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**Thursday 13th -
Thursday 27th**

Year 10 mock
exams

24th & 25th June

Year 11 Geography
Field Work

**Tuesday 25th
June**

Year 7 Reports
Home

**Thursday 27th
June**

Year 11 prom
Year 9 Imperial
War Museum

Friday 28th June

Year 8 Cricket
Tournament

**Wednesday 10th
& Thursday 11th
July**

GREASE

Friday 19th July

School Closes

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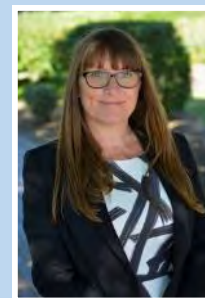
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, for the first time, we decided to hold our Year 11 leavers' celebration assembly until after the final examination had been completed. We felt the students would be more relaxed and enjoy the morning, knowing they did not have to come back into school for another exam! It was wonderful to spend the morning with them all; we had some breakfast, enjoyed fantastic sing-alongs and listened to some moving speeches. They have been a superb year group and it has been both a joy and privilege to have been their headteacher, watching them grow up until wonderful young adults. We wish them all the very best and look forward to seeing them on results day in August.



The Year 10s have sat their mock examinations in the sports hall. We hold them in the hall to ensure they are ready and prepared for the routines and expectations when they sit their examinations next summer. Due to the culture of high expectations we have at the school, they have been excellent - we're a team, a family, and we look after each other - including in the examination hall.

On **Sunday 9th June**, Millfield took part - we think for the first time ever (most certainly that any of the staff currently working at the school can recall!) - in the Thornton gala. It may have been a rainy day but that most certainly did not dampen our spirits and the students thoroughly enjoyed being part of the traditional gala parade. **It was wonderful to represent our school, within our community, and our cast of *Grease* did themselves proud - even winning the first prize trophy!**

Our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students completed their first practice expedition: orienteering, putting up and taking down their tents and cooking their meals for the day. They did a brilliant job and are more than ready for their real bronze expedition!

We are really excited to be holding Millfield's first ever elections, being run by our new Head of Houses! There will be election campaigns and canvassing. Students will then go to ballot on 4th July and vote to elect their House Leaders to represent the students in their houses.

We use Twitter/X to celebrate our students' achievements and give a snapshot of what they are learning every day. We also advertise any vacancies on Twitter; you can follow us at [@millfieldhighsc](https://twitter.com/millfieldhighsc).

N. Regan

Mrs. N. Regan

Headteacher

MILLFIELD
SCIENCE & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE



Presents

Prom NIGHT

THE YEAR 11 LEAVERS' PROM IS TO BE HELD
AT STAINING LODGE GOLF CLUB

THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE
7PM

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Year 11 Leavers



EXAMS HAVE ENDED SO PLEASE RETURN ALL LAPTOPS!

Please can all Year 11 Leavers who have a school laptop on loan return them to school after their last exam.

Any deposit paid will be returned after the laptop has been checked and is deemed to be in good condition by the ICT team.

PLEASE RETURN TO RECEPTION

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Research highlights the critical role that effective questioning plays in successful teaching and learning.

According to education researchers Barak Rosenshine and Tom Sherrington, asking good questions engages students, allows them to explain their thinking, and provides invaluable feedback to teachers about student understanding.

Teaching staff at Millfield employ specific questioning strategies, such as:

- asking a high number of questions.
- involving all students.
- probing for deeper understanding.
- providing explanations and checking for comprehension.
- having students "think aloud" about their thought processes.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the T&L team, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Tyson & Mr. Hodgkinson.

Teaching staff use six key questioning techniques:

1. Cold Calling i.e. selecting students to respond without hand-raising to keep all engaged.
2. No Opt-Out i.e. not allowing "I don't know"; circling back to those who struggled.
3. Say It Again Better i.e. giving students a second opportunity to clarify and improve responses.
4. Think-Pair-Share i.e. student discussion before whole-class sharing.
5. Whole-Class Responses i.e. quickly checking for universal understanding through polls, etc.
6. Probing i.e. asking multiple follow-up questions to encourage students to extend their responses.

