

MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As the first half term draws to a close it is always good to reflect on the significant improvements that the school has made and celebrate the contributions made by staff and students.

There have been an array of trips, visits and extra curricular clubs that have given students opportunities to enhance their learning and enjoyment outside of curriculum time. These tend to be the memories that last a lifetime and from having visited students on day trips and residential I have seen first hand the excitement it gives them as well as the chance to develop key learning skills such as resilience and determination. These skills can be transferred to their day to day learning.

On October 5 we had a really successful Open Evening where we hosted over 2400 visitors - this is a significant increase on previous years and has been accompanied by facilitating daily tours for year 6 families over the course of the first half term. We have conducted over 200 tours for year 6 students and parents and have received overwhelmingly positive praise and feedback from their visits.



At the end of September we asked parents to complete a survey on their views of the school. We used the same questions that parents answered prior to the Ofsted inspection in April 23 which allowed us to get some really strong comparative data. The results were positive in all areas and indicate a real change in confidence from our key stakeholders. Some of the significant improvements were;

Child is happy at school

April 23 - Strongly agree/agree 64%

Sep 23 - Strongly agree/agree 91%

School makes sure pupils behave well

April 23 - Strongly agree/agree 31%

Sep 23 - Strongly agree/agree 78%

Recommend this school to another parent

April 23 - 44%

Sep 23 - 82%

Whilst these results are really strong I want parents to know that we continue to strive to improve the school further. The next term sees some exciting changes to further enhance the teaching and learning and continue to push standards in behaviour.

As we lead up towards Christmas, after half the half term break Year 11 students will start their first round of PPE - mock examinations. I wish them all well and urge them to continue their hard work and efforts as well as dedicating a good balance of revision and time to enjoy a bit of a rest.

I'm not one to usually highlight individual success but it would be remiss of me to not mention Maggie Shepherd in Year 11. Maggie was selected to represent England in Gymnastics 13-15 October. This is a huge achievement and everyone at Mayflower is proud of Maggie and her achievements at such an elite level.

Thanks to all students, staff and parents for their support this term. I wish you all an enjoyable and safe half term.

Mr D Lee
Headteacher

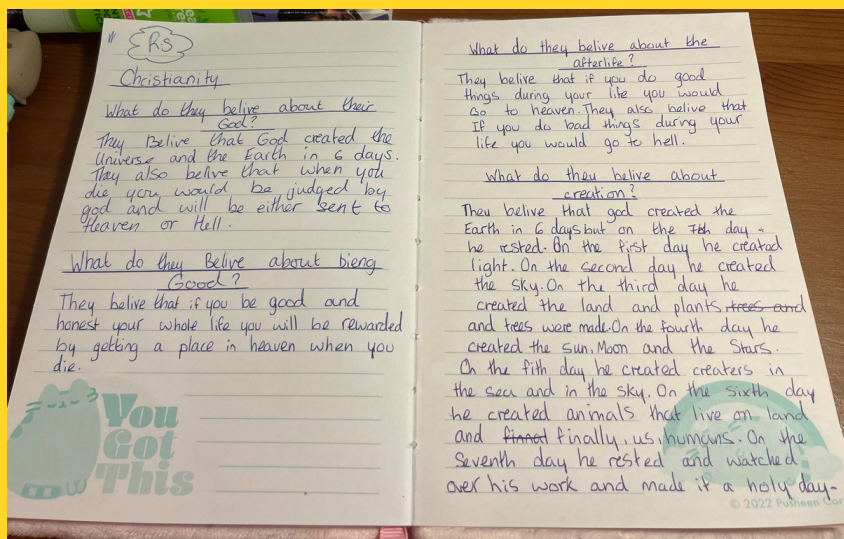
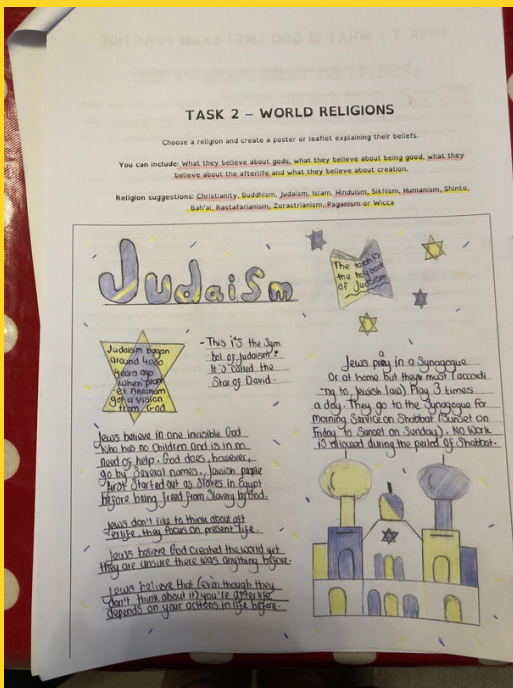
Billericay Blizzard's Success

During the summer members of Billericay Blizzards, Emily Turner and Violet Harmer along with other members, represented and played in multiple tournaments to then reach the final of the U15 Essex group at Bentley. This game was against High Roding. They won the toss and decided to field first the game was 16 overs a side. We bowled High Roding all out in 10 overs for only 17 runs. They scored the runs required to win the game within 3 overs and progressed to the Sunrisers regional finals where they will play a team in Middlesex. The next round was on Sunday 20th August at Highgate cricket club. Where we came against a very competitive team who on the day outplayed us and progressed into the next round.

RS

In RS, Year 7 students were asked to produce posters with information about their chosen religion. See some below examples of some great work by 7L1!

Mrs C Davis

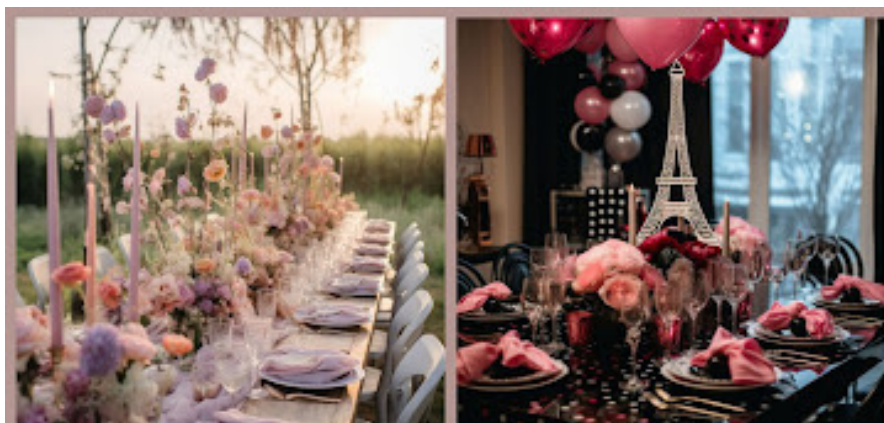


MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 29th September we held our Macmillan Coffee morning cake sale. We were overwhelmed at the generosity of the students and local community. We had amazing balloon decorations on our gazebos that were kindly donated from Event Stylists. Room 7 was filled with cakes that were either homemade or shop bought. All of them looked, and I'm sure tasted, delicious. Due to the number of cakes we had to do a second cake sale on the Monday to ensure that all of them were sold and eaten. From the cake sales we raised over £500.

