

Issue No 66

5th October

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

October 5th

Open Evening

October 6th

School closed
(Inset Day)

October 12th

Literacy Support
Evening for KS4

October 18th

Year 11 Progress
Evening

October 19th

Elephant Man
trip to The
Grand

October 20th

Half Term -
school closes



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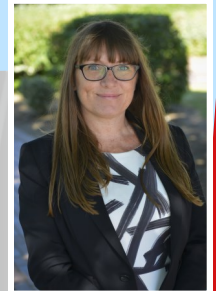
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Dear Parents and Carers

It was fantastic to see so many new followers on our school Twitter page last week. We have just started a new initiative: Mr McMinn visits a lesson every day and takes pictures from around the school of what your children are learning. Also, every department has their learning journey on the school website, so you can also see what topics your child is learning every half term. The only whole-school social media the school uses is Twitter: [@millfieldhighsc](https://twitter.com/millfieldhighsc) and we post as many pictures as we can from trips on Twitter too.



It was fantastic to see many of our families at our 'Help Your Child Revise' evening last week. We have run this initiative since I have been Headteacher and following some great feedback from parents, we think we have finally got it just right! Thank you to parents for your positive feedback – one parent said they wished they had been taught how to revise when they were at school, and this is something we have worked really hard to perfect over the last few years. The next revision evening for parents will be run by the English department, on Thursday 12th October, they will mainly focus on revising for literature, however the tips and advice will be applicable to all subjects. If your child is in Year 10 and 11, they should now be revising every day – focusing on what they don't know or remember. Our school website has the Presentation and Revision Tips for parents, for those who could not make the evening.

The Year 7 weekend trip to PGL was fantastic; 130 students and staff had an amazing time – lots of fun outdoor activities and team building. A huge thanks goes to all the staff who looked after the children and gave up their weekend to do so. Out of school trips and activities can only be done on the goodwill of our amazing staff and I believe it is a testament to staff who are so passionate about giving our students a wealth of extra opportunities. On this note, our extracurricular activities programme is now available on the school's website – there are so many exciting clubs for your child to experience and try something new!

Our outstanding personal development programme is already well underway. Lower school students have enjoyed an inspirational workshop with the team from BAE systems and some upper school students have been on an army away day. At this stage in the year, I would advise Year 10 and 11 families to start looking around colleges and sixth form open days; this will enable your child to start thinking about their next step after Millfield – it's always good to have a plan!

We are thrilled to announce that our Eco Club won the Wyre in Bloom's prestigious Silver Award, a testament to the incredible contributions and hard work of our students. The students are now going for Gold 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. "Our Eco Garden is not merely a patch of green; it is a symbol of our commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the power of collective effort".

Best wishes

Mrs Nicola Regan

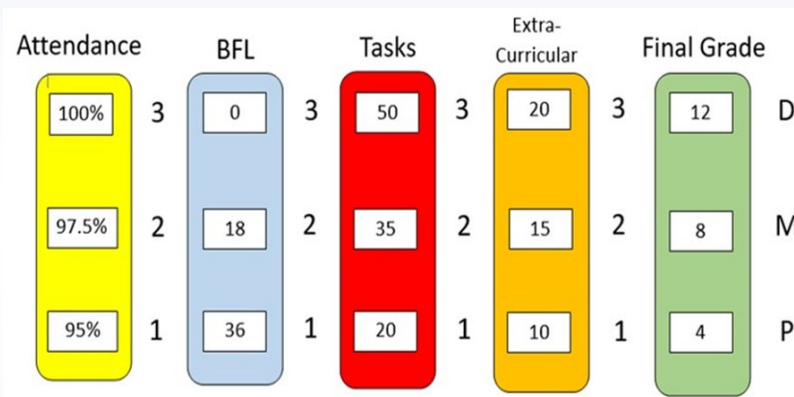
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KS3 Graduation

This is now the second week of the Year 9 graduation programme. Students have already started to make progress on the completion of tasks and already there has been an increase in the participation rates to extra curricular activities. Keep up the good work.

