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2025



**2 - 5 December**

Year 11 GCSE  
Art Mock Exams

**3 December**

Careers Alumni  
Panel

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Year 10 Reports To  
Parents

Poulton Christmas  
Lights Switch On

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KS3 Trip to Panto

**11 December**

Christmas Jumper  
Day

PTFA - Community  
Bingo

**12 December**

Christmas Markets  
Trip

Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports  
to Parents

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Carol Services -  
Rehearsal and  
Service 1.

**16 December**

Carol Services -  
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Service 3 - P2.  
Service 4 - P5.

**17 December**

Carol Service 5 - P1  
Carol Service 6 - P2

**17 December**

School Closes for  
the Christmas  
Holidays - 1.05pm



# Millfield MESSENGER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just received yet another #TeamMillfield award! Millfield was ranked in the top 25% of all secondary schools in England for attendance during the last academic year (2024 - 2025). This achievement reflects the commitment of our students and families in ensuring they place a high value on prioritising education; every day in school counts.

I would like to praise all our students for their exemplary behaviour during our recent planned lockdown drill. Their calm, responsible approach ensured the process ran smoothly and safely and their level of maturity and cooperation made us incredibly proud.

We had a very high attendance to both our Year 9 and Year 10 Progress Evenings and it was wonderful to see so many of our parents showing a keen interest in their child's educational journey. Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaire; the team received positive and valuable feedback, with 96% of parents recommending Millfield.

We were thrilled to see some of our students training to become Lancashire Lions. This inspiring anti-prejudice programme aims to create a Pride of Lions - a team of students empowered to challenge and disrupt prejudice and hate speech. We are super-proud of their commitment to making a positive difference in our school.

Our annual Coffee and Wellbeing Morning recently took place. It was a fantastic opportunity to speak with representatives from Targeted Youth Support, SENDIAS, the School Nursing Team, Barnardo's, the Sexual Health Team, and the Vaccinations Team about any concerns or queries. Thank you to all those who attended, and I hope you found the morning useful.

Our Heads of House have been busy raising money for Children in Need with a fun game of Bear Pong at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone who joined in! And a massive well done to all students who contributed to our Collection for Streetlife Homeless Charity in Blackpool. Every item of food and toiletries earned valuable House Points, and together we made a real difference for a great local community cause.

Finally, as part of our outstanding careers programme, we were delighted to welcome the BBC Careers Roadshow, which engaged students in Years 7 to 10 in exploring future opportunities and pathways. It was an inspiring event that sparked lots of conversations about life beyond Millfield.

Thank you for your continued support. You can keep up to date with all our news and events by following us on X @millfieldhighsc.

Warm regards

Mrs Nicola Regan - Headteacher





# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS *Bingo Night*

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Christmas Bingo Night!  
Gather your friends and family for an evening of laughter, joy,  
and exciting bingo games! Lots of prizes to be won!

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Millfield Science & Performing Arts College, Belverdere Rd, FY5 5DG**

**18:00 - 21:00**

**BOOK TICKETS USING THE QR CODE BELOW**



**£10 FOR 5 GAMES**

**BUY 4 OR MORE TICKETS AND SAVE 25%**





# We Celebrate Success!

Has your child done something out of school that merits celebrating? Won a competition? Taken part in a show? Performed an act of kindness that deserves a mention? Helped in their community?

If you feel your child has achieved or done something to celebrate, please email their Head of House and let us know! Include a picture if you can and you may feature in our next edition of 'We Celebrate Success!'

Rhinos - S.Wier@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Sharks - A.Simpson@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Hawks - C.McOmish@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Bears - E.Covill@millfield.lancs.sch.uk

Well done to **Alex Walker and Ollie Daniels** for taking part in the 'Future Chef' competition at Blackpool & The Fylde College last week.

Well done to **Jessie-Lea & Amelia-Grace** for qualifying for the 'Stars Champion of Champions' at Aintree course in November.

Well done to **Year 7** for being the year group with **highest attendance** last week, you will be going for early lunch this week!

**Team Millfield's Children in Need Day!**  
Thanks to our generous students who donated to play Bear Pong and tackled the Quiz. Great job raising money!