These techniques help develop student skills and allows teachers to be continuously responsive to learners' needs.

Attendance continues to be excellent.

We are now 2% above national average for the year!



Remember, for every day you are absent you lose five hours of learning!

Millfield are delighted to welcome two new members to #TeamMillfield!



Miss Cousins - Teacher of Science

I'm really happy to have joined Millfield and can't wait to work with all of you! I live locally and have three beautiful children at primary school. I have been a teacher for 25 years and have held a variety of roles in school ranging from senior leader to pastoral to head of science. In my spare time I love spending time with my family and walking with my dogs (very energetic red setters!)

I have a passion for all the sciences: Biology, Chemistry and Physics and I look forward to inspiring the students of Millfield to be the scientists of the future!

Mrs Cardwell - Attendance Manager.

I have worked at a local high school as Attendance Manager for the past three years and I am looking forward to working with the students and families of Millfield.



Goodbye and Good luck



We would like to pass our best wishes to **Miss Hale** who is leaving us on 21st June to embark on a new attendance manager role in Manchester. Miss Hale has worked tirelessly with our students and has been an excellent mentor and provided fantastic support to so many families, she will be a great addition to her new school.



The student council wants to help you ace those scores! We've revamped last year's study tips to make them easier to access and put into action.

Here are some **power-up tips** to boost your learning:

- **Conquer your homework:** Don't put it off! Aim for quality over speed when completing assignments.
- **Master your time:** Balance your social life, extracurricular activities, and schoolwork effectively.
- **Find your focus zone:** Create a quiet study space at home to minimize distractions.
- **Be present in class:** Stay focused and avoid distractions during lessons.
- **Teamwork makes the dream work:** Use group work as an opportunity to learn from each other, not just chat.
- **Punctuality is key:** Aim to arrive at class on time and ready to learn.
- **Attendance matters:** Stay in school whenever possible! Avoid unnecessary absences.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Set goals, crush goals: Having a clear target keeps you motivated. Ask yourself "why" you're learning - find your purpose!

By following these tips, you'll be well on your way to achieving academic success. We believe in you!

eco club



Millfield's Eco Warriors: Champions of Recycling and Green Living

Last week, our dedicated eco students made significant strides in protecting local wildlife by crafting a hedgehog ladder to prevent these creatures from drowning in the school pond.



This thoughtful initiative highlights their unwavering commitment to fostering a safe and sustainable environment for all creatures within our school grounds.

We are thrilled to announce our star **Eco Student of the Week**, Timur, a talented Year 8 student! His impressive carpentry skills were put to the test, and he succeeded brilliantly, creating an exceptional hedgehog ladder.

Leading the Charge in Recycling

The Eco Warriors' flagship initiative is our dynamic weekly paper recycling program. Every week, these passionate students come together to collect paper from every corner of the school, ensuring a continuous stream of recyclables is diverted away from landfills. This program not only significantly reduces waste but also instils a deep sense of environmental responsibility throughout the Millfield community.



<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

Hedgehogs are noisy eaters as people who have encountered these animals 'at table' will testify; but what do they actually eat?

They eat a lot of beetles, along with caterpillars and earthworms. Most people are aware that hedgehogs are mostly insect eaters.

Many people put out a saucer of meat-based pet food for their garden friends. The hedgehog will treat this as a welcome supplement to its normal diet and will not go hungry if, for some reason, the food is not put out. Always make sure that a dish of water is available especially during the summer months or in extreme weather conditions.



Deputy Headteacher's Maths Challenge

At midday the hour and minute hands of a clock sit on top of each other perfectly.

In a little over one hour they will again be on top of each other.

What is the exact time that happens?

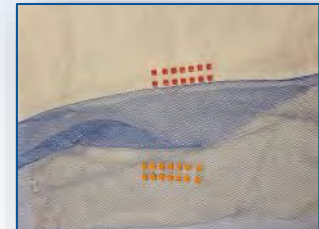


Clock Puzzle

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



Here's this week's super star students. They were nominated by their teachers for their outstanding work.