Things to remember:

- Negative points will be calculated against high achievement slips gained.
- Attendance is calculated on in school sessions, approved absences will go against your attendance score.
- The number of tasks to be completed has been reduced to achieve the top grades.
- Book reviews will be counted as a task completed, especially ones taken from the library.
- Extra curricular activities will be calculated on the number times you attend an activity, not the total number of hours spent on activity.



Above is the scoring system.

did you know?

One of the best ways to remember something is to tell someone else about it. Studies show when you immediately relay what you've learned, you're more likely to remember the details for longer than if you just re-read your notes or textbook. When your brain categorizes memories, it keeps the most important ones more accessible, because it assumes the information you've told someone else must be pretty important.

ELECTION

Students have been asked to create a PowerPoint promoting what they would like to achieve while on the student council. The whole school will then vote for the members they want to represent them on the student council. This is a fantastic opportunity; previous accomplishments that the student council has been able to achieve include the outside catering area in the quad, extra seating in the Year 7 yard and even rule changes. Their first task will be to present to SLT what areas of the school they feel could be improved and highlight areas which they feel are a success.

Student
Council

TEACHING AND LEARNING

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

At Millfield we have a focus on **attendance** as we are acutely aware that every moment in school counts, and days missed add up

quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss fifteen lessons in total. Over a year that is ninety lessons and during their time with us that is 450 hours of learning lost.

Evidence from the Department for Education shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results.

It is with this in mind that we ask students to catch up on any missed learning from their period of absence. This does not mean hours of extra work. We ask students to make sure they are up to date with the most crucial areas of their learning in a time efficient manner. This is so that when they join their next lesson and continue their sequence of learning they do not have gaps in their knowledge that stop them from continuing their learning journey in that subject. These tasks may take the form of reading crucial texts, completing just one skill-based activity, or starting a base on learning to be continued in future lessons.

The feedback received from students has highlighted two large areas of success with this initiative. Firstly, students feel more secure in their learning when they rejoin lessons allowing them to slot straight back into their learning journey. Secondly, for some students, it has lowered their level of stress and worry when it comes to end of unit assessments as they feel confident that they are clear on any elements of learning they may have missed due to absence.

At Millfield we are always striving to achieve the highest possible outcomes for students. With this initiative, students will be able to have an uninterrupted journey through their learning and be able to go on to secure their bright future.

100%

Attendance continues to be excellent!

We are currently 2.1% above the national average for this year – well done Team Millfield!





Year 7 had a fantastic weekend at camp.

Fifteen members of staff and 126 students attended PGL Newby Wiske for our annual Year 7 camp. This was the first time we have attended this site and we will definitely be returning next year. The students took part in a variety of different activities; zip line, rock-climbing, survivor activities, problem solving, jacobs ladder, laser tag, assault course and a 3g swing, all of which they enjoyed. The students really enjoyed watching Mr Edet and Mr Yeoman race to the top of the rock-climbing wall, Mrs Laycock, Mr Smith, and Miss Ashton on the 3g swing and Mrs Moseley and Ms Cox running around the laser tag course. The accommodation was fantastic, and the food was out of this world. The students behaved impeccably, without a single complaint even during a soggy Saturday afternoon. *I would like to personally thank all the staff who gave up their time to make this trip the huge success it was. - More photos available on X (twitter)*



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).

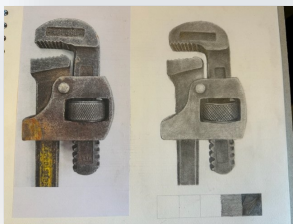
If you are interested in becoming an Equality Ambassador, **please collect an application pack from J3 and apply in writing** to Mrs Fawcett (Assistant Headteacher)

HOME LEARNING PAGE

Some educators argue that homework is beneficial to students, as it enhances learning, develops the skills taught in class, and lets educators verify that students comprehend their lessons. Proponents also argue that homework makes it more likely that students will develop and maintain proper study habits that they can use throughout their educational career.



