

MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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As we approach the final half term of the academic year, it is always good to reflect on what we have achieved during half term 5 and the things of which we are particularly proud.

This edition of our newsletter showcases some great examples of group and individual success while also highlighting the wide range of opportunities available to every student who attends Mayflower.

The Year 11 and Year 13 students have been superb in their approach to their GCSE and A Level exams, and we look forward to seeing some really pleasing results in August.

The final half term will be as busy as ever, but we look forward to celebrating further achievements and saying goodbye to the examination year groups with their proms and leavers' days.

Mr. Lee



Rick Wakeman Performs with Mayflower Students

On Wednesday, 22nd May, Mayflower students had the privilege of performing with music legend Rick Wakeman. Rick is a keyboardist and composer, known as a member of the rock band Yes. He has also been a full-time session musician, performing and composing with the likes of David Bowie, Elton John, Marc Bolan, Cat Stevens, and Lou Reed.

A special thank you to Mr. Tuck for making this opportunity a reality for our students. More to come in the next edition.



Rocco visits the Dyslexia Centre

On Wednesday 8th May, Rocco made his first visit to a lesson at Mayflower High School. Accompanied by Mrs. Ball, he was warmly welcomed by Year 11, Year 9, and Year 7 Dyslexia students: Omar Haroon, Nihal Koothoor, Ethan Omogbai, Amber Frost, David Brace, Esmee Turner, Tommy Lawrence, Ellie Turburville, Dylan Smith, Henry Havard, and Olivia Neale. The students greeted Rocco and encouraged him to relax in the Reading Corner of the Dyslexia Centre, where he seemed very much at home.

Ethan Omogbai, Esmee Turner, and Olivia Neale read beautifully for Rocco, and eventually, he relaxed and listened. It was magical to observe students feeling confident enough to read aloud in front of their peers and several adults. The enjoyment and sense of satisfaction they experienced after reading to Rocco were palpable. Rocco laid down and listened as the students read to him, and it was heart warming to hear students, who struggle with reading, volunteering to be the next one to read. The Dyslexia Centre students are eagerly looking forward to Rocco's next visit and are practicing their reading in anticipation of his return.



Mrs Thorogood

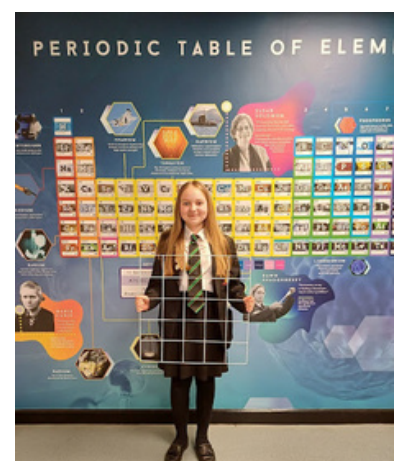


Year 11 Rugby - Billericay Rugby Club

Congratulations to both Lewis Cory and George Elsdon for receiving awards at the end-of-season presentation at Billericay Rugby Club. Lewis earned the Under-16 Player of the Year award, while George won the Youth Player Award. Well done to both. Onwards to the next season!

Jack Petchey Award

The Science Department would like to thank Fraya Claydon (8B2) for her Jack Petchey Award donation. We were absolutely delighted by her kindness and desire to support the Science department. Using her donation, we have purchased a class set of quadrats for use in the Ecology units at Key Stage 4 & Key Stage 5. Thank you, Fraya!





For the third year running, Mayflower High School has successfully offered independent careers consultations to the current Year 10 pupils. Connexions has been invited to provide our students with advice on their future career pathways. Each Year 10 student will be allocated a half-hour slot, during which they will discuss and receive guidance on careers, college courses, apprenticeships, and/or sixth form courses. These consultations have already commenced and will continue through to November this year. The schedule has been posted on the Year 10 Pastoral Google page, on the noticeboard outside room 95, and tutors have been reminding students. The aim is for each student to receive enough information to make a more tailored choice about their future.