Starting small but we successfully 3D printed on fabric today. So excited for the possibilities. Ms Carbon is ridiculously excited about it!
#weareteammillfield #Dt #Dtisawesome

Graduation Season is upon us!



Congratulations to all the students!

To celebrate your achievements, special Graduation rewards have been planned. An invite to the Graduation Evening has been sent out and we cannot wait to celebrate the students achievements with parents and our graduates.

Mark your calendars!

The official Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, followed by a celebratory Graduation Party on July 16th

For our Distinction Students, an exclusive trip to the Pleasure Beach awaits on July 18th!

This days are dedicated to honouring your hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout this last year. **Don't miss out on this unforgettable occasion!**



Physics Masterclass

This week, Millfield's Science department hosted its very first Space Science Masterclass. Students explored the fascinating differences between comets, asteroids, meteors, and meteorites. They then created their own meteors using playdough and marbles, conducting experiments by slamming their creations into flour-filled boxes to simulate and study meteor impact craters.

Millfield prides itself on offering these exceptional opportunities that go above and beyond the national curriculum, giving our students a head start as they approach Key Stage 4. The class was incredibly fun and wonderfully messy - **special thanks to our brilliant cleaners for their understanding and hard work!**

Cricket Masterclass

The **cricket masterclass** has been running since the Easter break every Friday and we have had 33 students who have attended. The students have learnt how to bowl like a pro and bat with style. We have seen 6's hit out of the field and some impressive fielding skills.



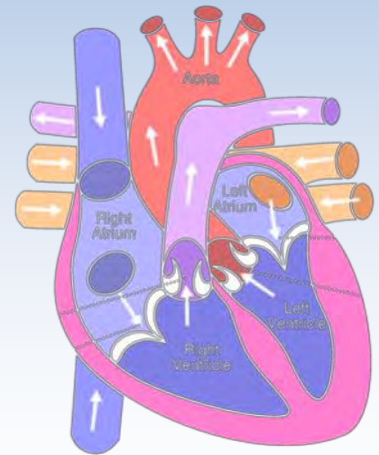
We have entered the local Fylde and Wyre cricket tournaments later this term where we hope to showcase our cricketing talents.

Biology Masterclass

The masterclass, 'Keeping Hearts Pumping', focused on the structure and function of the heart.

Students watched a demonstration of dissecting a heart before undertaking a dissection individually. They identified the vessels entering and leaving the heart, the muscular walls and valves preventing backflow of blood. Moving on from the heart we focused on the

effect of lifestyle choices such as smoking on the vessels of the heart. Using a model we reviewed the effect of nicotine on the vessel wall and how the red blood cell clumps together blocking the vessel which could cause a heart attack. We linked this to recent research on vaping and how the research is showing similar effects but more damage to the vessel wall quicker.



17 th June		BIOLOGY Keeping hearts pumping Dr. Gorst - D3	COMPUTER SCIENCE Pacman - Make your own Pacman game Mr. Tyson - A28	CRICKET Mr Grayston & Mr Greenall Sports Hall
24 th June	ENGLISH Write a mini script and record it. ACO J4	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY Sketch-up workshop - Learn how to draw on a computer Ms. Carbon & Mr. Wood - A29		CRICKET Mr Grayston & Mr Greenall Sports Hall
1 st July	MATHS Can you catch a fever? Mrs. Hall - H8	CHEMISTRY Forensics Masterclass Mrs. Alden - D4	HISTORY History Heroes Miss Weir - G4	
8 th July	ART Make ceramic pinch pots Miss Perrett - A23	GEOGRAPHY Decision making exercise Mrs. Ross & Miss Covill - F1		

YEAR 7 MASTER CLASSES

During the summer term we will be offering Master Classes to Year 7 & 8.