Congratulations go to our students in Year 10, their task was to create an observational drawing using a secondary source image of a wrench, they were asked to concentrate on shape, proportion and tone. They absolutely smashed the challenge and created some stunning drawings which show great ability. The students received high achievement slips for their efforts and had their work published in the school 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

Belle-Elise Parkin	8 R3 CHY
Ruby Dodgson	8 S3 ASN
Jaxson Braebaum	8 S4 JPT
Jacob Millwood	8 H3 CPN
Atalia Park	8 B3 SWE
Joshua Stanley	8 S3 ASN

The students have been nominated by Mrs Hall for their excellent work in Maths.

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READ
LEARN
THINK
CREATE
DREAM
ACHIEVE

eco club



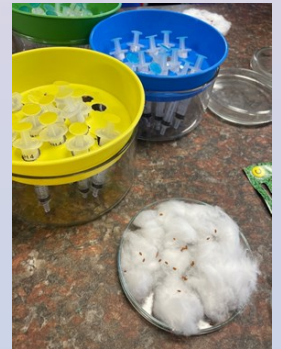
Exploring Eco Club's Green Endeavors

In the realm of sustainable learning, Eco Club has been buzzing with exciting activities over the past fortnight! Our passionate members have been delving deep into the wonders of our eco garden, and we're thrilled to share the highlights of our eco-adventures with you in this edition.



Nurturing the Soil's Balance

Our journey commenced with a crucial exploration of our eco garden's soil pH. This foundational step sets the stage for flourishing flora, and our students have embraced it as a valuable learning opportunity. Under the expert guidance of Eco Club mentors, our budding environmentalists embarked on an enlightening quest to master the art of soil pH testing. Understanding this vital aspect of gardening will undoubtedly pave the way for bountiful harvests in the future.



Seedling Secrets Unveiled

While raindrops tapped at the windows, our dedicated Eco Club members sought refuge in the science lab. Here, they embarked on a fascinating experiment that allowed them to think and act like true scientists. Armed with ten petri dishes, cotton wool (a creative substitute for traditional soil), and a handful of cress seeds, our students ventured into uncharted territory. They experimented with varying pH solutions to uncover the secrets of optimal plant growth. This hands-on experience not only enriched their scientific knowledge but also ignited their passion for nurturing the environment.

A Glimpse of What's to Come

Our journey is far from over! As we gather next week, our students will eagerly conclude their findings from the cress seed experiment. Armed with newfound knowledge and insights, we are all set to embark on the next exciting phase of our eco-endeavours: planting our seedlings in the eco garden. Stay tuned as we continue to cultivate our green haven!

Dates for
your
diary.....

Plant Seeds of Kindness Erase Bullying Roots!

Before we bid adieu, let's not forget to mark two important dates:

World Day of Bullying Prevention - October 2023

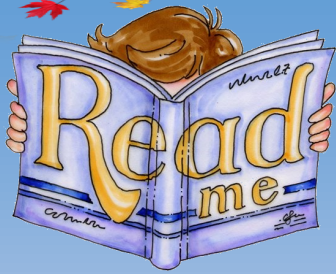
Let's unite against bullying by wearing BLUE on this special day. Throughout October, let's join hands with students, schools, and communities worldwide to combat bullying and promote kindness.

International 'Walk to School Month' - All of October

Join the movement to reduce air pollution and encourage healthier habits. Walking to school not only benefits our planet but also engages children with their surroundings. Let's take a step towards a greener future!

As we embark on this exciting journey, remember that every small action we take today contributes to a greener and more sustainable tomorrow. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Eco Club's mission.

Stay eco-conscious and inspired!



Recommended Reads

'Skandar and the Phantom Rider' by A. F. Steadman and
'The Place for Me - Stories about the Windrush Generation'
with the foreword by Dame Floella Benjamin

'Skandar and the Phantom Rider'

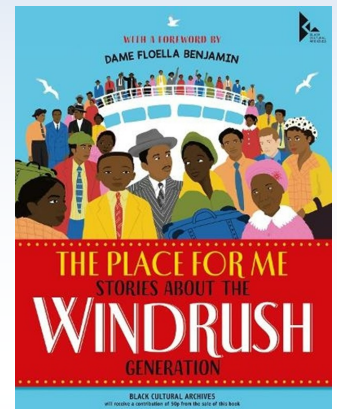
'The Place for Me - Stories about the
Windrush Generation'



A rollercoaster of a read about Skandar, a trainee unicorn rider trying to protect his world of immortal unicorns, against prophecies of terrible danger, and total elemental destruction.