We also had a number of other fundraising events happening - staff raffle for a delicious cake, with one year 7 student, Elsie Orchard, donating £27 from her own cake sale that she did in the summer.

The running total is £850.



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Lauretta McKenzie 8B1

Lauretta was spotted ice skating at Chelmsford Ice Rink and asked to join their under 16 girls ice hockey team; The Rattlesnakes at the age of 11.

She has since been selected to try out for Great Britain under 13s ice hockey team this Friday at Lee Valley Ice Arena.

We are wishing her the very best of luck as she has done so amazingly well so far in her ice hockey journey.

Elf Teaser



Coming soon

Save the Dates:

**Tickets on sale from:
Monday 30th October**

Performances are:

Tuesday 12th December - Friday 15th December

Year 7 Team Building Day

On the 12th October we took 267 of our year 7 students to The Wild Forest at Nuclear Races in Brentwood on a team building day. To say that the year 7s were excited was an understatement! Within minutes of them arriving at the nuclear races all clean and raring to go, they embraced every obstacle that was put in front of them with confidence and determination to have fun. The team effort of each group was fantastic to see, with students encouraging and cheering each other on. Throwing themselves onto the donuts across the water or flying through the air over a mud bath was great to see. The staff at Nuclear Races were really impressed with their behaviour and the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. I would like to say a big thank you to all the tutors for their encouragement and to the extra staff Mr Griffin, Mrs Friar, Miss Cox, Miss Douglas, Miss Ives and Mrs Pierce for their support too. I apologise to all the parents for the washing it caused but it was 100% worth it! Thank you parents/carers for supporting this trip. Mrs Cooke

Year 7 Team Building Day



September Star of the Month

Each month the Spanish department awards a Star of the Month – Estrella del mes- from each form. Here are the winners for the month of September. The winners receive a certificate and merits. ¡Sigue con el buen trabajo! - Keep up the good work!

Jamie Nethercoat - 7B2
Alfie Healy - 7F1
Charlie Cole - 7F2
Florence Brooks - 7L1
Scarlett Dendle - 7M1
Advay Sharma - 7R1
Alex Fregene - 8B2
Aljo Shaji - 8F1
Zoe Manly - 8F2
Oscar Hicks - 8L1
Freddie Upton - 8M2
Isabella Currie - 9B1
Roxy Hartman - 9B2
Athina Mitchell - 9F2
Kristen Lambe - 9L1
Ava Harlow - 9L2
Benjamin Fakoya - 9M2
Benedict Guthrie-Blunkell - 9R1
Sonny Bowerman - 10L1
Charlie Stevens - 10M1
Liam Alger - 10B2
Gene Sullivan - 10L1
Saniya Sanoo - 10R1
Freddie Crooks - 10R1
Erin Lambe - 11M2
Amy Carter - 11F1
Sophie Lehman - 11B2
Katy Ames - 11L1
Kylan Salih 11F1
Kyla Moffat - 11M2
Thomas Casey 12CRE
Lacey Birch - 12BNL
Livia Parnell - 13HRL



School Sports Partnership Update

This term Mayflower High School had the privilege of hosting two School Sports Partnership events for our local primary schools. On the 3rd October we saw Buttsbury, Quilters, Sunnymede, Downham, St Peters and South Green compete in our Year 5 and 6 football competition. The talent shown from our local pupils was exciting to see. Congratulations to St Peter's and Quilters who made it through to the partnership final to be hosted at William De Ferrers. These events could not take place if it wasn't for our amazing year 11 students that helped referee, score and organise the event. Thank you to Oliver Perrin, Oscar Collins, Luca Savile, James McCrow, Lainey Norris, Lucy Sherwood, Lewis Gutteridge and Harry Tear for representing our school so well.



Maggie May Shepherd Gymnastics

Congratulations to Maggie May Shepherd in being selected to compete for England in gymnastics at the Leverkusen Cup in Germany. It is a fantastic achievement to be part of a select group of people to represent the nation at an international level.

Sports Report Autumn Term 1 - Senior Boys Football

The senior boys football team got off to a winning start in the league beating Bromfords 3-2, De La Salle 3-0 and drew 2-2 with Billericay school in the District League. MOTM performances so far from Luca Savill and Oliver Perrin. In the Essex Cup they play The Boswells School. So far 22 players have played this season and consistently produced excellent football. Special thanks to Oscar Collins and Pierce Tamplin who have excelled as assistant managers while injured.



Year 8 & 9 Netball



The u14 girls got their netball season off to an excellent start playing 4 games and gaining 4 wins to qualify for the county round of the National Schools Competition. They also followed that up with a 48-2 win against DLS in the league!

Year 7 Essex Cup Basketball

On Monday 16 October the year 7 boys basketball squad travelled all the way to Heddingham School representing Mayflower in their very first basketball fixture. The squad were well prepared from routinely attending the boys basketball club on Mondays after school. The training paid off and at half time Mayflower had taken a commanding lead 27-8. Mayflower worked on their defence and rebounding in the second half with all ten boys playing really well. The score finished with Mayflower winning 38-12. Good luck in your upcoming fixtures:
Tues 7 Nov vs Redden (Away)
Thurs 30 Nov vs St John Payne (Away)
Thurs 7 Dec vs Westcliffe High School for Boys (Away)



Junior Girls Swimming

English Schools Swimming
Relays
Y7 & 8 Girls Squad

In a competition of exceptionally high standard the girls performed superbly, achieving excellent times, especially in the 50m freestyle relay - achieving a time of 2m16.43s. They finished 16 out of 32 schools and placing them as the 5th best Essex school.



