

MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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This term has seen some real achievements for both individuals and groups of students, a clear highlight being the end of term 'Elf The Musical' production. I was bursting with pride as I watched 60 students create a performance that would not look out of place in London's West End! 5 shows in 4 days including an afternoon matinee to our primary schools has been a huge effort. Thanks to the team of staff who directed and helped out with social media, costumes and staging.

I've also been particularly proud of two groups of students who have been out in to the local community recently. Our Eco Club and music students visited two separate nursing homes with one group helping out with general maintenance and litter picking while the music students performed Christmas carols.

We ended the term with some superb celebration assemblies. We were able to recognise the hard work, resilience, dedication and high attendance of students in all year groups.

Reflecting on what has been a challenging period for the school with the passing of year 11 student Freddie Coleman early in November, we can be proud of how we have all pulled together to support one another during such a difficult time.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Mr D Lee
Headteacher

Exams 2023

The Exams Office has had a busy term. Mrs Harmer, Mrs England, Mrs Millard and I have been delighted with the attendance and demeanour of the students who have taken public and pre-public examinations this term. Those in year 12 and 13 worked hard during their English and maths resits. Students in year 11 have been punctual and well prepared for their pre-public examinations during the last two weeks of November. As we go through the rest of the academic year, I am looking forward to seeing the students working hard and getting ready for the summer series. The first public exam year 11 will be taking is religious studies on 9th May 2024. The exam dates have been released by all of the exam boards and can be found online. Certificates for exams that were sat in the summer of 2023 are now available from main reception during term time, 8:30am until 3:30pm. If a student is unable to collect in person, they can nominate a family member or friend to collect on their behalf. That person needs to bring a signed letter and their photo ID. Please note that certificates are legal documents and we are only obliged to keep them for a year after the publish date. I wish all those sitting exams in January the very best for their revision.

Mrs E Skudder
Exams Officer

Dyslexia Centre Council Meeting

Our first Dyslexia Council meeting, chaired by Omar Haroon, year 11 took place earlier this term. This is held during form time, in room 11 on the first Friday of the month. One Dyslexia Centre student from each year group attended: -Olivia Neal year 7, Esmee Turner-year 9 and Alfie Woolmer-year 10.

These students had the opportunity to discuss any problems raised by their year group and seek guidance and direction from older, more experienced students. This week the students discussed the colour of their learning environment and implications for concentration and focus, the comfortable seating in the reading corner of the Dyslexia Centre. Students also evaluated their team building trip to Stubbers Activity Centre. It was fabulous to watch younger students being guided and offered support as well as new ideas from older, more experienced students, who have had a similar learning experience at Mayflower High School.

Our next Dyslexia Council meeting will be in January and new representatives from the year groups will have the opportunity to attend and share their views and ideas.

Thankyou to Omar Haroon for giving up his precious time in the very busy, pressured time of his final year of GCSE study at Mayflower High School!

Mrs Thorogood

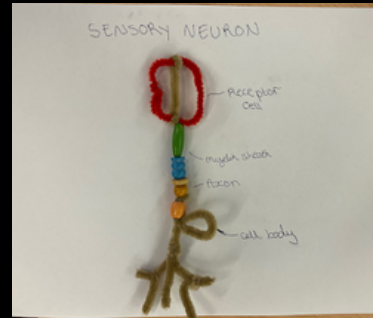
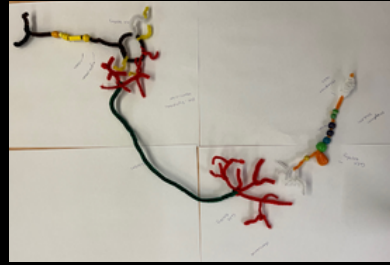
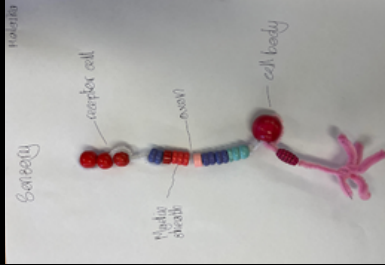
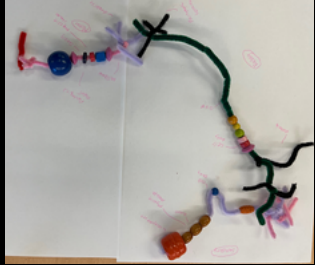


Dylan Smith

Congratulations to Dylan Smith in year 7 who has been chosen to represent England in Ice Hockey at an under 13s international tournament in Quebec, Canada. Dylan was selected after attending 3 trials and the tournament is the largest of its kind in the world. This is a huge achievement - please join us in congratulating Dylan.

GCSE Psychology

Our year 11 students have started a new unit “Brain and Neuropsychology” in which we have been learning how biological processes affect human behaviour. We have used various objects to create the structure of sensory, motor and relay neurons and to demonstrate how these neurons work together to affect behaviour, such as reflex response.



Campeones del Duolingo

This term we have started running a Duolingo competition in the Spanish department in selected year groups.

Here are the Champions for the Autumn term:

Year 11 - Baxter Poulter (Some 2000 XP points ahead of his next competitor!)

Year 12 - Eloise Dodd (Some 6000 XP points ahead)

Year 13 - Livvia Parnell



Please let Mrs Beal know in the Spanish Department if you are interested in taking part and she will happily set up a competition for your Year group.

¡Buena suerte!

Jack Petchey Award

The Science faculty would like to thank Megan Jobbins (9F2) for her Jack Petchey Award donation to the Science Department. We were absolutely delighted by her kindness and desire to support the team. We have purchased 300 new lab glasses to replaced the old and worn out goggles. These are now in use and the feedback from the students is extremely positive.