**BBC Children in Need**

Millfield Science & Performing Arts College  
Creating Bright Futures




**CHILDREN IN NEED 2025**








## KS3 October to December Half Term House Competitions



Department	Competition	Year Group	Details	Staff Contact	Date
Food 	Decorate an Xmas design on a biscuit	All	Can you decorate an Xmas themed biscuit? There is 20 spaces, 5 per house. It is a first come first service basis - you need to contact your head of house ASAP.	Miss Norman	This will be on Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December after school.
Head of House 	It's starting to look a lot like Christmas	All	Christmas door decorating competition linked to key themes - Form Tutors to help organise. This year's theme is Christmas Films.	Head of House	Door needs to be completed by 13 <sup>th</sup> December for judging on the 15 <sup>th</sup> by Mr Grayston.
Head of House	Christmas Jumper Competition 	All	Which teacher has the best Christmas jumper?	All teachers	Judging will take place on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December by Mrs Regan.
Heads of Houses and Pastoral Development	Christmas Appeal	All	As a form, collect the greatest number of items for our Millfield Community. Items include toiletries, clothing, dry food and goods.	Heads of Houses	These need to be collected by 6 <sup>th</sup> December.

## KS4 October to December Half Term House Competitions



Department	Competition	Year Group	Details	Staff Contact	Date
Head of House 	It's starting to look a lot like Christmas	All	Christmas door decorating competition linked to key themes - Form Tutors to help organise. This year's theme is Christmas Films.	Head of House	Door needs to be completed by 12 <sup>th</sup> December for judging on the 15 <sup>th</sup> by Mr Grayston.
Head of House	Christmas Jumper Competition 	All	Which teacher has the best Christmas jumper?	All teachers	Judging will take place on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December by Mrs Regan.
Maths 	Trig Exact values	All	Students to learn trig exact values and complete a google form quiz	Mrs McOmish	These need to be completed by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December.
Science	Quiz Time	All	A multiple-choice quiz based across the 3 sciences that they have covered in that time.	Miss Latham	These need to be completed by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December.
English <b>Blooket</b>	Blooket Challenge	All	Who will come at the top of the leaderboard?	Miss Southern	These need to be completed by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December.

## House Leaderboard



1840

House Points



2138

House Points



1867

House Points



1866

House Points

**A New Term, A Fresh Start – Who Will Take the Lead?**

Will the hawks continue to fly high or will another house take the lead?





# EQUALITY

Noun:  
the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities

## INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

### International Men's Day: Celebrating Positive Male Role Models and Equality for Everyone

Every year on **19th November**, people around the world celebrate **International Men's Day** - a time to recognise the positive contributions men and boys make to our families, schools, and communities. In the UK, it's also an important opportunity to talk openly about men's wellbeing, gender equality, and respect between everyone.

International Men's Day (IMD) was founded in the 1990s and is now celebrated in over **80 countries**. It focuses on promoting positive male role models, improving men's health (both mental and physical), and highlighting the importance of equality and kindness for all genders.

In the UK, IMD also shines a light on issues that can affect boys and men - such as mental health challenges, stereotypes about masculinity, and the importance of seeking help when you need it.

### Why it matters...

Sometimes, conversations about gender can feel one-sided - but International Men's Day is about **inclusion**, not competition. It recognises that boys and men can also face unique pressures, such as being told to "man up" instead of expressing emotions or feeling that they always have to be strong or confident.

In reality, being strong doesn't mean staying silent - it means being open, kind, and supportive. Encouraging boys to talk about their feelings and look after their wellbeing helps build healthier, happier communities for everyone.

Each year, International Men's Day has a theme. The 2025 UK theme focuses on "**Positive Male Role Models**" - celebrating the men who make a difference, whether that's a father, teacher, coach, friend, or community volunteer. These are the people who show that masculinity can be caring, respectful, and inspiring.

### Millfield has marked the day this year with assemblies and events at Blackpool Sixth Form

Although it's called *International Men's Day*, it's not just for men. It's a day for everyone to reflect on how we can build a more understanding, equal, and supportive society.

By recognising the challenges boys and men face, and celebrating the positive things they bring to our lives, we help make schools, families, and communities stronger and kinder.

As the UK organisers say: "*Making a difference for men and boys helps everyone.*"

So let's take the chance to celebrate good role models, talk about wellbeing, and remember that being strong starts with being kind.





# HOME LEARNING: A HELPFUL TOOL OR A HEAVY BURDEN?



Home learning has been a staple of education for generations. But its effectiveness and appropriateness have been debated for just as long. As parents, understanding the role of home learning in your child's education can help you support their learning and address any concerns.