This is a series of inspiring stories of sacrifice and bravery based on the real life experiences of The Windrush Generation.

"Home ain't jus' where you live. Home is your heart an' yer history."



Explore the lives of the Windrush generation in this full-colour anthology. With a foreword from Baroness Floella Benjamin, DBE. This book presents 12 moving tales of sacrifice and bravery, inspired by first-hand accounts of the Windrush generation.

"Home ain't jus' where you live. Home is your heart an' yer history." Each inspiring story helps to bring the real experience of Black British people into focus. Produced in partnership with Black Cultural Archives to honour the Windrush generation.

Includes ten photo-packed fact sections.

The contributors: K. N. Chimbiri, Kevin George, Salena Godden, Judy Hepburn, Ashley Hickson-Lovence, Kirsty Latoya, Katy Massey, E. L. Norry, Quincy the Comedian, Jermain Jackman.

With cover art by Joelle Avelino. Black Cultural Archives is the only national heritage centre dedicated to collecting, preserving and celebrating the histories of Black people in Britain. 50p from every copy sold goes to BCA

The Island shall have its revenge!

Skandar Smith has achieved his dream to train as a unicorn rider.

But as Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, a new threat arises. Immortal wild unicorns are somehow being killed, a prophecy warns of terrible danger, and elemental destruction begins to ravage the Island.

Meanwhile, Skandar's sister, Kenna, longs to join him – and Skandar is determined to help her, no matter what. As the storm gathers, can Skandar discover how to stop the Island tearing itself apart – before it's too late for them all?

**DON'T JUST READ THE
EASY STUFF**
YOU MAY BE ENTERTAINED BY IT
BUT YOU WILL NEVER
GROW FROM IT

– Jim Rohn

Millfield Extra-Curricular Programme Autumn 2023



TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

Sign up for one of Millfield's extra curricular activities, running either at lunchtimes or after school.

There are activities for all years and cover a wide range of interests, from sport based clubs to having a try at Mandarin!

Speak to the teacher running the activity you are interested in for more details.

Monday

Activity	Time	Teacher	Venue	Year
ICT	Lunchtime	Mr Tyson	A28	All years
Choir	Lunchtime	Mr. Mitchell	A19	All years
Chess	Lunchtime	Mr Yeoman	F7	KS3
Year 8 Football Fixtures	3-5pm	Mr Smith	Various	Year 8
Homework Club	3-4pm	Mr Wood	A26	All years

Tuesday

Activity	Time	Teacher	Venue	Year
ICT	Lunchtime	Mr Tyson	A28	All years
KS4 Art	Lunchtime	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Mandarin	3-4pm	Mr Hardy	B1	All years
Homework Club	3-4pm	Mr Wood	A26	All years
KS4 Art	3-4pm	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Newspaper Club	3-4pm	English Staff	J1	All students
Year 7 Netball	3-4pm	Mrs Laycock	Yard	Year 7
Year 9 Football Fixtures	3-4pm	Mr Smith	Various	Year 9

Wednesday

Activity	Time	Teacher	Venue	Year
ICT	Lunchtime	Mr Tyson	A28	All years
KS4 Art	Lunchtime	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Latin	Lunchtime	Mrs Higgins	F8	Year 7 and 8
Work Experience Hub	Lunchtime	Mrs Draper	A50	Year 10
Euro Club	Lunchtime	Mr Hardy	B1	All years
KS4 Art	3-4pm	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Homework Club	3-4pm	Mr Wood	A26	All years
Performing Arts Club	3-4pm	Miss Cambridge	Theatre	KS3
Science Club	3-4pm	Science Staff	C5	All years
ECO Club	3-4pm	Science Staff	C4	All years
STEM Club	3-4pm	Science Staff	C2	All years
Minecraft Club	3-4pm	Dr Gorst	D2	All years
Supervised Study	3-5pm	Mrs Gower	A14	Year 11
Lego Therapy	3-4pm	Miss Carbon	A23	KS3
Year 8, 9 and 10 Netball	3-4pm	Mrs Laycock and Miss Taylor	Yard	Year 8, 9 and 10
Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Football practice	3-4pm	Mr Smith, Mr Grayston, Mr Doney, Mr Greenall	Field	Year 7-10