These are an additional extracurricular opportunity offered by teachers to give students the opportunity to try something new to extend their knowledge and skills as well as having fun. In this Messenger you will see the timetable of the sessions which will be available. Students will be given instructions for how to sign up during form time. They will need to sign up quickly as the spaces are limited for the sessions.

YEAR 8 MASTER CLASSES

17 th June			PERFORMING ARTS Stage management Miss Cambridge - Hall	CRICKET Mr Grayston & Mr Greenall Sports Hall
24 th June			DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY Sketch-up workshop - Learn how to draw on a computer Ms. Carbon & Mr. Wood - A29	CRICKET Mr Grayston & Mr Greenall Sports Hall
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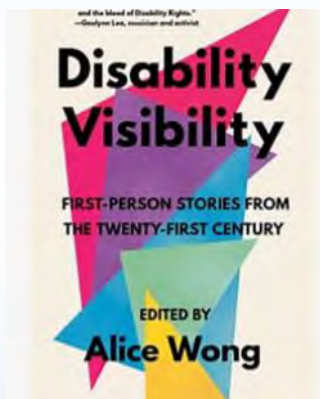
RECOMMENDED READS



“Disability Visibility”

Week A's Library Book of the Week is 'Disability Visibility' by Alice Wong.

Just in time for the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, activist Alice Wong brings together a galvanizing collection of essays by disabled people in the 21st century. This book is suitable for young adult readers.



One in five people in the United States lives with a disability. Some disabilities are visible, others less apparent but all are underrepresented in media and popular culture. Activist Alice Wong brings together this urgent,

galvanizing collection of contemporary essays by disabled people, just in time for the thirtieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, From Harriet McBryde Johnson's account of her debate with Peter Singer over her own personhood to original pieces by authors like Keah Brown and Haben Girma; from blog posts, manifestos, and eulogies to Congressional testimonies, and beyond: this anthology gives a glimpse into the rich complexity of the disabled experience, highlighting the passions, talents, and everyday lives of this community. It invites readers to question their own understandings. It celebrates and documents disability culture in the now. It looks to the future and the past with hope and love.

“The Secret of Haven Point”

Week B's Library Book of the Week is, 'The Secret of Haven Point,' by Lisette Auton.

Washed up beside a remote lighthouse and raised by a mermaid, Alpha was the first foundling at Haven Point. Now the lighthouse is a home for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong.

I was Haven Point's first Wreckling, but I certainly wasn't the last. There are forty-two of us now, not including the mermaids. When you're a Wreckling, you mainly spend your days squabbling, eating and planning adventures. Oh, and Wrecklings also carry out wreckings, *which is how we got our name . . .*

Washed up as a baby beside a remote lighthouse and raised by a mermaid, Alpha Lux was the first foundling at Haven Point. Now the lighthouse is a ramshackle home for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong. Looting from passing ships to make a living, they call themselves the Wrecklings, and for the children of Haven Point life is spent adventuring on the wild shore (and getting into trouble with the grown-ups).

But when Alpha spots a strange light up on the headland, she realizes that her beloved family are in danger of being discovered by Outsiders.

With their home under threat, the Wrecklings must decide what kind of future they want . . . and what they're willing to do to get it.



PERFORMING ARTS

This year Team Millfield were thrilled to be able to take part in the Thornton Gala!

Our performing arts staff and the Millfield PTFA met to discuss arrangements and decided to showcase songs and dances from our upcoming production of Grease. The art and textiles staff worked hard on designing the props, such as the car, and costumes and the performing arts department, led by Mr. Mitchell, did a great job in ensuring the music, students, dances and acts were on point. Our PTFA and staff loved being involved, giving out sweets and interacting with our lovely community. At the start of the parade there was a downpour but that didn't put us off. Our students burst into song and were full of high spirits.



We were thrilled to win First Prize in the Fancy Dress group but to then win a trophy for being the Thornton Gala Winner was the icing on the cake!

Thank you to all involved! We loved it and we look forward to what next year entails.