**Why is home learning given?** Home learning can serve several purposes:

- **Reinforcement:** It can reinforce concepts learned in class, helping students solidify their understanding.
- **Practice:** Home learning provides opportunities for students to practice skills and apply knowledge independently.
- **Preparation:** It can prepare students for future lessons or assessments.
- **Communication:** Home learning can be a way for teachers to communicate with parents about their child's progress.

**How can parents support home learning?**

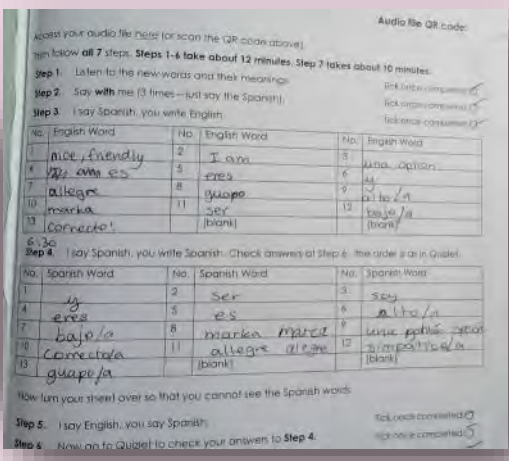
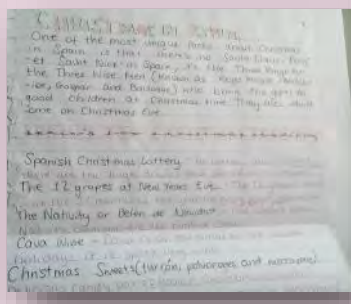
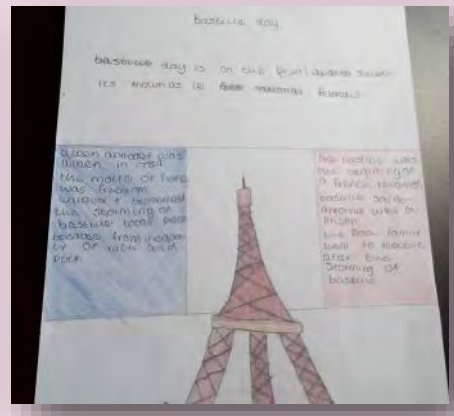
- **Create a conducive environment:** Ensure a quiet, well-lit space for your child to do their home learning.
- **Set a routine:** Establish a consistent time for home learning each day to help your child develop good study habits.
- **Be involved:** Show interest in your child's home learning and ask questions. This can help them feel supported and motivated.
- **Limit distractions:** Minimise distractions like TV, phones, and video games during home learning time.
- **Offer help when needed:** If your child is struggling, offer guidance or assistance. However, avoid doing the work for them.

**When is home learning too much?** If your child is consistently overwhelmed by home learning, it might be a sign that the workload is excessive. Some signs of excessive home learning include:

- decreased interest in school
- difficulty completing assignments on time
- increased stress or anxiety
- lack of sleep

If you notice any of these signs, consider talking to your child's teacher about the home learning load. Remember, home learning is a tool, not a punishment. When used effectively, it can support your child's learning and development. By working together with your child, we can ensure that home learning is a positive experience for everyone involved.

Exceptional home learning at Millfield is always recognised and this edition highlights the outstanding work by students in MFL.





# **FUTURE FOCUSED: MILLFIELD HOSTS INSPIRING BBC CAREERS ROADSHOW**



Millfield was delighted to host a successful and highly engaging BBC Careers Roadshow this November, offering our students a unique opportunity to explore a diverse range of professional pathways.

The event featured an exceptional panel of industry professionals who shared their varied career journeys and provided invaluable insights into the world of work.

## Inspiring Industry Guests

Our students were motivated by talks from:

- ◆ Joel Mitchell: BBC Presenter
- ◆ Greg Mather: Fan Experience Manager at Co-op Live Arena
- ◆ Charlie Sawers: BBC Researcher
- ◆ Holly Wilkinson: Pharmacy Technician at Blackpool Victoria Hospital

The panel highlighted the importance of transferable skills, perseverance, and the diverse routes available - from broadcasting and live entertainment to media research and vital healthcare roles.

## Continuing the Journey

A key focus of the session was encouraging students to actively explore their options. We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to direct their children to the excellent BBC Bitesize Careers website.

This platform is packed with interactive tools, job profiles, and advice videos - an essential resource for researching different industries and understanding the qualifications needed for various careers.





