church

- St John's Archives bring any pictures you may have to share of memories of St John's
- Rose Queens through the years bring any photos or memorabilia
- Children's Displays and Activities A display of all the children's activities at St John's.
- PLUS Children's Activities available 11am - 1pm
- 1.30 - 2.30 Listen and join in with our choir
- 2.30 - 3.30 A musical event to join in and sing...or just listen

Refreshments available throughout the day

Scan for more info on St John's website
visit stjohnslittlethornton.org September Open Day



September

September is the month
When Autumn says hello,
Summertime is over
And back to school we go
Even though it's sad when
sunny Summer ends,
I smile 'cause I'll get to
Reunite with all my friends!

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How are we rewarded at Millfield?

For attending school!

For being exceptional!



THE HUNDRED

First 10 weeks of each term

100 points available

Golden Target 85 points

5 points for every week of 100% attendance = up to 50 points

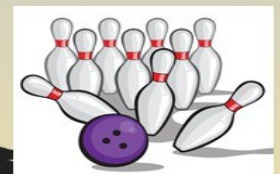
5 points for every week of zero negatives = up to 50 points



Summer: Activities Day



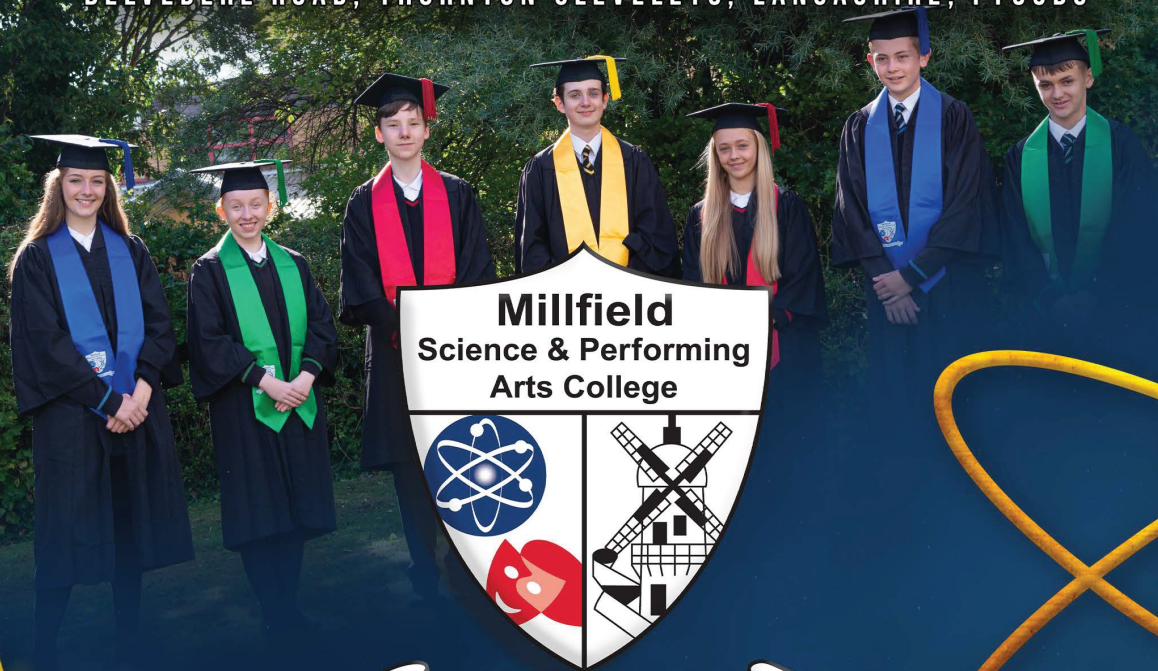
Easter: Bowling or Prom



Xmas: Trafford Centre



BELVEDERE ROAD, THORNTON CLEVELEYS, LANCASHIRE, FY55DG



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Creating Bright Futures

OPEN EVENING

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**5th OCTOBER
2023
6PM - 9PM**