Mr T Griffiths
Head of Science Faculty

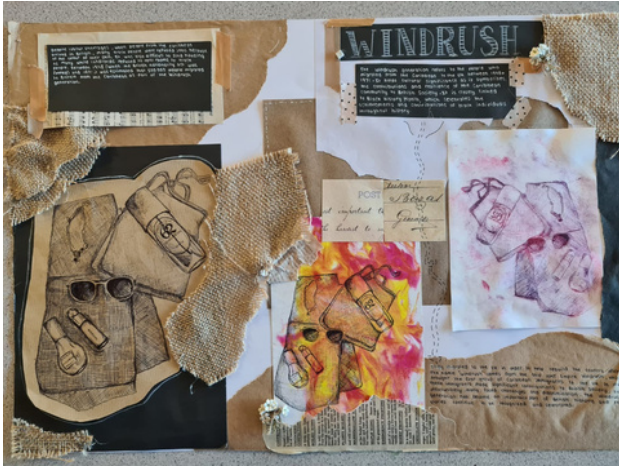


Year 10 Art

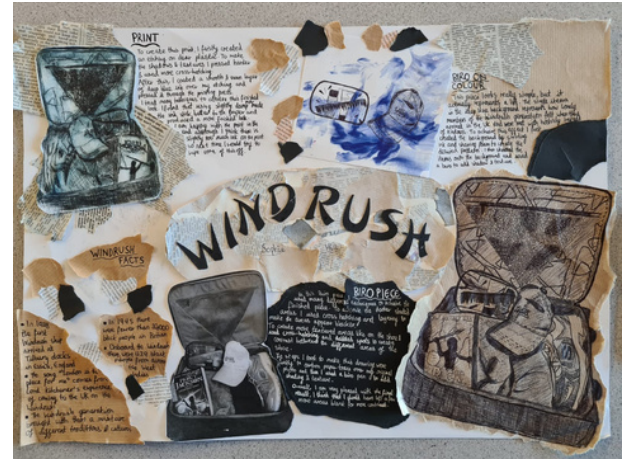
Our talented year 10 art students have been busy working hard on their Windrush projects, during Black History Month. A special well done to Lara Bennett 10B2, Jack Warren-Gunn 10F1, Sophie Hill 10B1, Saniya Sanoo 10R1, Millie Wiseman 10M2, for these fantastic presentations which explore a range of artist techniques and was for some, their first time using the print press. Excellent work!

Mr Clarke

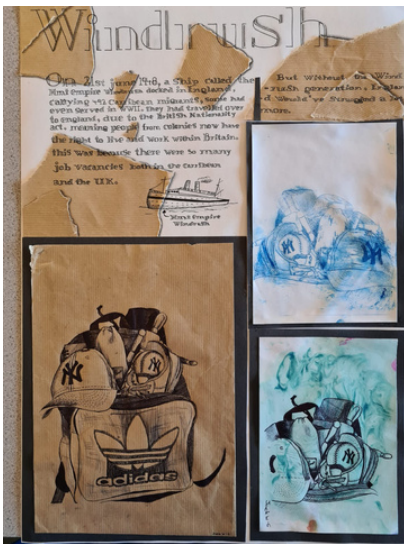
Millie Wiseman



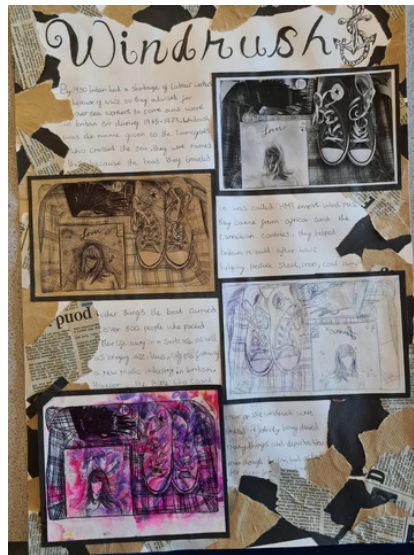
Sophie Hill



Jack Warren-Gunn



Lara Bennett



Saniya Sanoo



Food Preparation and Nutrition

Our year 10 students have recently iced some lebkuchen biscuits to hang on our Christmas tree.

This is one of our absolute favourite Christmas cooking tasks that we do at school.

Lebkuchen biscuits are traditional German Christmas biscuits which are hung on a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Pepper is used to make the biscuits hard so they are able to hang on the tree, but rumour has it that pepper was used to ward off evil spirits many years ago. The spices hide the taste of the pepper!

In the photo, Charlotte, Eloise and Daisy are showing their iced lebkuchen biscuits.



Mrs Chapman

Ypres History Trip

In October, many students within year 9 attended the battlefields trip to Ypres, Belgium. Arriving at school at 2am, the students were prepared for a day of WW1 site visits. This coincides with what they are learning about in their history lessons at the time, focusing on trench warfare and life in WW1. After traveling via ferry to Calais and then driving to Ypres, we started our day by visiting Tyne Cot Cemetery. Here, we have a moment of silence and remembrance for those soldiers who lost their lives in WW1. As part of this remembrance service, we read some poems and had a moment of silence. As well as this, we left a wreath on behalf of the school. This is a very emotional start to our day, allowing the students to understand why we are on this trip. They were then given the opportunity to lay a cross or poppy on a grave of their choice.

After this, we visited the Passchendaele museum. Students are able to see reconstructed trenches, giving them the opportunity to see how trench warfare developed between 1914-1918. One of the students commented that "my favorite part of the day during our trip was the museum where I saw many weapons, mines, and ammunition that were used at that time". After this the students visited Langemark cemetery, a German cemetery. Despite it being a smaller site than Tyne Cot, this site is actually the resting place of significantly more soldiers than the British and Commonwealth counterparts. This highlights to the students the difference in remembrance in the devastating aftermath of WW1.