**PLEASE NOTE!**



**WORK EXPERIENCE**



**Year 10 Work Experience 2024**

The dates for the Work Experience will be  
**16th March – 27th March 2026**

**MOCK INTERVIEW DAY**

**Wednesday 14th January 2026**

In preparation of work experience we will be  
**hosting mock interviews.**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Final deadline for all completed  
Self-Placement forms (green)**

**December 2025 / January 2026**

Students will be issued with a pin number to go  
online and make their selections if a  
self-placement has not been completed

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
Mock Interview Day

**During February 2026**

Placement form to be issued to students to go for  
interview and obtain employers signature

**Work Experience**  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Coffee & Chat Morning



Millfield's Student Leadership Team invites **families, neighbours, and the local community** to join us for **tea, coffee, biscuits, and a chat** - everyone is welcome!



**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 - 10:40am**






### PE Sports Media Team

Are you passionate about sport, journalism or digital media?

The Millfield PE Department is looking for enthusiastic students to join our brand-new

#### Sports Media Team!

As part of the Sports Media team, you'll have the opportunity to:

-  Capture exciting moments at school fixtures
-  Write engaging sports articles and match reports
-  Interview players, coaches, and teams
-  Photograph events and highlights
-  Create dynamic content for the official PE Instagram account

If you're creative, reliable, and **love sport**, we want to hear from you!

#### 👉 How to apply:

-complete application form and hand it to a member of PE department by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November (collect from PE dept)

You do NOT need to be a member of a sports team to apply.

See Mrs Marquis-Doughty for more details.

**Student opportunity!**

**The PE department is looking for students to be part of their Sports Media Team!**





# Oracy:

## Why Your Voice Is a Bigger Deal Than You Think

*From classroom debates to job interviews, your voice might be your most powerful skill.*

### What Is Oracy?

At Millfield Science and Performing Arts School, we use our voices all day without really thinking about it – chatting with friends, arguing about football or gaming, answering teachers, asking to leave the classroom, singing in music and performing in drama. That’s all oracy. It’s ironic that the thing students are most often told off for – talking in class – is actually one of the most powerful tools for learning when it’s focused, purposeful oracy. In school, oracy means something more powerful: using speaking and listening on purpose to help you learn more, grow in confidence and get ready for your future.



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### Oracy and Learning

When you explain an idea out loud, your brain has to decide what really matters, put it in a clear order and find the right words. That sounds simple, but it actually helps you understand and remember far better than just copying notes or staring at a worksheet. Talking things through in pairs or small groups lets you hear how other people think, notice gaps in your own ideas and “borrow” better ways of explaining things. At Millfield, we build this into lessons using oracy strategies like “turn and talk”, where you share ideas with a partner, debating, and using probing and challenging questions such as, “What evidence do you have to support that idea?” so that everyone has to think more deeply.

### Oracy and Confidence

Oracy is also a huge confidence booster. It’s not about being the loudest in the room or a natural performer; it’s about being able to say what you really mean and speak up when it counts. With practice – first in pairs, then in groups, then with bigger audiences – presentations, debates and even interviews start to feel less terrifying. Those skills don’t stay in the classroom either; they follow you into friendships, social media, clubs and part-time jobs, as well as the many performances and showcases we run at Millfield.

### Oracy, Friendships and Teamwork

Good oracy makes you a better friend and teammate too, because real listening – not interrupting constantly, actually responding to what someone said, asking questions instead of guessing – helps you handle group work and friendship drama without everything turning into an argument. In a busy school like Millfield, where teamwork is part of daily life, these skills make all the difference.

### Oracy and Your Future

Most importantly, oracy opens doors. College interviews, apprenticeships, jobs, leadership roles and speaking up when something isn’t fair all rely on being able to use your voice well. At Millfield Science and Performing Arts School, every time you’re asked to discuss, “turn and talk”, present or debate, you’re not “just talking” – you’re training for life. **So next time you get that chance, don’t just think, “Ugh, talking again.” Think: this is you practising one of the most useful skills you’ll ever have.**





# REVISION TECHNIQUES

## Look/Cover/Write/Check

- This works well for some people: Look over revision materials for a key issue.
- Cover them up.
- Write down the key points you can remember.
- Check what you did not include.
- Then try again: you will quickly get better.
- Extend the amount you test yourself on as you get more confident and knowledgeable.