Ms Nicol

Mayflower also offers the UNIFROG careers platform, which is available to all students from Year groups 8 to 13. This fantastic careers service provides information about colleges, university courses, apprenticeships available in the area, quizzes, and much more. Each student has received an email inviting them to log onto UNIFROG. Career lessons have been utilising UNIFROG. Go ahead and explore!



Key Stage Three and Four Achievement

We celebrated our students' success in our celebration assemblies on the last day before the Easter break. We recognised students who demonstrated one of our core values, being a learner within the classroom, and issued certificates for their achievements. Merit badges were also awarded, and tutors acknowledged students who exemplified our core values. Furthermore, students had the opportunity to nominate their peers who showed resilience or went above and beyond to support their peers or our school. For all the awards, students' names were entered into our spinning wheel to win Amazon vouchers, adding excitement and tension to our assemblies. Attendance was also a prominent feature in our weekly assemblies and celebration assemblies. Certificates were issued, and vouchers drawn for 100% attendance within a term and also since September, recognising the importance of being in school for our students' chances of success. We celebrated the highest attendance for each tutor group, and students chose to have a reward breakfast in Year 7, 8, 10, and 11, while Year 9 opted for pizza at lunchtime. A big thank you to our performers Niall Weightman, Mateo Lechea, Alfie Hodges, and the Music Department, as well as the sixth form singers.



Since September, 70,098 merits have been awarded to students for their hard work in lessons and at home with their homework. Year 7 remains the highest year group in terms of merit totals, closely followed by Year 8 and 9. Merit certificates have been distributed within tutor groups, and badges will be awarded again in our next celebration assembly.

**Congratulations to our
Platinum Award
winners**

Year 7

Eva Ali
Isla Barker
Clayton Beecher
Sophie Bickerstaff
James Bilby
Ethan Bird
Evie Brimecombe
Successor Chari
Rosemary Cowper
Hugo Daniels
Ena Dugandzic
Isla Fitch
Jack Green
Poppy Grimes
Georgina Harris
Hannah Hogan
Leo Honey
Nicole Howlett
Abigail Huggett
Rosa Jarvis
Megan Lee
Edith Longlade
Chloe Moar
Henry Murphy
Chioma Nwobodo
Jess Park
Danny Patel
Kushal Patel
Alexa Ramirez
Briar Reuter
Maisie Riddle
Summer Seabrook
Advay Sharma
Jack Slater
Evie Sorrell
Eleanor Terry
Archie Wallace

Year 8

Willow Baggott
Fraya Claydon
Jessica Coldicott
Hannah Copp
Harry Daley
Logan Ellis
Thomas Fairweather
Dylan Foley
Olivia Garnett
Amber Harbrow
Freya Hardy-Wallace

Erin Holmes
Emily Horncastle
Oscar Jennings
Olivia Johnson-Marns
Darcey Lister
Douglas Maddock
Grummett
Zoe Manly
Alexandru Mariescu
Leo Marson
Flora Noble
Constance Plenty
Denisa Podaru
Hollie Simpson
Freya Spencer
Alfie Stringer
Aakash Tharakan
Sophie Trainer
Thomas Trevallion
Grace Turner
Millie Warren
Henry Webb

Year 9

Harry Alsemgeest
Joshua Avery
Anna Boachie
Isabella Currie
Riley Dowson
Khiara Grigg
Poppy Groves
Ava Harlow
Chloe Locke-Sinclair
Ellie Lovell
Matilda Mein
Esmee Turner
Tilly Walsh
Heidi Webb
Teddy Williams

Year 10

Lara Bennett
Erin Blake
Ella Davies
Phoenix Hill
Sophie Hill
Albert Longlade
Ben Mesnard
Eleanor Packman
Harriet Reynolds

Diamond Awards

Year 7

Jasmine Ball
Ethan Boyce
Evie Brimecombe
Jessica Green
Mateo Lechea
Reyana Renny
Lilly Shepherd
Abigail Small
Florence Wiseman

Year 8

Evie Andrews
Oliver George
Elena Humphreys
Leah McFeely
Betsi Plenty
Harriet Sains
Hollie Simpson
Freddie Wallace
Luke Wheaton

Year 9

Jessica Abraham
Charlotte Bilby
Daisy Mears
Athina Mitchell
Megan Posthuma

Year 10

Amy Baker
Ella Davies
Saniya Sanoo
Aidan Sterry
Ruby Toll



Merits were calculated on the 5th May.