Thursday

Activity	Time	Teacher	Venue	Year
Millfield A Cappella Group (High Ability)	Lunchtime	Mr Mitchell	A19	Years 9, 10 and 11
ICT	Lunchtime	Mr Tyson	A28	All years
KS4 Art	Lunchtime	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Welsh	Lunchtime	Mr Hardy	B1	All years
BSL Club	Lunchtime	Mr Hardy	B1	All years
Lunch with Bruff	Lunchtime	English Staff	J4	KS4
Reading Club	Lunchtime	Mrs Hall	H1	All years
Year 10 Football Fixtures	3-5pm	Mr Smith	Various	Year 10
Homework Club	3-4pm	Mr Wood	A26	All years
Dance Festival	3-4pm	Miss Cambridge	Hall	All years
History Club	3-4pm	Miss Weir	Library	KS3

Friday

Activity	Time	Teacher	Venue	Year
Band (Must already play an instrument)	Lunchtime	Mr Mitchell	A19	All years
ICT	Lunchtime	Mr Tyson	A28	All years
KS4 Art	Lunchtime	Mrs Perret	A23	KS4
Spanish	Lunchtime	Mr Hardy	B1	All years
Dance rehearsals	Lunchtime	Miss Cambridge	Dance studio	All years
KS4 Art	3-4pm	Mrs Perrett	A23	KS4
Homework Club	3-4pm	Mr Wood	A26	All years
Year 7 Football Fixtures	3-5pm	Mr Smith	Various	Year 7

Year 10 and 11 Intervention:

You will be informed if you are required to attend an Intervention class. Alternatively, please see your subject teacher if you need any help or support

Year 10: Duke of Edinburgh Scheme:

Please see Mrs Higgins for details of forthcoming expeditions/meetings

Sports activities:

All fixtures and teams will be placed on the noticeboards outside PE. Please check for all news. Netball fixtures will be various nights during the week.

Extra Curricular Clubs starting after half term:

Supervise Study
Design Technology
English
Badminton and Rugby
Textiles - Thursdays after half term

Meet The Author



On **Monday 2nd October**, we were delighted to welcome Children's and Young Adult fiction author, **A J Hartley** to Millfield.

The author presented talks for all of our Y8 and 9 students during lessons 2 and 3 about his books, the writing process and about getting published. Our students were then able to buy copies of A J's novels and get them signed by the author.

During lesson 4, A J worked with a group of our Y11 students on their creative writing skills. His writing workshop was designed to help students to complete fantastic responses to the narrative writing section of the English Language GCSE paper. The workshop was brilliant at getting students to refine what they had written, to make sure that they were able to produce excellent creative writing whilst working under pressure and within tight time restrictions.

We all thoroughly enjoyed A J Hartley's visit and got a huge amount out of it. We can't wait to read his novel, '**Hideka Smith: Demon Queller**'

Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge Matching Sock Puzzle

You are about to leave for holiday, but you forgot socks!

You race back to your room, but the power is off so you can't see sock colors.

Never mind, because you remember that in your drawer there are ten pairs of green socks, ten pairs of black socks, and eleven pairs of blue socks, but they are all mixed up.

How many of your socks do you need to take before you can be sure to have at least one matching pair?



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

NOTICE BOARD



The school has a huge amount of lost property handed in to Reception every day, from water bottles to coats to full PE kits.

It would help us to reunite items with their owners if parents could label their child's belongings, so it can be easily identified and returned.

If your child has misplaced anything please call at reception where items are kept.

After a few weeks any items not collected are donated to charity so make sure to check if you think you may have lost something!