Find as many different ways as you can to test yourself.

In Year 7 Biology, students are learning about different types of cells and the functions within the cells.



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

Mill Perry 7 S1 ASN  
 Lucas Douglas 7 R2 ARD  
 Katie Mayall-Buckley 7 R2 ARD  
 Will Shaw 7 R2 ARD  
 Elliott Horton 7 R1 CHY  
 Annabella Williams 7 R2 ARD

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



### Labelling

Please label everything!

Sweatshirts, trousers, skirts, t-shirts, vests, pants, gym kits, purple folders, jackets, school bags, water bottles...





# RECOMMENDED READS

This half term we are concentrating on a series of books written by Nicola Morgan specifically for teenagers, concerning some of the issues they have. This series has been recommended by our student community, and is available in our school library.

## “Positively Teenage”

The first of this edition’s recommended books is ‘Positively Teenage’.

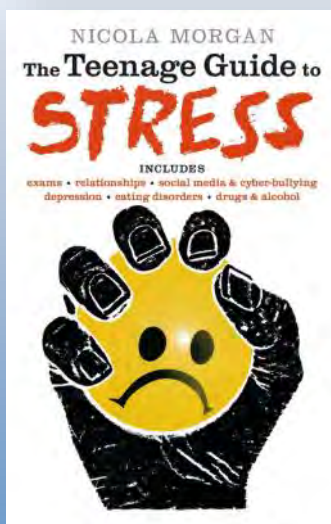
**Positively Teenage gives you tools to approach your teenage years with optimism and understanding and to develop real wellbeing for life.**

The media so often portray adolescence negatively but this book shows you how to approach these years far more positively so that you can really flourish and be in control. You'll find simple strategies to develop a positive attitude, growth mindset, self-understanding, determination and resilience and you'll see how those strengths will help you cope with any challenges, enjoy life and achieve your potential.

Full of practical, proven strategies for physical and mental health, *Positively Teenage* will show you lots of ways to flourish physically and mentally - from doing things you enjoy to learning new skills; looking after your diet, exercise and attitude to being healthy online; getting great sleep to understanding your personality - allowing you to take control of many areas of your life. With these new strengths and skills, you

can survive any storms and thrive on the challenges of your exciting life.

Scattered throughout are **POSITIVE BOOSTS**: quick ideas for actions you can take to build positivity and well-being. Add them into your life and use your imagination and your understanding to invent others.



## “A Teenage Guide to Life Online”

The second recommended library book is is ‘A Teenage Guide to Life Online’.

**The authoritative guide to the online world by the award-winning author of Blame My Brain, The Teenage Guide to Stress and The Teenage Guide to Friends.**

From the award-winning author of *Blame My Brain*, *The Teenage Guide to Stress* and *The Teenage Guide to Friends* comes *The Teenage Guide to Life Online*, a balanced look

at what happens to us all – young and old – when we spend time on the internet. Nicola Morgan explores the pros and cons of life in the Digital Age, from the information explosion to the growth of social media. Opening with a brief history of the web she then explores hot topics like fake news and online privacy, and draws on fascinating, cutting-edge research into how the internet and screen use affect our ability to concentrate, our mood and sleep patterns. This is a book for families to share: a way for teenagers, their parents and carers to inform themselves about the many advantages and risks of life online.



**Reading Age: 11 - 14 years, for both books.**





# eco club

## November Update



We're excited to say that Eco Club is back! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, and we're kicking off the new term with some fresh, ambitious goals to make our school greener and more sustainable.

### What We'll Be Focusing On This Term:

- \* **Recycling:** We'll be strengthening our recycling efforts around school, particularly for plastics, paper, and other materials.
- \* **Energy Saving:** We plan to run a campaign about saving energy in school - things like turning off lights, unplugging devices, and using heating efficiently.
- \* **Creative Reuse:** We're going to start up a project to turn used materials - bottles, cans, etc. - into bird feeders and other wildlife-friendly items.
- \* **Wyre "In Bloom" Competition:** One of our key goals this term is entering the Wyre in Bloom competition, hosted by Wyre Borough Council, to showcase our gardening, eco-projects and environmental improvements.

### Local Environmental News Around Thornton-Cleveleys: here are some recent local developments that connect with what we're doing in Eco Club:

#### Recycling Campaigns in Wyre

Wyre Council recently took part in the 2025 "Rescue Me! Recycle" campaign during Recycle Week, highlighting hard-to-recycle items like aerosols, yoghurt pots, and toilet-roll tubes.