After visiting Langemark, we visited Sanctuary Wood. After learning about trench warfare in lessons and seeing the reconstructed trenches earlier on in the day, this visit allowed the students to see a more authentic trench system that was used in WW1. On an often muddy and rainy October, the students can see for themselves the difficult conditions that many young soldiers had no choice but to fight in. Emily H commented "my favourite part of the day was going through the trenches and the tunnels on the front line because it was so interesting to see where they actually fought and what we have learnt about in real life". After an intense day of historical visits, the students finish their day by visiting a local chocolate shop, giving them the opportunity to taste Belgian chocolate and purchase some themselves.

Miss Gunell



Olivia Cross 9L1

The Ypres trip is a great opportunity to learn about the First World War and better our understanding of the conditions in the trenches, helping us to appreciate what the soldiers and allied troops went through.

Despite the early morning, visiting Ypres was an opportunity that I will always remember. The coaches drove us to Dover, where we waited to catch the ferry to Calais. The coaches then took us from Calais to The Museum of Passchendaele. In the museum we got to walk around in reconstructed trenches and find out what it would've looked like for soldiers living down there. There were bathrooms and dormitories, kitchens and studies.

From there we visited Hill 62, where we ate lunch and had a chance to go into the trenches that were there. They were much muddier than the ones in The Museum of Passchendaele. The trenches here had long dark tunnels coming away from them, we had to run through them bent over, using our torches to lead us. At one point, the walls went from being around us, to grazing at our sides.

After we visited Hill 62 we made our way to Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth cemetery in Europe. We learnt that many of the headstones there had simply "A Soldier In The Great War" written on them, as when the people who were collecting the bodies were trying to identify them, they couldn't make them out. They often had to name them by their rank or their brigade. There were also often more than one body in a grave because they couldn't tell who was who. We laid down a poppy wreath and our teachers read a few poems, concluding our time in Tyne Cot.

The last stop we made was in Leonidas, the chocolate shop where we all got to buy our own chocolate to take home. Then it was time for Le Shuttle to take us back to England.

It was so much fun to shared this experience with people from my class, especially abroad, and I'm so glad that I got given the chance to go.

John Baron MP Visit

On Friday 24th November, Politics students within the school had the opportunity to meet local MP of Billericay and Basildon, John Baron. As part of his visit to the school, he sat down with 15 of our A Level Politics students. Within this session, the students were able to ask him some valuable questions that were linked to the course. As well as this, they also learnt some vital information in regards to his experience prior to becoming an MP and his role within Parliament now. They were able to ask him about his day-to-day life as an MP, national issues, taxation, select committees, referendums and his role as a constituency MP. Dominic, a year 12 student, said he "found the experience very interesting from an outside point of view, in order to learn about how the government works from an actual MP, rather than just hearing about it on TV or online". Daniel, another year 12 student, said he found the visit "an educational afternoon, learning not only about political life but also the discussion of national issues and current affairs". This is a visit that A Level students will look back on fondly, enhancing their knowledge of UK politics.

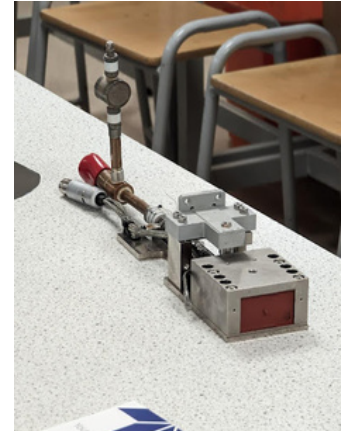
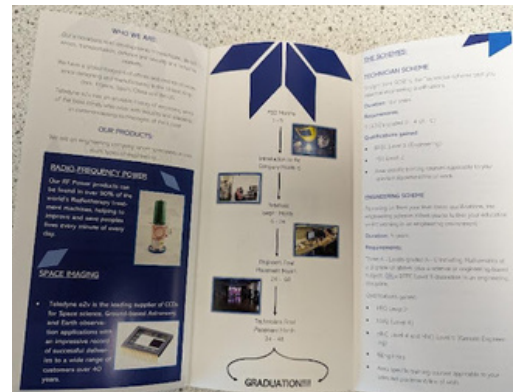
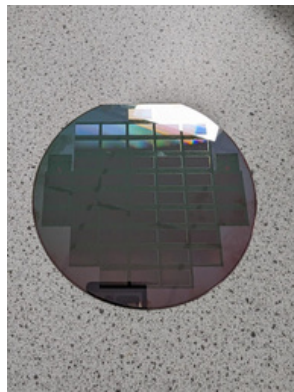
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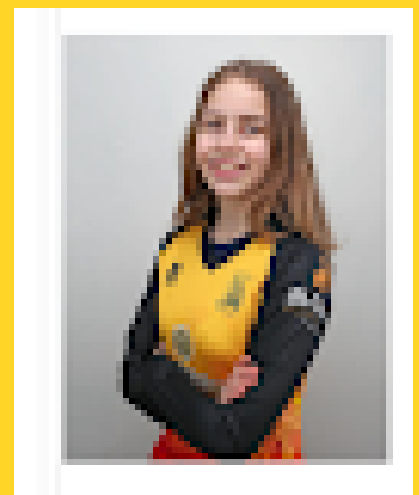
Teledyne e2v A Level Physics talk

On Tuesday 17th October, year 12 and 13 A Level Physics students were given a talk by three apprentices working at Teledyne e2v in Chelmsford. Alfie, Patrick and Katie from Teledyne spoke to our students about the work they do at Teledyne with specific reference to radio wave products including devices used in radiotherapy to help treat cancers as well as on military equipment for radar, CCDs used for imaging systems such as those used in the James Webb Space Telescope and ground based telescopes. They also were given information about apprenticeship schemes such as those run by Teledyne e2v, giving those students who may not feel university is the right choice for them, an alternative pathway to obtaining a degree in engineering while working and building a network of like-minded individuals. Thank you to Teledyne e2v and Alfie, Patrick and Katie for taking the time to talk to our students, it was massively appreciated.