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The school canteen pricelist is available on our website here [SKM_450i23091911240 \(millfield.lancs.sch.uk\)](http://SKM_450i23091911240(millfield.lancs.sch.uk))

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



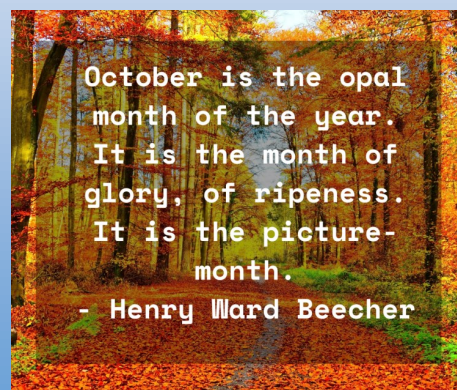
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It's the team photo!

#TeamMillfield Year 7s at the PGL weekend.

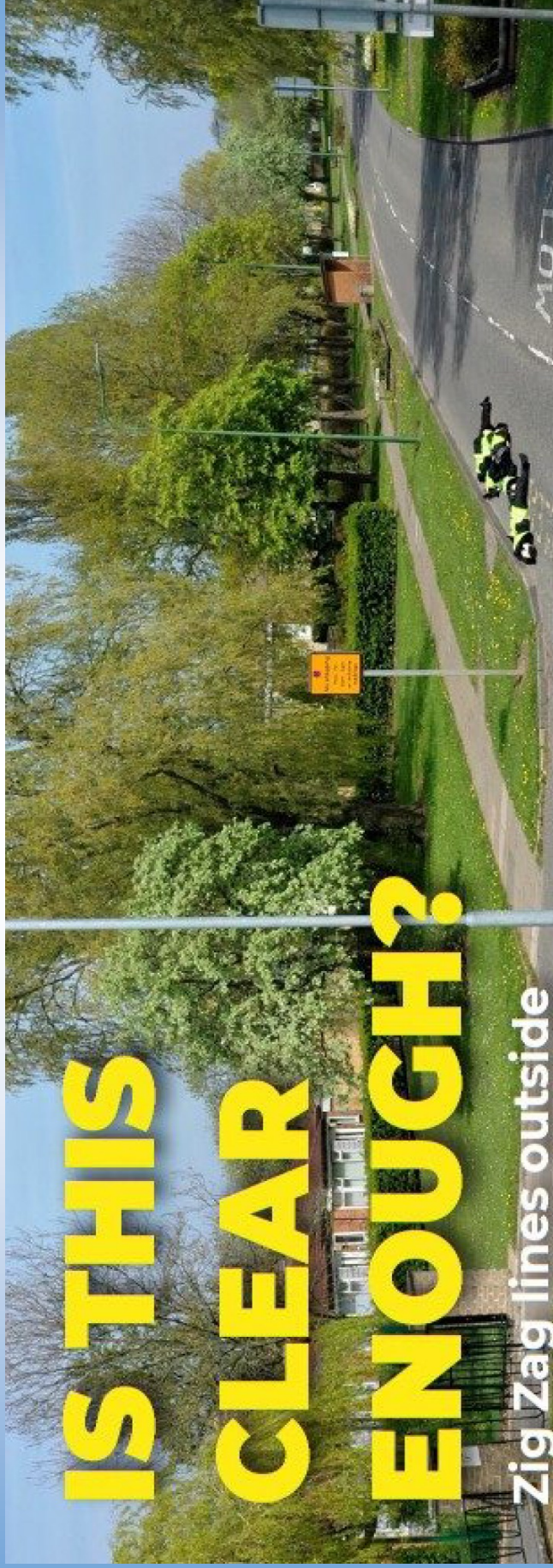


Follow us on X (Twitter) @millfieldhighsc for more photos from Year 7 camp, plus more news and information about Millfield and its students



IS THIS CLEAR ENOUGH?

Zig Zag lines outside
schools are there to
protect YOUR children.



Please help us keep everyone safe by ensuring that you park safely.

Parents should not park on the zig zag lines, double yellow lines or on the corner of junctions.

The turning circle should not be used at the end of the day unless it has been agreed with school.

Please can we ask that you encourage your child to wear a helmet if they are riding their bikes to school.