Year 8 Boys Football

The year 8 boys football team began the 2023 season with a couple of hard defeats. Playing Beauchamps away in the league the boys lost 4-0, and in the county cup, they lost a tough first round game against a strong Eastwood Academy, 3-0. Despite the results the boys have remained positive and will be looking to bounce back in the league after the half term.

Senior Girls Football

An outstanding performance in the first round of the Essex Cup for the u16 girls football team saw them beat Colchester County High School 4-0, a hat trick from Lucy Sherwood and another goal from Freya Daley were the highlights, but all 13 girls were outstanding in the match.



Senior Girls Netball

The u16 girls netball team won 35-4 against Westcliff High School for Girls in the first round of the Essex Cup. Player of the match was Ruby Toll, with an accomplished and mature performance as WA.

Pre County rally to be played soon.



Year 9 Boys Football

Year 9 won their first game of the season against Basildon Academies 3-1. Player of the match: Harrison Dempsie.

AJN Fine Art Classes

At AJN Fine Art, we are passionate about enhancing young artists creativity. Here we nurture the talents of our students aged 6-16 and offer enriching courses for adults too! Our children's projects span over 2-3 weeks, guiding young minds through a journey to refine their artistic skills and knowledge. Through hands-on experiences with clay, paints, and mixed media, students explore their creative potential, gaining confidence in their artistic abilities. At AJN Fine Art, we believe in cultivating a passion for art that can last a lifetime. For those seeking a more advanced path, we offer GCSE-level classes with advanced projects, providing a comprehensive and structured art education. Join us at AJN Fine Art.



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Black History Month – Sixth Form Assembly

Our Sixth Form assembly programme has got off to a great start with our Head Students, Rich and Archie presenting to both the Year 12 and 13 students about Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Celebrating Our Sisters' and Sixth Formers learned about influential black women such as Bessie Coleman, Mary Macleod Bethune and Ida D Bennett.



Rich also talked about her personal experience when she visited slave dungeons in Ghana to see first-hand the conditions in which black people of Ghana were kept prior to being transported to other countries and sold as slaves. Big thanks to both Rich and Archie for a very interesting and informative assembly. Coming up in the next few assemblies – our wellbeing ambassadors focussing on National Stress Awareness Week, an external visitor talking about the End Polio Now campaign, an ex-student sharing her experiences studying Psychology at university and more.

Conservative Party Conference

Here at Mayflower High School, we are fortunate to be able to run an A Level Politics course. This is a subject that allows students to develop their understanding of how the UK and US political systems work, affording them the opportunity to develop their own political opinions in a non-judgemental environment. Students are encouraged to deepen their knowledge outside of the classroom too. One of our Year 12 students, Daniel McGuinness, recently attended the Conservative Party Conference. Below, Daniel explains some of his key thoughts and opinions of the two days he spent at conference.

**Please note: the opinions expressed are entirely that of the author and do not necessarily show the views of Mayflower High School as a whole*

Miss Gunnell

Before my attendance at the Conservative Party Conference I wasn't sure what to expect. A group of stiff and grey haired old Etonians came to mind, which was true in some places, but generally I felt free to be proud of my state education. The delegates on a whole were far more concerned about policy and ideas, and I was able to engage in a wide variety of intellectual conversations in the mere two days I was there. I found in order to avoid said old Etonians, and a great amount of careerists, one has to visit the huge array fringe events where the truly intellectual discussions take place.

I went to an incredibly captivating talk on homelessness, which had no political affiliation at all. It began with a very powerful speech came from a man who was formerly on the street, and now is on universal credit. Every week he has to choose one essential over another which is the same of 90% of people receiving universal credit. It really allowed me to learn without the, in some cases, confusion of political narrative and spin. Directly after that I went into The Home Secretary's speech where I was subjected to the hyper-conservative, wrath of Suella Braverman on immigration and "STOPPING THE BOATS!", one of the biggest real life oxymorons I had experienced. Her speech was an insight into the ideology of those on the right of the party and displayed the disparity in ideas across the members: centrist and almost liberal. In that mind, the great disparity allowed me to form a critical eye, and grasp a greater understanding of political ideas across the spectrum, and thus formulate my own opinion - which I shall not divulge.

Daniel McGuinness

Remembering Vincent O'Leary

After the recent sad news and loss of a dedicated teacher and colleague, some of the Mayflower community took part in the Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk 2023 in September. We thought it would be a fitting tribute and dedicated the walk to him, through the streets of London, stride by stride, past many famous landmarks, taking in the city lights. Nine members of staff past and present, started at 9.30pm from Battersea Park, had a couple of stops along the way and finished the half marathon walk at 3.00 in the morning.

We are happy to announce that the total funds raised to date is an amazing £2415.00. All fundraising is dedicated to research to improve treatment, diagnosis and prevention of cancer.

Mrs Clarke



Nelson Mandela Tribute Book

On Wednesday 20th September Willow Baggott in year 8 became the youngest child in the world to sign a Parliamentary Nelson Mandela Tribute book. The book has been put together by Nic Careem who is the founder and director of the Blue Sky Network to honour the life of Nelson Mandela. Mr Careem wanted to honour Mandela's values in his personal life and his work in one special book of remembrance. The book has already been signed by up to 700 people including former US President Barack Obama, poet Maya Angelou, Beatles superstar Sir Paul McCartney and former Prime Minister David Cameron at the House of Commons.

Willow was nominated by Rani Moorcroft MBE, FRSA after Willow had helped at the 2021 Fun Walk Trust which helped local community groups raise money for good causes. Willow also had spoken in front of 120 distinguished guests including Lords, MPs, CEOs and senior officials about biodiversity and the need to grow and protect trees and bees. Rani is a very passionate activist for climate change and Willow speaking so passionately really inspired her to nominate her.

Mr Lee said "I was incredibly proud to witness Willow signing this special book and to hear about her achievements. I'm sure in the future she will reflect on the significance of this honour and the great names that are represented in the book alongside hers."

Mrs Cooke



Eliot Scammell visits The Dyslexia Centre

At the very end of term, back in sunny July, an ex Mayflower Dyslexia Centre student visited The Dyslexia Centre. Eliot attended Mayflower High school between 2012-2017 and has since graduated from the University of East Anglia, qualifying as a paramedic. Eliot held a question and answer session with the dyslexia students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10. He was able to answer some tricky questions about his occupation and also some interesting ones about how to learn in the classroom with dyslexia. There are some photos of Eliot's visit below. Eliot also quizzed the students on what to do in an emergency and showed the students some of his tools/equipment that he uses day to day. The students thoroughly enjoyed his visit and it was lovely for staff to see how Eliot has grown into a lovely young person. Thank you Eliot for a very interesting visit!