Mr. Cerson



Violet has once again been selected to play country level cricket for the Essex U15 Performance Squad. This is the third year in a row that she has been selected to play at country level and selection is extremely competitive so we are super proud of her!



The National Museum of Computing

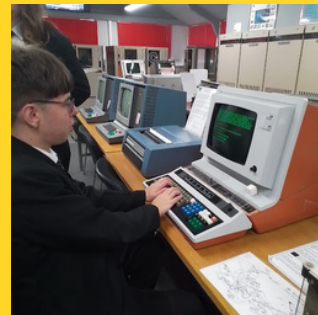
On Tuesday 14th November we took 32 students in years 10 and 11 to The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. It was an enlightening experience that seamlessly blended history and the cutting-edge future of technology. As we traversed the museum, the students were captivated by the awe-inspiring timeline that chronicled the development of the first computers during the Second World War. Standing in the presence of these early computing machines, which played a pivotal role in wartime codebreaking efforts, offered a profound glimpse into the roots of modern computing. The artifacts and exhibits vividly illustrated the ingenuity and determination of the pioneers who laid the foundation for the digital era we inhabit today. The highlight of our visit was the exploration of the future of artificial intelligence (AI). Students engaged in thought-provoking discussions and hands-on activities that delved into the capabilities and ethical considerations surrounding AI technologies. Witnessing the evolution from the wartime computing machines to contemplating the potential of AI sparked curiosity and inspired the young minds to envision the possibilities that lie ahead in the ever-evolving realm of technology.

To deepen their understanding, students had the unique opportunity to program on BBC Acorn computers, connecting with the roots of personal computing. This hands-on experience not only honed their coding skills but also provided a tangible link between the past and the present, reinforcing the idea that every keystroke today is built upon the innovations of the past.

In essence, the trip to The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park was an immersive educational journey that seamlessly bridged the historical context of computing with a forward-looking exploration of AI. It left an indelible mark on our students, fostering a deeper appreciation for the evolution of technology and sparking excitement for the limitless possibilities that lie on the horizon.

Here are what some of the students had to say. Freddie "Our trip to the National Museum of Computing was very interesting and a great experience. We saw a replica of the computer used to crack the enigma, and we learnt all about encryption and communication in WW2. We also participated in activities such as talking about AI ethics and programming in BBC BASIC. Overall the trip was informative and a great way to spend the day."

Sam "The National Museum of Computing is a great place, the staff are very friendly taking us through several challenges and giving information rich talks about the Enigma machine and many other subjects. We had a go at coding Snake on an old BBC computers that none of us recognised and had fun with the keyboard layout."



Study Day BFI

On 13th November Mrs Hooper and Mrs Pether accompanied the year 12 and 13 Spanish students to the British Film Institute in London. There were more than 50 schools at the event where the students took part in activities in Spanish relating to the Director Pedro Almodóvar and his film 'Volver' which they are studying as part of the A Level course.

The students had a fantastic day and amazed themselves with how much they can now understand in Spanish. A special thanks to Mrs Hooper and Mrs Pether for taking the students.

Mrs Beal
KS5 Spanish



Emily Flood

On Friday 10th November Emily Flood, an ex Mayflower student came to visit the Spanish department to talk to the year 12 students about how she has used Spanish since leaving school. The students have told me since that they found the session very inspiring and it makes them want to stretch their wings and see where Spanish can take them in the future. A huge "Gracias" to Emily for taking the time to come in and see us all on your short break home.



Here is a little bit about Emily

Hello, I am Emily, I left Mayflower 6th Form in 2020 after studying Spanish as one of my A Levels.

Shortly after Covid I moved to Malaga Spain, where I began to work as an English teacher in a bilingual nursery. Two years later I am still in Spain and loving every second of it.

It has been an experience I am grateful for, and one that has changed me as a person.

I have definitely found my home in Spain and I am so excited for the years to come, and what my future here holds.



Purple 4 Polio



Club of Billericay



Members of the Rotary Club of Billericay Town presented to our year 12 students about the 'End Polio Now' campaign and learned about the worldwide vaccination programme looking to eradicate the disease.

Volunteers from year 12 and 13 were then privileged to be invited by the Rotary Club of Billiercay to plant some crocuses at the front of school in support of the 'Purple 4 Polio' initiative.

Nearly 500 crocus bulbs were planted by our students. We are very much looking forward to seeing them bloom in the spring and serve as a reminder each year of the effort to End Polio Now and forever.

If any students are interested in supporting the charity, more information is available on their website: <https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/purple4polio/>

History Club

Every Wednesday, Miss Cooke runs the History Club. This takes place in Room 77, until 4pm, where students can explore a range of different historical periods through fun activities. Topics in the past have focused on greek mythology, historical Christmas traditions and as well as the difficult choice of deciding who was the most significant historical figure.

On the 15th November, Sam Mapp in year 10 led the session by creating an escape room that centered around knowledge of the Spanish Armada. Sam explains "my escape room had 4 rooms, consisting of a wordsearch, location, mistake and a true or false room. In each room there was a hidden letter and at the end, the students had to unscramble the letter to create a word and win. The students who took part described my escape room as a 'masterpiece". Positive praise indeed!

If you would like to join us and take part in fun historical activities such as this, please join us every Wednesday in Room 77!

Miss Gunnell

Dyslexia Centre Social Gathering

Following the Dyslexia Centre's Team Building Trip to Stubbers Activity Centre, the dyslexia students gathered to watch the slideshow of the photos from the day's adventures. There were lots of laughs and cries of amazement at the team's pursuits from their day out as they recalled their experiences and memories. Photos of the fun banana boat rides, the terrifying leap of faith, the uncomfortable underground tunnels and careful, rifle shooting skills were viewed by the dyslexia students as they munched their way through crisps and snacks over break time.

Mrs Thorogood



Elf Jnr!