Mrs Cooke and Mrs Ball

Soloist Concert

On Thursday 18 April 2024, we celebrated our talented musicians in our first Soloists' Concert held in the Vocal Studio. The event featured solo performances from our Year 12 A-Level Music students, a Year 11 GCSE Music student, as well as students from Years 9, 8, and 7. It's no small feat to stand alone on stage, exposed and vulnerable, but you all did so with courage and confidence. Embracing the spotlight, you made it your own, commanding the attention of everyone in the room with your undeniable talent and charisma. The concert showcased a diverse range of musical genres and styles, reflecting the rich tapestry of our students' interests and passions. From solo singers, guitarists, and pianists performing music from The Beatles to Adele, from the musical Carousel to Chopin, and many more, the evening was a true testament to the breadth of talent within our school community. The passion for music and commitment to excellence were evident in every note played and every song sung. We eagerly anticipate seeing where your talents take you next.

Advay Sharma Yr7

Josh Smith Yr8

Alfie Hodges Yr8

Niall Weightman Yr9

Scarlett Franklin Yr11

Adam Roche Yr12

Frank Trump Yr12

Phoebe Adams Yr12

Florence Porter Yr12



Mrs K Darvill

Year 10 Bronze Expedition (Groups 1-17) 3-5 May 2024

When we arrived at Danbury campsite, ducks greeted us in the puddles on the field, setting a theme for the first day filled with continuous heavy rain that had the potential to dampen everyone's spirits. However, the students demonstrated remarkable resilience, setting up their tents and attending briefings in the extremely difficult conditions. Despite the campsite quickly turning into a mud bath resembling a festival site, the students remained undeterred. They completed all tasks asked of them and even had time for a good-humoured 'mud slide' football match before settling down for the night.

Saturday morning brought a completely different atmosphere as the sun shone brightly for the students starting day one of their qualifying expedition. They completed 6 hours of activity, embarking on a 15km walk through the Essex countryside before returning to the campsite to cook their dinner. The sun continued to shine on Sunday as they completed their second walk, marking the final day of their expedition section, and the group was rewarded with a 100% pass rate from the assessors.

The students' behaviour, teamwork, resilience, and good nature were something to be extremely proud of, and they undoubtedly made memories to last a lifetime. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff who generously gave up their time so the students could have this invaluable opportunity.



Design and Technology

This half term, students across the years in KS3 have been making progress on their new projects, aiming to complete them before the end of the summer term. We are hopeful that in the next newsletter, we will have some finished products to showcase.

In Year 7, students have made further progress with constructing the torch circuit. This has involved learning how to use the soldering iron safely, with an important lesson on what to do in case of burns. They have demonstrated pride and care in their soldering work and have engaged in problem-solving to identify issues with the circuit and why it may not light up during testing, with assistance from the class teacher.

Remarkably, Year 7 has exhibited some of the best soldering skills we have seen as a year group, resulting in a record low number of students' circuits failing to light up on the first try. Well done to all involved! The next stage involves constructing the case for the circuit to sit in.



In Year 9, students have completed the helping hand/grabber project with both Mr. Fowler and Miss. Miles and are now transitioning to the lamp project. Before delving into designing the lamp, students have been introduced to various design strategies commonly used in the industry to enhance the design process. Additionally, they have learned how to manipulate card and paper using a variety of techniques to create 3D products.

The results thus far have been truly impressive, with outstanding work showcased by students such as Archie Cushing, Isabella Currie, Charlotte Bilby, Juliet Wenborn, Harry Showell, and Heidi Webb. Their creations exemplify creativity and craftsmanship, setting a high standard for the rest of the class.



Well done to everyone in KS3! As we look forward to the next term, let's continue the momentum and dedication in finishing our projects. Together, we will create something we are proud of and eager to take home. Keep up the great work!