Dyslexia Team Building Day at Stubbers Activity Centre-29/9/23

Every year the year 9 Dyslexia Centre students are tasked with the challenge of organising a team building day for all the Dyslexia Centre students and staff. This year it was Alfie Kay, Tony Bowers and Alfie Woolmer's turn and they managed to organise a highly successful day at Stubbers Activity Centre. This year, this involved making phonecalls, costing the trip as well as designing questionnaires for students, staff and parents to investigate interest in a variety of activities across year groups, before grouping students and booking preferred activities.

Friday 29th September was spent overcoming a fear of heights by scaling a vertical assault course and climbing a tower for the leap of faith, descending into the darkness of the underground caves, rifle shooting, axe throwing, honing team tactics in laser tag and working strategically as a team on the banana boat rides.

All students had a fabulous day and thoroughly enjoyed learning outside the classroom. David Brace, 9B1, said 'Stubbers this year was amazing and I thoroughly enjoyed it. My favourite activity was the banana boats and laser tag because they were both thrilling and competitive. We learned lots about working in a team and determination.'

It was lovely to see friendships develop across year groups. These friendships will likely remain and provide support throughout their Mayflower journey at school.

It was great to see students' confidence grow in this outside environment and see perseverance, teamwork and kindness towards one another develop over the course of the day. All students returned home exhausted but happy!

Mrs Thorogood

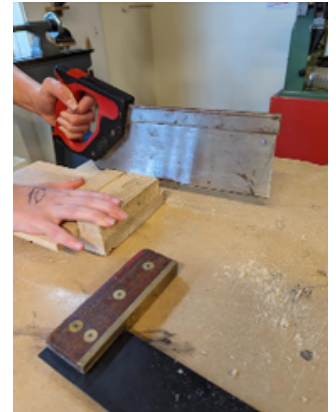


Design and Technology

It has been a busy and productive half term in the DT department with projects underway in all years. From year 7 starting their first wood work project to year 11 starting the design phase of their NEA (an exciting time when the products start taking shape) here is just a sample of what students have been doing in the department.

Year 7

In year 7 students have learnt how to use basic hand tools to mark out their MDF with accuracy, this has included measuring in mm and leaving waste space to allow for errors when cutting. Then using a try square in order to draw straight line, a phrase we use in the department frequently is a ruler is for measuring and a try square for drawing straight lines. Students then checked their work twice with the help of their teacher with the phrase “check twice cut once” before they were allowed to cut their material with a tenon saw. These pieces will make the stand of their mechanical toy. Students are now in the sanding and shaping stage for the stand of the toy.



Year 10

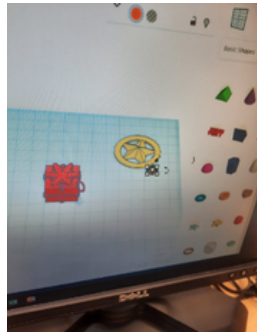
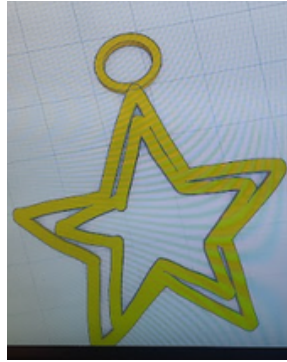
In year 10 students have begun to learn unit 3 of the AQA specification which focuses on materials. This will give them the valuable knowledge they will need throughout the 2 year course. To support this they have also had two practical opportunities a fortnight. One focuses on CAD (computer aided design) where they use the programme 2D design in order to create a simple keyring design which will then be cut on the laser cutter. Students are shown how to load the laser cutter and programme it as a valuable lesson they will be able to use throughout the course.

In a more “hands on” practical lessons they have been making Christmas reindeer out of plywood. Students are shown the rough template they need in order to create the reindeer and then cut the pieces to size. The pieces are then sanded using glass paper, disk sander and the bobbing sander in order to smooth and shape the pieces. Students could then get creative and shape the antlers and feet of their reindeer. We have started this early so they will be able to take it home for the Christmas season finished to a good standard and varnished.



Textiles & DT Club

Meanwhile in both the Textiles and DT Club students have been busy getting creative making decorations to sell at the PTFA artisan market with hopes of raising money. In the DT club students have been using tinkercad in order to 3D print decorations and 2D design to laser cut decorations. In the Textiles club we have been handsewing felt decoration and making pom poms. Here are some of the behind the scenes photos.



A great start to the year in the DT department across the years, keep up the great work everyone. We will have more photos of other years work in the next newsletter.

Geography curriculum update

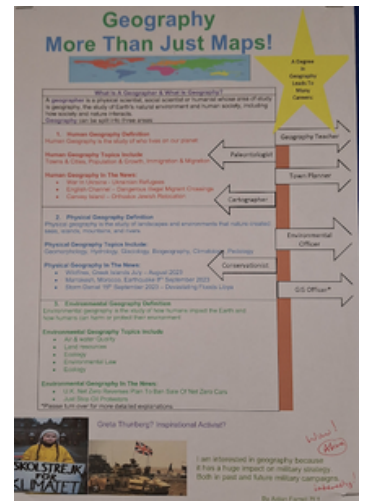
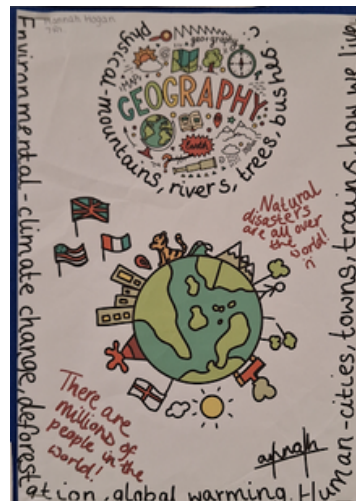
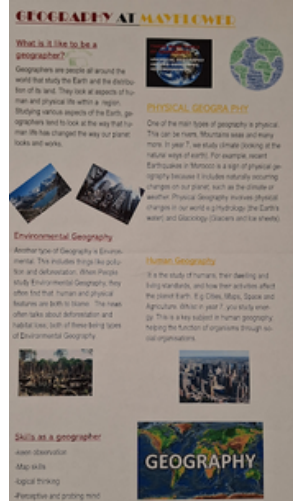
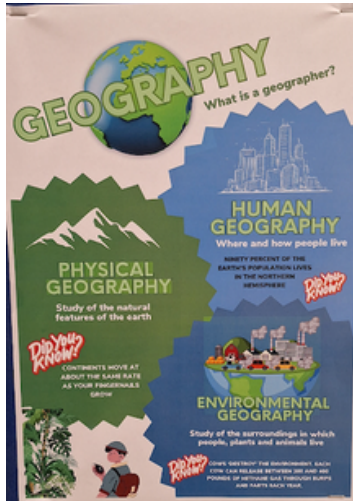
Each month Geography teachers nominate a 'Geographer of the Month' from each class. For September the following students were nominated:-