After the much-celebrated Matilda back in March, it is no mean feat to be able to bring a second school production to the stage in the same year! The timelines from auditions to show week were tight, but our amazing students rehearsed tirelessly and with great enthusiasm, learning so many lines, songs and choreographed dance moves. The cast of students from year 7 to 13 are all so talented in their own ways. Their excited faces and laughter during rehearsals showed that they have thoroughly enjoyed making new friends across the years, a big part of being involved in a whole school activity such as a musical production.

Of course, something of this magnitude cannot happen without the support of our parents and the whole school community. We have been grateful to receive so much help along the way. Despite such a naughty Elf being loose and misbehaving around the school, he has been unable to sabotage these 'real' elves! From all of our cast and crew we hope you enjoy the show and wish you a Merry Christmas.



EPQ and HPQ

This term has been very busy with year 13 EPQ students fully developing their proposals for investigation and implementing their planned research. There are some fascinating projects being researched this year ranging from an investigation of artificial intelligence in surgery to gender stereotypes in Thomas the Tank Engine. This is Chloe Downer's experience of EPQ:

"EPQ has been an amazing opportunity so far. It has allowed me to gain skills in research collection and essay writing while discovering more about a topic I thoroughly enjoy. My chosen EPQ topic is based on how influential television has been on levels of engagement in Formula One. I wanted to analyse this subject due to it being a personal interest of mine. This is a benefit of undertaking EPQ, it allows students to choose what they base their project on and have full creative freedom over their progress throughout the course. Therefore, as a student currently undertaking EPQ, I would recommend the course to pupils who find themselves striving for more, and to those who aim to develop their knowledge that may later help them with an apprenticeship or at university."

The EPQ is really great opportunity for students and it is really valued by employers and universities as shown by Imogen Braby who has recently been attending university interviews to study midwifery:

"EPQ has really helped with my university application. Hoping to study midwifery, I chose a topic related to the course and something I was interested in, and this helped me receive five interviews from all my options.

Having the EPQ on my personal statement, it made my application more interesting to them and made it stand out, and during my interviews they were very interested in knowing more about it and asked a lot of questions about it. All the research I had done and the time I had put into it, made me successful in receiving offers with two universities offering a lower entry grade because of my EPQ."

Also for the first time we have year 10 and 11 students studying for the HPQ. This is the Higher Project Qualification which is the equivalent of a GCSE. The students are studying the course in their own time, meeting every Wednesday lunchtime for taught sessions and support. They are investigating a variety of enquiries from the impact of art therapy, changing methods of policing to Bitcoin.

Next term both year 13 and year 10 students will be presenting their findings to an audience and reviewing their planning and project management skills. It will be exciting to see the results of all their hard work and the conclusions they will have reached.

Geography curriculum update

Each month Geography teachers nominate a 'Geographer of the Month' from each class.

For October the following students were nominated:-

Mrs Keyworth		Mrs Reville		Mr Kilvert		Mrs Cooke	
13D Gy1	Imogen Braby	12B Gy1	Ella Holmes	11C Gy2	Guy St Pierre	13D Gy1	Harry Savery
12B Gy1	Ella Holmes	11A Gy2	Connie Maynard	10D Gy2	Adam McGuinness	11A Gy1	Ryan Lee
11D Gy1	Georgia Taylor	11D Gy2	Isobelle Simmmon	9F1	Annie Jerreat	10D Gy1	William Stansfield
10C/GY2	Charlotte Dowson	10C/GY1	Sam Mapp	9F2	Grace Vasiliou	9L1	Olivia Cross
9R1	Pareshay Khan	9B1	Jessica Abraham	9M1	Ava Parker	9L2	James Harman
7B2	Isabella Shipway	9B2	Sienna Coffill	8B2	Heidi Taylor	8B1	Darcey Lister
7F1	Reyanna Renny	9M2	Ella Classen	8L2	Peniel Obienyem	7F2	Charlie Parsley
7R1	Hannah Hogan	8F1	Reese Earp	7B1	Eddie Rafael	Mrs Streek	
		8M2	Constance Plenty	7M1	Darcy Deven	8F2	Zoe Manly
Mr McSweeney		7L1	George Murphy	7M2	Daria Suhan	8L1	Oscar Hicks
8M1	Jamie Kent	7L2	Florance Wiseman			8R1	Amber Harbrow

Mrs Keyworth		Mrs Reville		Mr Kilvert		Mrs Cooke	
13D Gy1	Thomas Bolton	12B Gy1	Isabella Humphreys	11C Gy2	Lucie Martin	11A Gy1	Ben Wenham
12B Gy1	Isabella Humphreys	11A Gy2	Chloe Callis	10D Gy2	Akshita Nair	11C Gy1	Sam Bowden
11D Gy1	Amelia Rogers	11D Gy2	Kyla Moffat	9F1	Achyut Neridla	10D Gy1	Erin Blake
10C/GY2	Isaac S Young	10C/GY1	Daisy Judd	9F2	Rose Threadgold	9L1	Bella Bleakley
9R1	Samuel Hull	9B1	Megan Posthuma	9M1	Caitlyn Mansfield	9L2	Tilly Walsh
7B2	Michael Clements	9B2	Tilly Porter	8B2	Poppy Barker	8B1	Erin Holmes
7F1	Alfie Healy	9M2	Adam Wasfy	8L2	Malachi Edwards	7F2	Charlie Coles
7R1	Hugo Daniels	8F1	Charlie Grokes	7B1	Nicole Howlett	Mrs Streek	
		8M2	Sophia Goddard	7M1	Mateo Lechea	8F2	Leo Marson
Mr McSweeney		7L1	Florence Brooks	7M2	Isobel Ball	8L1	Maya Feldinger
8M1	Sophie Trainer	7L2	Jessica Green			8R1	Donovan Knowles

This half term Geography students have been learning about a wide range of different geographical topics and locations. It would be great if parent(s) and carer(s) could ask them about what they have been studying and help them to develop their geographical knowledge, understanding and skills. Linking the subject to the real world by keeping up to date with news at a local, national and international scale is a fantastic way to start discussions.