#### Wyre's Green & Climate Ambitions

According to recent council planning documents, Wyre is making strong moves on climate change:

- \* A £40 million Beach Management Scheme is underway to protect more than 11,000 properties from coastal erosion.
- \* There have been significant emissions reductions, including solar panels, energy-efficient buildings, and tree planting.
- \* Wyre has already planted 19,000+ trees toward a target of 25,000.

#### Wyre Incinerator Debate

There is growing concern in the local community about proposed incinerator plans at Thornton's Hillhouse Business Park, which could burn up to 120,000 tonnes of waste a year. This is especially relevant to us as we think about waste, recycling, and sustainable alternatives.

#### Why This Matters for Our Eco Club

By focusing on recycling and repurposing materials, we help reduce the waste that might otherwise be burned or sent to landfill.

Participating in Wyre in Bloom will connect our school to a wider borough-wide effort to improve green spaces, biodiversity, and sustainability.

Our energy-saving campaign will not only reduce our school's carbon footprint - it also supports Wyre Council's own climate goals.

Being active in sustainability locally means we join the conversation around important developments, such as the incinerator proposal, and show that young people care about what happens to our environment.

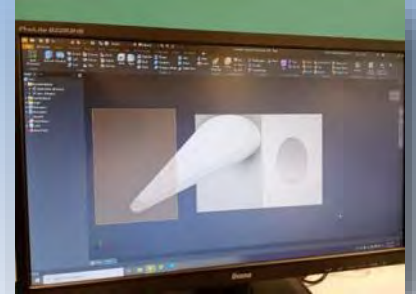
Thank you to everyone who's been involved so far - and if you're new, we'd love for you to join us. We meet every Wednesday, 2:50 to 3:45 in Mrs Roper's room. Let's make this term our greenest yet!



## CHOCOLATE ROCKS!

It has been a busy and inspiring week for STEM at Millfield, with our students diving into hands-on learning and exciting engineering challenges.

Our 'F1 in Schools' Club have been working hard on their car designs as they prepare to manufacture, test, and eventually race their model car against teams from other schools. This year, we are delighted to be collaborating with Blackpool and The Fylde College, who are supporting our students through the design and engineering process.

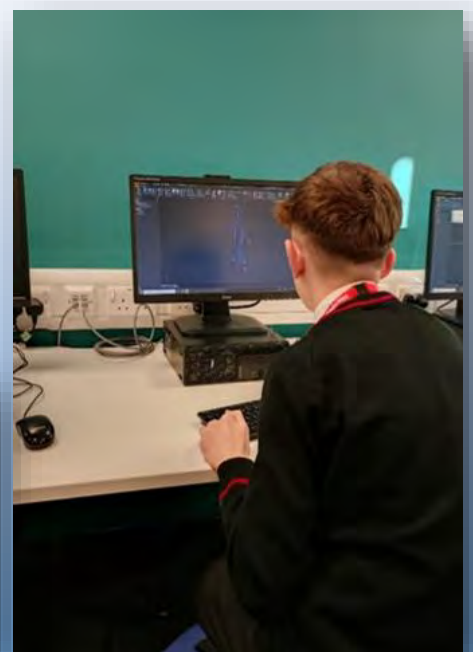


Last week, our team visited the college for a fantastic training day, where students learned how to use professional CAD (Computer-Aided Design) software, explored aerodynamic principles, and discovered more about the stages of designing and manufacturing their car. It was a brilliant opportunity - packed with new skills, expert guidance, and plenty of excitement. A huge amount was learned by everyone involved (myself included!), and the students are already applying their new knowledge to improve their designs.

Meanwhile, our STEM Club have been having great fun exploring geology through a deliciously creative activity: the "Choc Cycle". Using chocolate to represent different types of rock, students modelled the rock cycle by melting, compressing, grating, and cooling the chocolate to imitate the processes that form igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. This hands-on (and very tasty) approach helped students understand how rocks change over time through heat, pressure, weathering, and erosion. There were lots of sticky fingers and even more "lightbulb moments" as students connected the activity to real scientific processes.

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork, and curiosity across all our STEM activities. We look forward to sharing more of our projects and achievements with you throughout the year.