7B1	Edith Longlade	8B1	Emily Jackson	9B1	Harry Alsemgeest
7B2	Christopher Johnson	8B2	Jowan Sam	9B2	George McCreery
7F1	Dragos Maslov	8F1	Takunda Murombedzi	9F1	Sophie Thomas
7F2	Clayton Beecher	8F2	Josh Smith	9F2	Xander Baroi-Silvey
7L1	Lewis La-Rocque	8L1	Grace Turner	9M1	Max Longshore
7L2	Archie Wallace	8L2	Sophie Bragg	9L1	Frankie freeman
7M1	Alexa Ramirez	8M1	Charlotte Seeney	9L2	Ava Harlow
7M2	Emily Muzica	8M2	Xavier Clark	9M2	Ollie Fowler
7R1	Jake Barely	8R1	Henry Webb	9R1	Heidi Webb

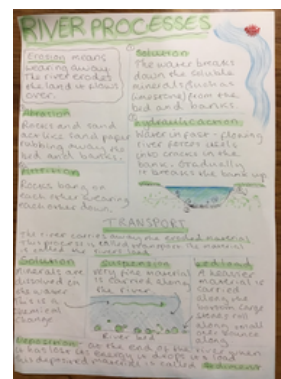
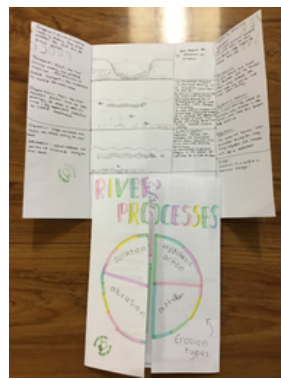
10D Gy1	William Goddard	11A GY1	Sam Moore
10D Gy2	Gene Sullivan	11A Gy2	Harry Gilbert
10C/GY1	Eloise Lock	11C GY1	Abi Rivas
10C/GY2	David Ciorogar	11C Gy2	Erin Lambe
		11D Gy1	Emma Humphrey
		11D Gy2	Maddox Whithey

12B Gy1	Freya Liggins
12B Gy1	Maia Lynn
13D Gy1	Harry Savery
13D Gy1	Thomas Humphries

Year 7 students have been introduced to what Geography is and have produced some excellent posters:-



Year 8 students have started the unit 'Why are rivers important?' They have produced some excellent leaflets and posters:-



Year 10 students have begun their GCSE studies looking at Urban Futures and are looking forward to their first fieldwork trip in November investigating urban change in Chelmsford.

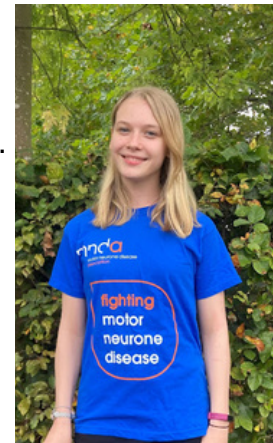
Year 12 have made an excellent start to their A level studies and are looking forward to their first fieldwork trip taking place in Southwold on 30th October.

Year 13 are in the process of writing up the Non Examined Assessment, worth 20% of their A level Geography course. In July they took part in residential fieldwork based in Southwold and chose to investigate a range of issues affecting the town including:- 'To what extent is Adnams Brewery the biggest player in Southwold?' and 'How effective is hard engineering at protecting the coastal landscape at Southwold?' As part of the fieldwork they had the opportunity to use a drone to take aerial photographs of the town to help them with their studies:-



Motor Neurone Disease Association

I am fundraising for the Motor Neurone Disease Association by walking 750,000 steps during the months of October and November. My goal is to raise money in order to help provide care and support to those living with MND and help fund research to find a cure. I also really want to spread awareness about it.



Motor Neurone Disease is a rare condition affecting the brain and nerves. It leads to weakness and trouble moving the body making every day life really difficult and there is currently no cure meaning it very sadly ultimately leads to death.

I have chosen to fundraise for this charity to support my uncle who is living with MND. I have seen the struggles he faces on a daily basis and how it impacts his life in so many ways but he has never let it get him down and I find his determination to keep going despite his worsening condition inspiring. One big reason I chose to do 750,000 steps as my challenge is that my uncle used to love going for walks/hikes but now he cannot walk without a frame or using a wheelchair so I really want to push myself to keep walking for him. I hope to be able to make a difference in the lives of those living with or affected by MND.

I have created a JustGiving page called Freya's fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease Association where donations can be made directly to the charity. My progress can also be tracked via this page -

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/freya-mnda-059>

Freya Liggins - Year 12

DofE Bronze Qualifier Expedition

After their practice expedition in June, which was on one of the hottest weekends of the year, the teachers were heard to say "don't worry, when we go in September it will probably rain". How wrong we were!

On an even hotter weekend in September, 67 year 11 students arrived at Riffhams campsite in Danbury to take part in the 'qualifier' expedition for their Bronze DofE Award. They completed two days hiking in their groups, cooked themselves a substantial meal on Trangias and worked within their teams to complete the expedition. They showed great resilience, courage and fantastic teamwork which was rewarded with all students passing their qualifier expedition.

Congratulations everybody on a fantastic weekend, and a huge thank you to all the staff that supported the event. Hopefully next year's silver expedition will be slightly cooler!

Ms Walter & Mr Harris



Jack Petchey Awards Evening for Basildon Schools - Towngate Theatre 20th September 2023

The Towngate Theatre hosted the annual Jack Petchey awards evening to celebrate the success of young people. The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential. Mayflower High School is very proud to be part of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme where over the academic year, staff, students and parents nominate students who have stood out for demonstrating our Mayflower Core values: Be respectful, Be a learner, Be safe both within our school and within our wider community.