Geography joke of the week:- 'I got an email explaining how to read maps backwards. It was spam.'

This term year 7 students have been working through the 'What skills do I need as a Geographer?' unit. They have learnt about symbols, distance, direction and grid references. In addition they have been introduced to GIS and now understand how important Geography is to jobs such as those in the ambulance service, transport logistics and the police. It would be great if they could follow this up by using their map skills at home for example <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

Year 8 students have completed the unit 'Why are rivers important?'. Finishing with an assessment producing a newspaper article about the Boscastle floods.

Year 9 students have continued with their 'Are cities too populated?' unit. They have looked at London and compared it with cities in the Middle East such as Dubai and Masdar.

Year 10 students have completed their first GCSE unit focusing on Urban Futures and have completed their first fieldwork investigating urban change in Chelmsford (see photos below). Here they looked at the success of the regeneration of Chelmsford city centre. They have now begun the Distinctive Landscapes unit and will begin to prepare for their fieldwork at Walton on the Naze in the summer term.



Year 12 students have made an excellent start to their A level studies. They took part in their first fieldwork trip to Southwold where they began to investigate geographical issues in the town and consider their choice of NEA topic worth 20% of their A level. After Christmas they are going on their second fieldwork visit to Stratford where they will investigate the success of its rebranding.

Following the completion of their NEA, Year 13 students have started two very topical units: **Climate Change and Migration**. They have been able to link what they have been studying to what is happening in the news at a national and international scale. The clear links between Geography and the real world have been very obvious such as COP28 taking place in Dubai.

Year 7 Antarctic Flags Project 2023

As Antarctica does not have its own official flag, we ran an optional competition for Year 7 students asking them to design a flag which they believe symbolises this continent. This was part of the Antarctica Day Flags Initiative.

Well done to all the year 7's that entered our Antarctic flags project, the competition was high.

Congratulations to Tilly Lashmar whose entry was chosen to represent the school. We look forward to seeing a photograph of your flag displayed in Antarctica!



and the runners up; Ethan Aarons and Didina Cirstoiu.



Design and Technology

Projects are near completion across the technology department. Year 7 have been making their automata toys, year 8 a pewter keyring, year 9 a wooden grabber, year 10 have been making Christmas reindeer and a whole range of exciting projects in year 11.



This term in year 7 students have been learning how to use the disk sander and pillar drill to create the main parts of the stand for their automata toy. This has included them learning about safe working practice with machinery and quality control using jigs and checking their measurements. After the Christmas break the toys will have the chosen design applied to them. In the next newsletter we should have photos of the finished product.

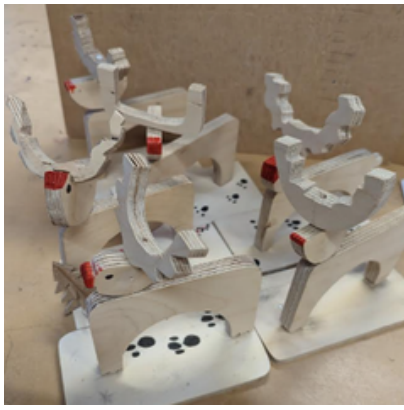
In year 8 students have been learning about working with metals in order to help them design and create their own pewter cast keyring. Students have designed their keyring using a range of design strategies such as how to use a mood board and shape welding. They then needed to design this on the computer programme 2D Design, this was used to create the mould of their chosen design, this was then laser cut for them to make the mould. Students have recently been casting their work using the cast it machine to pour hot molten pewter into their mould, the work is currently in the filing and polishing stage. The year 8's have been working hard to get the keyring in a unique shape and to give it a shiny finish.



Meanwhile in year 9 students have been learning the process of making a wooden grabber from scratch. This has included measuring and marking their wood, assembling parts, sanding by hand, using the disc sander and sawing using both tenon saw and coping saw. They have had to learn about the tools and the differences between them and why they are being used for that purpose. In the photo you can see the parts in their basic form and then the finished product. Students have been working hard on this and will hopefully have photos of them finished in the next newsletter.

Within the GCSE 'timbers' unit, year 10 have been making reindeers for Christmas. They have had their red nose applied and a coat of varnish and they are ready to go home in time for the holidays.





Our year 11s have been busy with the focus on climate change for their NEA. The research and design phase are now complete we are now in pre-production which means they are card modelling and creating models using CAD programmes to envision how the product will go together.

The General Synod

The General Synod is the governing body of the Church of England. As the state church, parliament delegates responsibility for church business to the Synod, which meets two or three times a year. I was elected as one of eight lay representatives from the Diocese of Chelmsford in 2021 for a term of five years.

While we are asked to pencil in the dates, General Synod does not usually sit during November unless there is special business. However, it was felt necessary to meet last month as the Synod continues to wrangle with decisions regarding blessing of same sex relationships in the Church.

Much work has been done by the College of Bishops since the Synod voted in February for prayers of blessing to be authorised for use, but with strong feelings on both sides (some feeling this goes against Christian teaching while others believe Christian teaching is clear on the equal treatment of all people) and in an attempt to find a middle path where those in disagreement can continue to worship alongside each other, more discussion took place to establish how these prayers might work in practice.

After over nine hours of debate and with a margin of one vote, it was agreed that the prayers would be authorised to be used on a trial basis, while confirming that Church of England teaching on marriage has not changed.

Contrary to popular belief, this is not the only topic on the church's agenda. Synod opened with a call for peace from the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking about the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza. This was followed up with a video message from the Archbishop of Jerusalem. One further focus was on the Church's redress scheme for victims and survivors of abuse perpetrated by those within the Church.