**Mrs A McRoberts, Head of STEM**





## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEAD

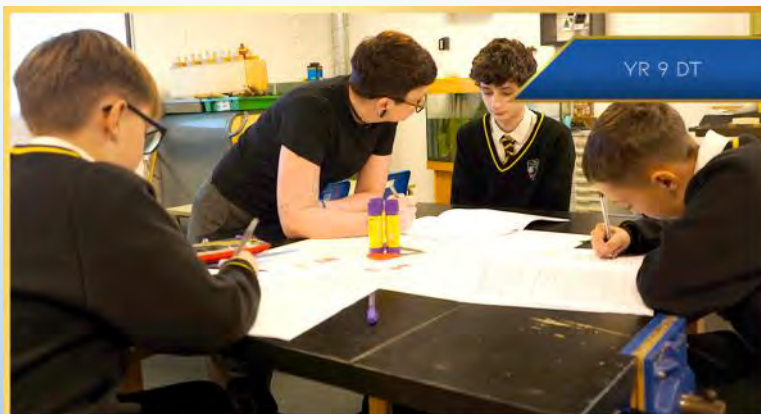
William Scott	10 B BHE
Stanley Davies	10 G CCR
Rosie Harrison	10 B BHE
Bea Mann	10 A GLA
Ella Norcross	10 D KHU
Katelyn-Rose Greenway	10 B BHE
Lilli Stephenson	10 B BHE

The above students have been nominated by Mrs Bell for their excellent work in RE.



Here are this week's star students, nominated by their teachers for their outstanding work and contribution to lessons. Well done to them all!

How many sleeps until Christmas



The Year 10 GCSE food and nutrition class enjoyed a master class today, with Vittoria, who taught them how to make orecchiette, a traditional Italian pasta shape whose name literally translates to "little ears" in Italian.

#TeamMillfield  
#BeExceptional



In Year 9 Design Technology lessons, students have been analysing products designs.





# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our Student Leadership is growing and growing across the school. At the moment, we have approximately 180 students who have a leadership role at Millfield. We have roles such as Language Ambassadors, Digital Leaders, Well-being Ambassadors, Sports Leaders, Equality Ambassadors, STEAM Ambassadors,

ECO Club leaders & Transition Ambassadors.

These students all form part of our newly named "Student Committee", which has centralised all of the leadership roles including the House and School captain roles. It has been a really exciting time watching all our young leaders support and develop others whilst also being advocates to being well rounded and motivated citizens of our school community. Last week the Lancashire Lions came in and trained some of our student leaders in new skills to enable them to stand up to prejudice and discrimination. The trainers from Lancashire County Council commented on how our students were extremely enthusiastic, well-mannered and engaged in the training session.

In other news, our Senior Student team and the Student committee have been planning their first community coffee morning for our local residents. This will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am-10.40am. All are welcome to come for a chat and a brew with our staff and students.



## Graduation

The Year 9 Graduation Programme has been a roaring success again this half term. Year 9 attendance has massively improved, putting Millfield 4% above the national average. The year group are loving the competition with the tasks. At the end of last term, Bears were the winning house but it looks like Rhinos, with Hawks at a close second, could pip them to the post by Christmas. This could all change as the students are all fighting for first place. We have also had some exceptional students who have gone above and beyond in completing their tasks, behaving well in school, having exceptional attendance and having started some new extracurricular clubs. These students have been recognised in Mrs Crook's assemblies and been given prizes there. There is a real buzz, and everyone is excited to graduate.

***2026 could be the best graduation year yet!***





Join Us!

Millfield Science & Performing Arts College  
Belvedere Road, Thornton Cleveleys.



**Cleaner Vacancy**

Hours of work - 3:00pm – 5:30pm. Monday-Friday  
Term time only – (plus 3 weeks holiday cleaning)  
Cleaning experience is desirable, however full training will be provided

Rate of pay £12.60 per hour, plus holiday pay  
Contact Mr. Schulz on 338211/865929 for further details.

The school has strict child protection and safeguarding policies. The successful applicant will require enhanced DBS clearance which the school will arrange.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER OR ACCESSORY DAY!**

**Thursday 11th December 2025**

Wear your festive favourite to raise money for Save the Children Charity and to buy hampers for families who would appreciate a helping hand within our school community.

To take part, donate on ParentPay Save the Children

This year, we're running a Christmas Appeal to support our Millfield Community during the festive season and we need your help!



**DODGE THE HALLS**

**Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball is Back!**

Join us **after-school in the sports hall**, to raise money to create hampers for families who would appreciate a helping hand within our school community.