Our award winners last year were Daisy Mears, Cheyenne Styles, Sophie Vaidya, Matthew Sharp, Janelle Ndlovu, Abi Townsend, Josh Avery, Millie Kielder, Sam Bowden. At Mayflower we also have a Yearly Leader Award, Mrs Pether was nominated mainly by our pupils which makes this award very special. Mrs Pether is a member of staff that is continually striving to deliver the best possible provision for all our students but especially those students with SEND. Councillor Luke Mackenzie The Worshipful the Mayor of Basildon was giving out the awards at the Towngate.

Our nominations are now open for this academic year, if you would like to nominate a student please email me via educate@mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Cooke and please let me know the reason why you would like to nominate a student.

Mrs E Cooke

Pictured are Josh, Millie, Sam, Sophie, Mrs Pether and Daisy



Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievements

At the time of writing this report our students have received an amazing 23,558 merits for their efforts both inside and outside of the classroom compared to 17,512 for the same period last year. We have been really impressed with the way that our students have conducted themselves this term and have really demonstrated our core values in the number of merits that they have received.

Positive Signatures

Students can receive positive signatures by any member of staff in our school for displaying our values outside of the classroom, for example holding a door open, helping another student, being kind. Students record these signatures on their student card and receive a fast pass into the canteen.

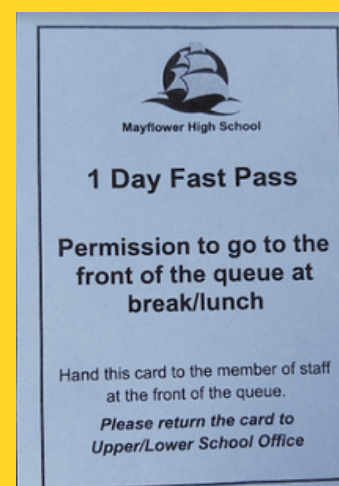
Merits

Merits can be awarded inside and outside of our classroom for; Participation: for example in assemblies, clubs and competitions. Excellence in our community: for example, taking part in D of E or receiving a Jack Petchey award. Work Ethic: for example excellent effort in their homework, participation in class. Core Values: for example being kind to another student or being responsible around school. Merits are recorded by students on their student cards every week and parents can view both merits and behaviour points on the Sims Parent App.

Certificates and badges

Certificates will be awarded in assemblies and are usually calculated twice every half term. They are based on conduct points which are achievement points minus behaviour points.

Achievement badges will be awarded in our end of term celebration assemblies and vouchers will be drawn for students with the most merits.



Reward Badges (based on conduct points: merits – behaviour) calculated twice every half term.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
Achievement Award	certificate					25	25
Bronze						50	50
Silver						100	75
Gold						150	125
Platinum						200	175
Diamond	Reward Breakfast					250	225

Achievement Award

(25 conduct points).

Year 7

Ethan Aarons	George Cohen	Zakk Harris	George Murphy
Millie Agate	Charlie Cole	Joey Hatchard	Henry Murphy
Eva Ali	Charlie Coles	Star Hatt	Emily Muzica
Alfie Ames	Jacob Collins	Lucia Hazell	Olivia Neal
Maisie Anderson	Emma Colls	Alfie Healy	Chioma Nwobodo
Bajrang Avikkal	Rosemary Cowper	Evie Henson	Denzel Nyama
Jasmine Ball	Frederick Cribb	Jade Heywood	May O'Driscoll
Nathan Balogun	Emily Crowe	Poppy Hobbs	Khalid Oladapo
Rafael Bannister	Beau Cunningham	Hannah Hogan	Elsie Orchard
Isla Barker	Hugo Daniels	Bryony Holley	Michael Owusu
Jake Barley	Alicia Dare	Georgie Hones	Zach Palfrey
William Barrett	Lily Davies	Leo Honey	Armaan Pannu
Joseph Beales	Frankie Dear	Amalia Hook	Max Parish
Edzhenaz Bedrikchi	Scarlett Dendle	Nicole Howlett	Jess Park
Clayton Beecher	Darcy Deven	Abigail Huggett	Charlie Parsley
Albert Bench	Steven Dimitrov	Frankie Jackson	Danny Patel
Zac Berry	Archie Doyle	Rosa Jarvis	Kushal Patel
Sophie Bickerstaff	Ena Dugandzic	Christopher	Benjamin Pentecost
James Bilby	Aidan Farrell	Johnson	Harry Phillips
Ethan Bird	Lola Fay	Lewis La-	Toby Pickett
Ethan Boyce	Isla Fitch	Rocque	Harry Plant
Eva Branch	Rodney Foster	Oliver Langridge	Louise Pocklington
Evie Brimecombe	Scarlett French	Tilly Lashmar	Joey Porter
Florence Brooks	William Fuller	Mateo Lechea	Beth Posthuma
Polina Carter	Billy Gilroy	Megan Lee	Joris Pranevicius
Tom Carter	Frederick Gilroy	James Lock	David Radulescu
Nate-James Chalkley	Jack Green	Eva Locke-	Caitlyn Rae
Matilda Chaplin	Jessica Green	Sinclair	Alexa Ramirez
Successor Chari	Poppy Grimes	Edith Longlade	Shreyan Raval
Amelia Cimini	Korey Groves	Peter Lyczewski	Elsa Reason
Lily Clark	Alexander	Aleksandr	Maanas Reddyvari
James Classen	Guthrie-Blunkell	Mamajs	Eddie Refael
Michael Clements	Amelia Hales	Dragos Maslov	Briar Reuter
	LoganHardy-Wallace	Chloe Moar	Amelie Robbshaw
	Georgina Harris		Gabriel S-Young

Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievement Points

Zakariya Sarfraz	Jessica Coldicott	Douglas Maddock Grummett
Izzy Sargant	Elsa Collis	Zoe Manly
Amelie Saunders-Engwards	Hannah Copp	Alexandru Mariescu
Olivia Savage	Christopher Cory	Christopher Markham
Summer Seabrook	Thomas Cowen	Leo Marson
Advay Sharma	Finley Darroch	Jason Mbalaso
Lilly Shepherd	Harry Daley	Leah McFeely
Isabella Shipway	Hudson Daly	Archie Moore
Jack Slater	Jacob Douglas	Lily-Rose Norman
Abigail Small	Isabella Ehrlich	Archie O'Neill
Fletcher Smith	Logan Ellis	Jayden Owusu
Liam Sonnet	Thomas Fairweather	Betsi Plenty
Evie Sorrell	Dylan Foley	Denisa Podaru
Lara Spires	Thomas Fox	Yelyzaveta Podsvirova
Henry Steel	Alexander Fregene	Edie Poulton
Amelia Stephens	Charlie Furber	Bo Rouse
Juliette Stewart	Olivia Gardner	Arubah Saif
Daria Suhan	Olivia Garnett	Harriet Sains
Jake Sunderland	Oliver George	Jowan Sam
Molly Sutton	Lacey Gordon	Charlotte Seeney
Erin Tamplin	Sophia Gothard	Kimberley Shaw Mendoza
Sena Temizturk	Rosie Gould	Jack Simnett
Tyler Terrelonge-Toole	Alfie Gray	Hollie Simpson
Eleanor Terry	Skye Greenan	Joshua Smith
Ellie Turburville	Taylor Halfhide	Freya Spencer
Vahini Vaishnavi	Thomas Hall	Ella Spires
Archie Wallace	Amber Harbrow	Alfie Stringer
Hattie Walsh	Freya Hardy-Wallace	Gabriel Tanner
Ashton Williams	Oscar Hicks	Amy Tear
Connor Willis	Alex Hill	William Temple
Florence Wiseman	Erin Holmes	Aakash Tharakan
Lucas Young	Emily Horncastle	Destiny Topping
Abdulmate Yusuf	Elena Humphreys	Sophie Trainer
	Emily-Rose Jackson	Maximillian Tremble
<u>Year 8</u>	Oscar Jennings	Thomas Trevallion
Elissa-Grace Adjei	Olivia Johnson-Marns	Grace Turner
Evie Andrews	Tiffany Jones	Freddie Upton
Kieran Atkinson	Olivia Joshi	Vasileios Vasileiadis
Poppy Barker	Henry Joyce	Isla Vinton-Smith
Harley Birch	Kobe Keily	Freddie Wallace
Annabel Bowden	Zachary Kirby	Millie Warren
Jessica Bowie	Donovan Knowles	Blake Webb
Zack Briggs	Aadyoth Kottapalli	Henry Webb
Xavier Clark	Njilla Kouani	
Fraya Claydon	Elliot Learmouth	
	Darcey Lister	

Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievement Points

Michael Weebadde
Liyanarachchige Don
Luke Wheaton
Sienna Wiles
Liam Wiltshire

Year 9

Jessica Abraham
Freya Agate
Harry Alsemgeest
Edward Ames
Bethan Armsden
Louis Bannister
Xander Baroi-Silvey
Ruby Beckwith
Jack Bentham
Charlotte Bilby
Isabella Bleakley
Sophia Bleakley
Annalise Boachie
David Brace
Millie Brown
Poppy Burnard
Eleanor Chaplin
Gracie Cimini
Anna Cowen
Olivia Cross
Isabella Currie
Oliver Cusack
Archie Cushing
George Daines
Riley Dowson
Oluwatamilore Fakoya
Ollie Fowler
Paul Fulker
Khiara Bayraktar-Grigg
Poppy Groves
Esme Hamilton
Ava Harlow
Harry Hawkins
Scarlett Hicks
Jude Hoile
Samuel Hull
Maxwell Hussey
Annie Jerreat

Farrah Keniry
Harrison Kessock-Philip
Erin Knight
Kristen Lambe
Max Langshaw
Tommy Lawrence
Chloe Locke-Sinclair
Alanis-Mae Mares-O'Connor
Leila Johnson-Marns
Caitlyn Mansfield
Grace Marsh
Daisy Mears
Conor Mint
Athina Mitchell
Alfie Moorcroft
Max Mundy
Achyut Naredla
Ethan Omogbai
Anaahat Pannu
Ava Parker
Harry Parsley
Jacob Pickworth
Matilda Pierce
Evie Plummer
Matilda Porter
Megan Posthuma
Poppy Richardson
Sophia Richbell
William Rowley
Oliver Sargood
Taleya Shazly
Amia-Faith Sims
Elliot Stephens
Ryan Strain
Edward Taylor
Sophie Thomas
Rose Threadgold
Esmee Turner
Teddy Veness
Tilly Walsh
Adam Wasfy
Joseph Watkinson
Samuel Wearn
Heidi Webb

Juliet Wenborn
Isaac Westell
Teddy Williams
Mia Wilson

Year 10

Alger Liam
Baker Amy
Ball Cameron
Barker Grace
Bayraktar-Grigg Kaysen
Beadle Kei
Bennett Lara
Blake Erin
Bowerman Sonny
Briggs Jasmine
Clements William
Collings Alice
Coughlan Shay
Crooks Freddy
Daley Freya
Davies Ella
Dowson Charlotte
Enver Yeliz
Evans Harry
Eyres-Gill Jamie
Grant Mason
Gregory James
Harmer Violet
Hatchard Eadie
Healy Chloe
Henson Archie
Hill Phoenix
Hill Sophie
Hintz Samuel
Hughes Emma
Humphreys Amelia
Kay Alfie
Kirk Tom
Lee Isabelle
Lee Ethan
Longlade Albert
Mapp Sam
Masser Jack

Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievement Points

McCreery Oliver
McGinness Taylor
Mesnard Ben
Middleton William
Mistry Anya
Neville Luke
Newing Cerys
Noble Angus
Nunn Oliver
Packman Eleanor
Popescu Lucas
Pursiainen Veikko
Rich Alice
Richardson Noah
Salvatore Elizabeth
Sanoo Saniya
Scott Daniel
Spencer Daisy
Stansfield William
Sterry Aidan
Stevens Charlie
Sullivan Gene
Sutton Phoebe
Tharakan Nakshathra
Toll Ruby
Wallis Rose
Ward Sophie
Ward Elsa
Warren-Gunn Jack
West Robert
Willis Callum
Wiseman Millie
Young Ethan

Year 11

Amanda Harris
Amelia Rogers
Amy Carter
Aurora Hysa
Benjamin Simpson
Chloe Callis
Emily Joshi
Emily Turner
Emma Humphrey
Erin Lambe

Frederick Rayner
Grace Liddiard
Isabella Henderson
Isobelle Simmons
James Walton
Jared Seedsman
Jemma Hawkes
Joshua Edwards
Kylan Salih
Lani Coughlan
Lily Slater
Luca Savill
Lucy Harbrow
Maddox Withey
Mary Alston
Nicholas Skidmore
Nihal Koothoor
Oliver Perrin
Oliver Barnett
Oliver Neal
Penny Knight
Ruby Walsh
Samuel Anderson
Scarlett Burton
Shelby Coventry
Sidney Loizides
Sophie Farrow
Sophie Lehman
Thomas Williams
Zachary Liggins



Points are based on conduct points (behaviour - achievement) and were calculated on 6th October. Congratulations to all our students. Mrs Cooke and Mrs Ball.