It was also a great privilege to be in London on Remembrance Sunday and to see first hand the sea of poppies at the Cenotaph and outside Westminster Abbey

Synod will meet next in February in Westminster. If you look closely at this photo from the Church Times you can see me tucked in the back during one of the key votes.

Mrs Cumber



DofE Induction Day

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a life-changing experience. It is a fun time with friends and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents. It is also a way to develop essential skills for life and work and is a recognised mark of achievement which is respected by employers.

Mayflower has a long history of running the DofE award and this year has been a record for enrollment on the Bronze Award.

On a damp Saturday in November over 200 year 9 and year 10 students attended an eDofE induction in the library. They spend time learning about how to login into eDofE and register all their sections. This year's cohort of bronze participants are taking part in an extensive range of activities, which include rugby, first aid, cooking, martial arts and volunteering at the Billericay park run.

The eDofE system is available online and is also available as an app for the participants. They can upload evidence of their activities and when they are finished their sections assessor's reports.



Mayflower High are delighted to be part of the Jack Petchey Award Scheme which over the course of the year we will see 9 of our Mayflower Students receiving this prestigious award. The Achievement Award is about recognising students who go above and beyond both within the school and local community. Each student receives £300 to spend within the school, Sam has chosen to put his money towards an electric violin, Megan has donated her money to science and Tiffany has split her money between art and the library. The first three award winners are:

Sam Mapp 10B2



Sam has worked as a librarian for two years and has been extremely dedicated in his role. Sam supports new librarians and trains them in their role. He is a role model to other students in the way he upholds the school core values.

Megan Jobbins 9F2



Megan was nominated for her continuous support for one of her friends. She is selfless, kind and patient demonstrating outstanding peer support and being a positive role model throughout every lesson.

Tiffany Jones 8L1



Tiffany has won her award for her role within the school library where she volunteers her time. She often will support others within the library and will step in to help if people are absent. She has done multiple assemblies for the Rights Action Group and has grown in confidence in this role.

If you would like to nominate a student please email me at educate@mayflowerhigh.essex.sch.uk and signpost it for the attention of Mrs Cooke.

Key Stage Three and Four Achievements

Our Celebration assemblies will take place on the 19th and 20th December and I look forward to sharing photographs and achievements of these events in our next issue of our newsletter. This term our teachers have awarded an amazing 64,714 merits compared to 51,218 last year. Merits are awarded within our classrooms and within our community for demonstrating our core values. So far this year, year 7 have the highest merit totals with 15,198 with year 8 closely behind with 14,793, Mrs Wooley the Year Manager for Year 8 will say this is down to Year 7 having a head start when they started a day before her year group in September! Year 9 are only just ahead of Year 10 with 800 merits which reflects the effort taking place within our classrooms and high commitment to our extra curricular activities.

Due to our celebration assemblies merit totals were calculated on the 7th December.

Year 7	Coppen, Dylan	Year 8	Taylor, Heidi
	Crawley, Charles		Torrens, Samuel
Adlum, Ethan	Douglas, Charlie	Addo, Annabel	Verdigi, Georgina
Adom Sackey, Riley	Edwards, Malachi	Bubb, Holly	Walker, Finley
Alexander, Sheldon	Edwards, Niamh	Buntine, Reece	
Andrews, Ryan	Flowers, Isobella	Campbell, Archie	Year 9
Barnes, Eva	Gibbins, Thomas	Cannon, Finlay	
Blackburn, Ruby	Grokes, Charlie	Clarke, Emily	Barker, Chloe
Boakye, Samantha	Gutteridge, Connor	Coppen, Dylan	Batchelor, Lenny
Burles, James	Harris, Emily	Crawley, Charles	Bauckham, Julianna
Cirstoiu, Didina	Hayden-Brafman, Sienna	Douglas, Charlie	Beauchamp, Elsa
Clark, Casey	Heatley, Jack	Edwards, Malachi	Bickerstaff, Aaron
Clements, Samuel	Herbert, Stenil	Edwards, Niamh	Brown, Edward
Comper, Freddie	Holms, Amy	Flowers, Isobella	Buntine, Freya
Cornes, Reggie	Law, Cassandra	Gibbins, Thomas	Carrasco, Jaime
Derkac, Maya	Millen, Alfie	Grokes, Charlie	Charles Pradeep,
Diss-Arthur, Blu	Moskalonoks, Nikita	Gutteridge, Connor	Kenneth
Dumoulin, Harry	Poppy, Vinnie	Harris, Emily	Clark, Jamie
Hayes, Taylor	Powell, Ethan	Hayden-Brafman, Sienna	Classen, Ella
Hurt, Aven	Roberts, Henry	Heatley, Jack	Coffill, Sienna
Jeffreys, Leo	Saad, Saad	Herbert, Stenil	Cunningham, Matilda
Jobbins, Jessica	Saunders, Blu	Holms, Amy	Davidson, Judy
Lamey, Alistair	Savvas, Adam	Law, Cassandra	Dixey, Mason
Lawless, Zach	Sibanda, Kudzai	Millen, Alfie	Eastman, Stan
Legon, George	Smith, Olivia	Moskalonoks, Nikita	Ellis, Zara
Manley, Tilly	Taylor, Heidi	Poppy, Vinnie	Enver, Yasemin
Messam, Kyresse	Torrens, Samuel	Powell, Ethan	Fabb-Bourne, Larissa
Addo, Annabel	Verdigi, Georgina	Roberts, Henry	Foreman, Lucas
Bubb, Holly	Walker, Finley	Saad, Saad	Gardner, Freddie
Buntine, Reece		Saunders, Blu	Gerard, Finn
Campbell, Archie		Savvas, Adam	Gutteridge, Emily
Cannon, Finlay		Sibanda, Kudzai	Hale, Evie
Clarke, Emily		Smith, Olivia	Hall, Isobel