If you wish to be involved in our PTFA or help with arrangements for future events, such as the Gala, then please contact Mrs Crook on s.crook@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Wellbeing at Millfield



As part of the personal development programme at Millfield we strive to offer support for young people with wellbeing issues. We work with the NHS who have a SHINE team in school on Mondays and Wednesdays for students to meet with trained mental health nurses.

Parents, carers and young people can call SHINE directly to self-refer and the administration team will arrange for the duty practitioner to make a consultation call to parent / carer/young person and complete a self-referral form to establish whether SHINE is the best service to offer support to the young person.

Use the contact below to get in touch:

0800 121 7762 (Option 4) bfwh.shine-MHST@nhs.net

We also have access to the mental health platform Kooth. Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people. Funded and endorsed by public health and the NHS, our services remain available, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-

www.kooth.com

Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self-help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer to peer communities.

Some useful national helplines for parents and students

ChildLine (www.childline.org.uk) They provide a counselling service for children and young people. Helpline: 0800 11 11

Kooth (www.kooth.com) Kooth.com is an online counselling service that provides young people between the ages of 11 and 25 with advice and support relating to emotional or mental health problems.

Mind (www.mind.org.uk) Mind offers advice confidentially on a range of mental health issues including depression. Helpline: 0300 123 3393

Samaritans (www.samaritans.com) Helpline: 116 123 (Free)



Millfield's fabulous performing arts students' production of 'Grease' wowed the Stanah fair audience with three dances and songs this afternoon. [#TeamMillfield](#) [#BeExceptional](#)



Come and see us on 10th and 11th July!



**1st Place
Winner!**

**"Fancy Dress
Group"**

**Thornton
Gala 2024**

After School

Clubs

Italian club

Students of Millfield, we are proud to announce the first ever Italian club! Bring yourselves on Thursday lunchtimes to Mrs. Crook's room in B4 for a fun packed experience of Italian culture and language! All years are welcome.



Extra-Curricular Clubs In Science



Come and experience different experiments each week.

B6 with Mrs McRoberts



Minecraft Science lab.
A fun and creative way to expand your science knowledge through Minecraft.

A26 with Dr Gorst



Learn about the world around us and help make Millfield a greener place.

C4 with Mr Sanders

Every Wednesday after school 3 till 4



This year is the second year of the **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award**, and we have twenty Year 10 students who have been training really hard to gain this prestigious award.

Every Tuesday we have been meeting after to school to learn about the coun-



tryside code, camp craft, cooking food in the outdoors, navigating and orientating maps, putting up tents, first aid and surviving in the wild. All of these skills were then put into practice on the 6th June when the students got into their groups and did a practice expedition around the Beacon fell area. Students did a mock assessment with Mrs Crook and all could navigate well and work as a team.

Congratulations!



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

Oliver Field	10 C CGO
Harriet Hutchinson	10 C CGO
Molly Mckiver	10 D DBO
Grace Poxon	10 D DBO
Charlie Hewson	10 A AMR
Louise Brooks	10 B NAL
Katie Corrie	10 C CGO
Oliver Boffey	10 C CGO

The students have been nominated by Mr. Doxey for their excellent work in P.E.



Excellent!

Behaviour Quality Mark

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HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

Katelyn-Rose Greenway	8 B3 SWE
Lola Dicks	8 B3 SWE
Mitchell Roney	8 H3 CPN
Stanley Davies	8 R4 EMC
Ava-Mae Barnes	8 B3 SWE
Michael Riding	8 S4 JPT

The students have been nominated by Mrs. Ross for their excellent work in Geography.



Certificate Evening - where all our Year 11 students about to start their GSCE's will be presented with their certificates.



Certificate EVENING

VILLAGE HOTEL, EAST PARK DRIVE
FY38LL

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
2024

GUESTS TO ARRIVE 18:00 HOURS ONWARDS
FOR 18:30 START

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COME AND WATCH MILLFIELD'S VERY OWN PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT IN

MILLFIELD SCIENCE & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE
PRESENTS

GREASE

The Musical

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th
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