Bronze Awards

Year 7

Clayton Beecher
Charlie Coles
Nicole Howlett
Tilly Lashmar
Mateo Lechea
Edith Longlade
Florence Wiseman

Year 8

Hudson Daly
Jacob Douglas
Amour Gardner-
Sweeney
Tiffany Jones
Darcey Lister
Aljo Shaji
Hollie Simpson
Destiny Topping

Year 9

Ava Harlow
Annie Jerreat
Daisy Mears
Athina Mitchell
Sophie Thomas

Year 10

William Clements
Shay Coughlan
Violet Harmer
Ruby Toll

Year 11

Thomas Williams

Mayflower High School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



Diary Dates!

- 20th October** - Comedy Bingo Night 7/7.30pm - 10.45pm
- 30th October** - Next PTFA Meeting 6.45pm - 8pm
- 9th November** - Preloved Uniform and Revision Guide Sale
(Times Tbc)
- 10th November** - Artisan Market 6pm - 9.30pm
- 18th November** - Bicester Village Coach Trip (Whole Day)



Comedy Bingo Night - TONIGHT!

Grab your last minute tickets to our first social fundraising event of the academic year! With over 100 tickets already sold - this is set to be a fantastic evening! (Online ticket sales will end at 5pm today. Text/Whatsapp 07709 358069 if you would like to arrange tickets, but have been unable to do so online).



Get your tickets **NOW** for our second annual Christmas Artisan Market!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please get in touch ASAP if you are interested in being a stall holder. We warmly welcome interest from any students or families who would like an opportunity to showcase their creative ventures. Do get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

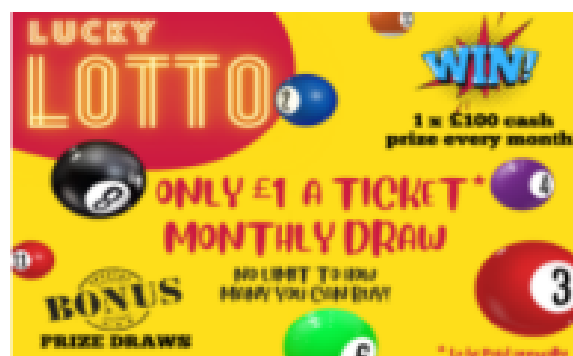
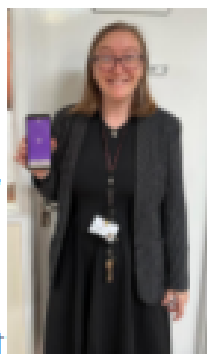
Entrance tickets are officially on sale now via:
www.pta-events.co.uk/mayflower-high-school

Lucky Lotto!

Congratulations to Sara Toll, Beverley Rose and Roz Bennett who each won £100 in our August, September and October Lucky Lotto draws! Their numbers were randomly chosen by Mrs Skudder, Mr Sweeney and Mrs Gray.

Don't forget to renew, or purchase your annual Lucky Lotto ticket for just £12 via:

www.pta-events.co.uk/mayflower-high-school



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PTEA PreLoved Uniform and Text Book Sale

Thursday 9th November 2023

Mayflower High School Times Table

This sale will run in collaboration with the school's 'Meet the Tutor' evening. An amazing opportunity to replace lost items, grab some 'spares' - or up size items that are too small. We will also gratefully accept donations throughout this event.

Payments welcome by cash or card

PreLoved Uniform and Revision Guide Sale

Please continue donating any preloved revision books and logoed uniform items to any of our drop off points:

13 Raven Close, CM12 0JE

23 Norsey View Drive, CM12 0QR

67 Upland Road, CM12 0JS

We are currently welcoming football boots and trainers as a matter of urgency.

Sincere thanks for your support in making our preloved provision such an incredible success.

Bicester Village Coach Trip

We have a limited number of tickets remaining for this amazing opportunity to enjoy a fun and carefree day out - without the added stress of parking.

This trip is open to absolutely anyone - not just families linked to Mayflower High School. (We just kindly request that all under 18's are accompanied by an adult).

THE PTFA INVITE YOU TO A PRE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO BICESTER VILLAGE, THE DESIGNER SHOPPING DESTINATION

UPON ARRIVAL YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT CARD TO USE IN THE VILLAGE

£25 PER PERSON
(TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A GLASS OF PIZZ AND A MINCE PIE)

BICESTER SHOPPING VILLAGE

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 2023

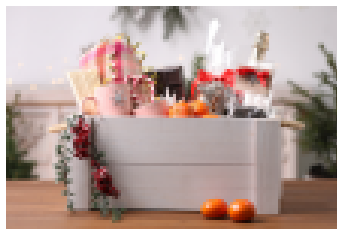
COACH DEPARTS MAYFLOWER SCHOOL @ 8AM
COACH LEAVES BICESTER VILLAGE @ 5.30PM

BRING A LITTLE CASH TO ENJOY OUR GOLDEN BUCKET RAFFLE AND BUS BRAGS EN ROUTE

Book now to avoid disappointment
www.pta-events.co.uk/mayflower-high-school

Adventure Island Discounted Tickets

Discounted Adventure Island tickets remain on sale via www.pta-events.co.uk/mayflower-high-school
All tickets are valid until December, 2024 - so buy now while stocks last!



Discounted Wristbands!

AVAILABLE NOW

Full Adventure Island Wristband - £18
Mini Golf (two rounds) - £5

HELP NEEDED!

The PTFA are currently looking for donations of raffle prizes and/or bottles of drink - to help make their forthcoming fundraising events a success! Please do get in touch if you think you may be able to help.



Everyone Welcome!

To all Mayflower High School Families

Our next PTFA meeting will be held on:

Monday 30th October

Arrive: from 6:30pm

Start: 6:45pm

Finish: 7:45pm

Head to the Sixth Form Common Room

Next PTFA Meeting.

We warmly welcome absolutely EVERYONE to our monthly PTFA meetings. If you are interested in making connections with other parents, hearing about forthcoming plans, contributing ideas or just fancy an hour out of the house with drinks and nibbles - PLEASE do come along.