**Year 8 & 9 - Tuesday 2nd December**

**Year 7 - Wednesday 3rd December**

**Donate 50p on the night to play!**

We're collecting toiletries, clothing, dry food, tins and chocolate boxes.



**All donations in by 6th December**  
**Every item makes a difference!**






# SCIENCE Clubs



DISCOVER. EXPERIMENT. CREATE.

## SCIENCE CLUB

WEDNESDAY 3 – 4pm



WEDNESDAY  
3-4  
MRS MCROBERTS  
B6  
ALL YEARS

## STEM & SCIENCE CLUB



**NEW**

## CELEBRATE STEM WITH THE BIG BANG COMPETITION

Take part in a 5-week after-school project exploring how **robots** and **AI** can solve real-world problems. Work solo or in a team, design your own ideas, and enter **The Big Bang Competition!**

- Hands-on STEM fun with AI
- Earn a **certificate** for completing all 5 weeks
- Have your idea entered into a **national competition**
- Boost creativity, teamwork & problem-solving skills

When? Tuesdays after school - starting January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Where? A25 with Mrs Jones

Sign up with Mrs Jones before the Christmas Holidays!



WEDNESDAY  
A27  
MISS CARBON  
3PM - 4PM  
ALL YEARS

## LEGO THERAPY



JOIN THE **ECO CLUB**

WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL  
IN ROOM D2



# Extra Curricular Clubs

## Extracurricular Activities

Please remember to check out the extracurricular activities here at Millfield. The link can be found under the 'Students' tab on the school website. The new schedule will be available when the school re-opens for the summer term, with a great selection of activities to choose from!

[V2-Extra-Curricular-Activities-Autumn-Term-2025-1.pdf](#)



**TEXTILES CLUB**

**TUESDAY**  
3-4  
MISS SIMPSON  
A21  
YEARS 7.8 & 9



**ART CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY**  
3-4  
MRS RILEY  
A23  
ALL YEARS



**STARTING 12<sup>TH</sup> NOV**

WYRE MUSIC CENTRE

**RECORDER REBELS**

**NEW**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
4.30 - 5.15pm

SIGN UP!

MILLFIELD SCIENCE AND PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE,  
36 BELVEDERE RD, THORNTON-CLEVELEYS FYS 5DG

LIVE LIFE MUSIC #WHEREWILLMUSICTAKEYOU Lancashire County Council LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

**CLUBS IN MFL**

MONDAY: LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR CLUB (B3)

TUESDAY: ITALIAN CLUB (B1)

WEDNESDAY: EURO CLUB (B3)

THURSDAY: SPANISH CLUB (B1) / LATIN CLUB (B4)

FRIDAY: MANDARIN CLUB (B1)

**RECORDER REBELS** started 12th November but there is still time to join. Led by amazing recorder specialist, Helen Bowden this group is suitable for all ages and all abilities, even complete beginners! Come along and try out this exciting new session. 4.30 - 5.15pm,



**KS3 DANCE CLUB**

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

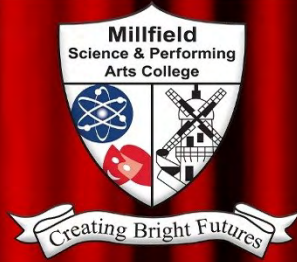
1.20PM - 1.45PM

JAZZ, LYRICAL, COMMERCIAL, MUSICAL THEATRE

*Creating Children's STORIES*

**THURSDAY**  
LUNCH TIME  
MISS CROSS  
J6  
ALL YEARS



Disney

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Rehearsals are in full swing for our upcoming production! Students are showing incredible dedication and energy as they prepare for what promises to be a fantastic performance. We're excited to announce that the show will run from  
**10th–12th February**

*Be Exceptional*

# What can you do to stop Cyberbullying?

## If you are being bullied:

- Don't reply.
- Block the bully.
- Save the evidence.
- Ask an adult for help.

## If you know someone who is being bullied:

- Don't participate.
- Be a friend.
- Ask an adult for help.
- Campaign to stop cyberbullying.

**Say "no" to cyberbullying!  
Don't stay silent.**

"I ignore  
online  
bullies ... it  
takes away  
their power."

"I was playing an online  
game when another  
player started bashing me  
for no reason. Why me?"

"Everyone is calling  
me ugly names, telling  
me to end my life. I'm so  
depressed. I need help."