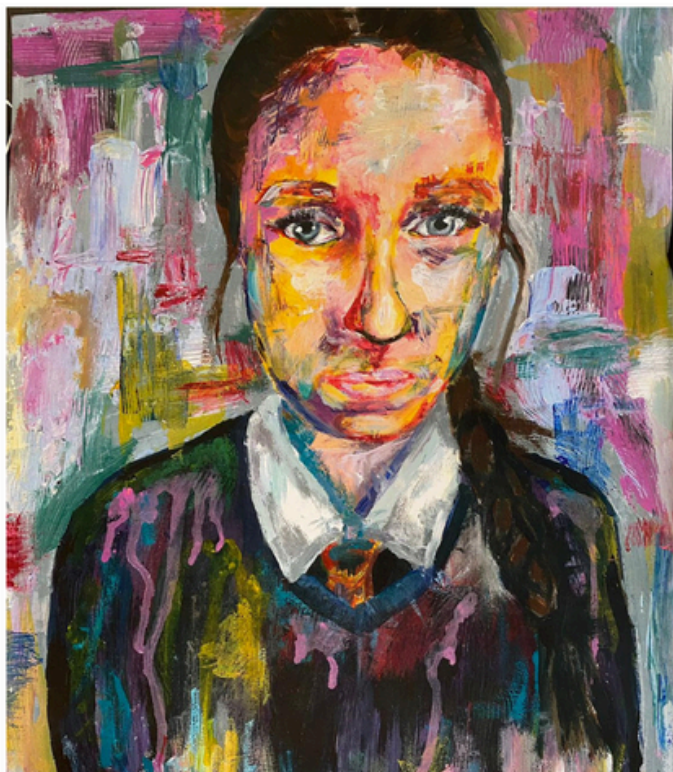
In KS4 with Year 10, we have initiated investigations into materials and techniques, such as wood joints and laminating wood, across all classes. By honing these skills and techniques through practical application, students will be equipped with a comprehensive range of information that they can utilise for their NEA (Non-Exam Assessment). Following their practical lessons, students have been tasked with writing about the materials or techniques they have explored, drawing upon their newfound knowledge and prior understanding to inform their decision-making process when crafting their NEA product.

As we eagerly anticipate the announcement of this year's NEA topic in June, we are excited to dive into it here in DT and apply our skills and knowledge to create innovative and high-quality projects.



Mayflower's Year 10 Art and Design students have been busy concocting some impressive pieces of work, as part of their new portrait project.

Miss Herbert



Millie Wiseman Y10



Grace Varian Y10



Travis Lucas Y10



Ned Domakin Y10



Kei Beadle Y10



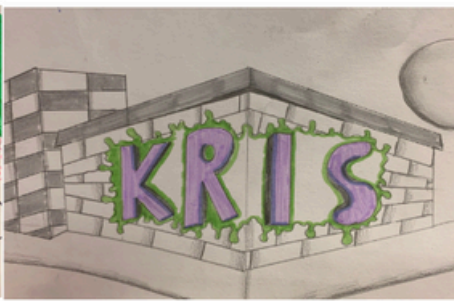
Elsa Ward Y10



Megan Mecham Y10



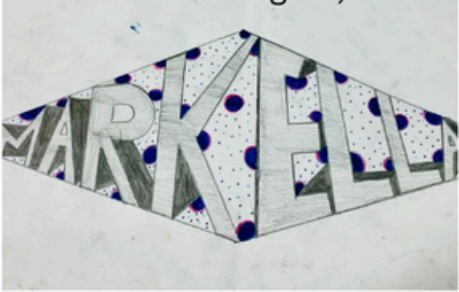
Scarlet Nugent,



Kristen Lambe,



Myleen Karikari Y9



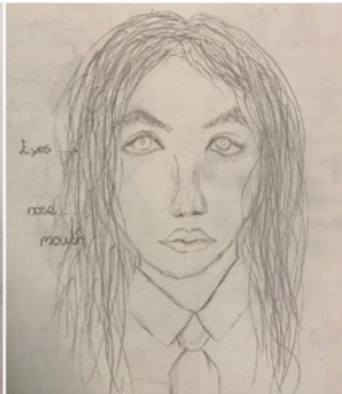
Markella Ntisos,



Athina Mitchell,



Max Mundy Y9



Georgina Harris, James Bilby, Savannah Kirby, Isabella Shipway Y7



Rosa Jarvis, Jessica Green, Molly Sutton, Jess Park Y7

KS3 Art and Design students have knocked it out of the park with some of their explorations into graffiti, animal illustration and portraiture.

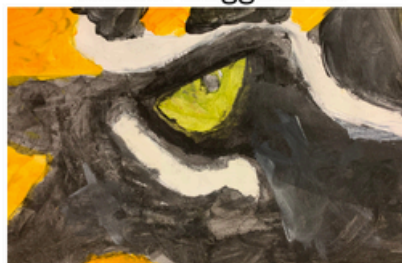
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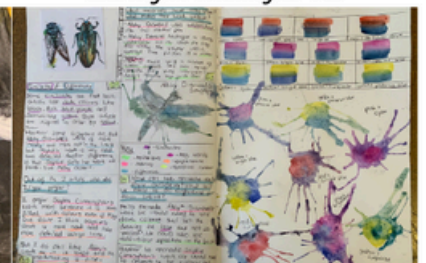
Willow Baggott Y8



Eavlyn Mariya Y8



Xavier Clarke Y8



Edie Poulton Y8

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football team played in the District Cup Final against Woodlands at Billericay Town FC. We got off to a very strong start, going 2-0 up, but we were put under great pressure, making the next goal crucial. We had chances, but the Woodlands goalkeeper made some vital saves. Woodlands piled on the pressure and managed to pull it back to 2-2 going into the final 10 minutes. Woodlands brought on fresh legs and continued to press forward, and unfortunately, we ended the game losing 4-2. We had a great season and look forward to moving up to 11-a-side football next season. Well done, boys.



Year 9 Football

The Year 9s unfortunately lost the District Cup Final against Woodlands 3-2. Despite a strong performance where the boys dominated, Mayflower just couldn't find the extra goal they deserved. Shout out to all the lads who have played in the team this year; your efforts and attitude have been faultless.

U15 Chance to Compete Cricket Tournament

This half term, eight U15s travelled to Colchester and East Essex Cricket Ground to participate in a cricket tournament against nine different schools from across Essex. They played four matches of 8 overs and 5 balls each, showing excellent skills both in batting and fielding, which led to them winning three games and losing one, placing them in a well-deserved 4th position.



Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 netball team became Basildon District Champions this term by beating Woodlands 15-10 in the final. It was a thrilling game, with the first-quarter score being 2-2. From there, Mayflower displayed some lovely passages of play in attack, were relentless in defence and creating interception opportunities. A massive well done to all the Year 7 girls who have represented Mayflower in netball this year. You have all been fantastic, and your commitment to training has paid off.



English Schools Athletics Track and Field Cup Round 1

In the first athletic event of the year, the school faced stiff opposition from schools that had recently won or been involved in the national final of this competition. It was great to see some students competing for the first time.

The best performances of the day included Freddie Wallace achieving a personal best in the 800m with a time of 2 minutes 20 seconds and winning his heat.



Year 10/11 Boys Football District Plate Winners

The senior boys' football squad has had a good season, losing only three games all year. They played Billericay School in the Basildon Plate Final, winning a close 1-0 game. They took the lead early when some excellent passing saw Jack Thomas pick out James McCrow's lung-busting run from left back, who headed past the Billericay keeper. In a game played in 20°C heat, both teams struggled to form any clear attacks, with Mayflower getting over the finish line.

I have taken this team for five years and must thank the boys for their commitment to representing the school over that time.

Black Ice Cheer - ESPN World of Sports, Florida

Congratulations to Jessica Coldicott and the other members of the Black Ice Cheer squad, who recently competed in an international cheerleading competition in Florida. After participating in international competitions in Europe, the squad were selected to compete in a once-in-a-lifetime event, The Summit, in Orlando, Florida. Look out for more in the press soon!