Harman, James
Harper, Ben
Harris, George
Hartman, Roxy
Hasler, Ewan
Henton, Harris
Howlett, Isabella
Hurren, Will
Hyatt, Emily
King, William
Kittridge, Arlo
Lee, Mikaila
Matkin, Rachel
McGuinness, Sophie
McKenna, Alexander
Medlock, Lois
Mills, Alfie
Mitchell-Price, Sam
Morgan, Cruze
Mouldsdale, Ben
Nisbett, Nancy
Nursey, Isla
Peacham, Cerys
Price, Albert
Richbell, Maddie
Savill, Rocco
Slater, Marcus
Smith, Harry
Smith, Lotty
St Pier, Isobel
Stroud, Ollie
Trunks, Aiden
Tune, Henry
Vail, Harry
Vinton-Smith, Juliet
Voller, Molly
Waker, Pippa
Watson, Jack
Watson, Jack
Winter, Olivia

Year 10

Abdale, Zachary
Bailey, Fae
Ball, Joshua
Barwick, Lucy
Bayliss, Freddie
Beales, Zack
Behn, Maci
Blyth-Tancock,
James
Boliachka, Edward
Borg, Alexander
Bowers, Tony
Brown, Fraser
Button, Albie
Carr, Abbey
Cash, Lewis
Charles, Zen
Clark, Freya
Clark, Jonathan
Coffill, Millie
Connolly-Cole, Archie
Constable, Harry
Coughtrey, Oliver
Cribb, George
Davies, Charlie
Deal, Mia
Dearlove, Leon
Douglas, Grace
Dumoulin, Aaron
Fay, Jack
Flanagan, Freya
Goulding, Keira
Hart, Oliver
Hooper, Jack
Hopwood, Elsa
Huggett, Olivia
Jameison, Keira
Kelly, Beau
La-Rocque, Izzy
Learmouth, Dylan
Lobb, Scarlett
Lock, Eloise
Lucas, Travis

Lyczewski, David
Malakauskaite,
Emilija
Markham, Ben
Mason, Ava
McGuinness, Adam
Meade, Florence
Mecham, Megan
Motley, Harry
Neathercoat, Oliver
Nethercoat, Holly
Newman, Keziah
Norman, Amy
Osebor, Bella
Pearce, Callum
Povey, Abigail
Purches, Tobias
Reeves, Eleanor
Reeves, Miles
Rogers, Nathan
Rushbrook, Indi
Shirmer, Lily
Simmons, Matthew
Slater, Finley
Smith, Kai
Stocks, George
Sutton, Ana
Tanner, Matthew
Thrussell, Jamie
Towler, Abigail
Varian, Grace
Viner, Frankie
Wallis, Harry
Watts, Kane
Wells, Jack
Wiles, Ethan
Wilson, Eden
Woolmer, Alfie
Wragg, Michael
Wright, Molly

Year 11

Ames, Katy
Appiah-Kubi, Nana
Aris, Charlotte
Bailey, James
Barham, Poppy
Barnett, Tobey
Belcher, Fred
Bowden, Sam
Boyce, Connor
Bridgeman, Lily
Brough, Izaak
Brown, Rebecca
Bubb, Adam
Burrige, Louis
Burton, Neve
Cable, Leila
Carter, Lauren
Chaproniere, Anais
Childs, Summer
Clarke, Maddie
Collins, Oscar
Cook, George
Cooke, Olivia
Cory, Lewis
Cousins, Charlotte
Cribb, Charlie
Cummins, Amber
Datsiuk, Sviatoslav
Dyer, Harry
Evans, Libby
Eve, Lila
Faulks, Charlie
Franklin, Scarlett
Gaffney, Will
Gilbert, Henry
Gilmore, Hayden
Gooch, Amber
Gray, Harry
Grokes, Alfie
Gutteridge, Lewis
Haroon, Omar
Harvey, Emily
Hicks, Layla
Hopwood, Grace





Bronze Award

	Year 7		
Horne, Daniel		Fay, Lola	Muzica, Emily
Humphreys, Elena		Fuller, William	Natusch, Daniel
Johnston, Max	Aarons, Ethan	Gerard, Grayson	Neal, Olivia
Kemmann-Lane, Clayton	Adlum, Lewis	Gilroy, Billy	Neathercoat, Archie
Ladlow, James	Agate, Millie	Gilroy, Frederick	Neil, Kayla-Mae
Larter, Oscar	Ambre, Aarush	Good, Jemma-Leigh	AnnNethercoat, Jamie
Levy, Lily	Ames, Alfie	Grant, Dominic	Nimoh-Ababio, Edwardine
Martin, Lucie	Anderson, Maisie	Groves, Korey	Nyama, Denzel
Matthews, Evie	Avikkal, Bajrang	Guthrie-Blunkell, Alexander	O'Mahoney, Nya
McCrow, James	Ball, Isobel	Gyarko, Franklord	Oladapo, Khalid
Naman, Oscar	Ball, Oliver	Hardy-Wallace, Logan	Orchard, Elsie
Nisbett, Amelia	Balogun, Nathan	Harris, Georgina	Owusu, Michael
Paige, Toby	Bannister, Rafael	Hatt, Star	Palfrey, Zach
Patten, Ella	Banville, Katie	Havard, Henry	Pamenter, Maisie
Peters, Luke	Barrett, William	Hazell, Lucia	Pannu, Armaan
Poloni, Luca	Beales, Joseph	Heywood, Jade	Parish, Max
Rivas, Abi	Bedrikchi, Edzhenaz	Hobbs, Poppy	Parsley, Charlie
Rivers, Preston	Beecher, Clayton	Holley, Bryony	Payne, Vienna
Roberts, Izzy	Berry, Zac	Hones, Georgie	Pear, Lily
Rowley, Isabella	Bird, Ethan	Hook, Amalia	Pentecost, Benjamin
Savvas, Luke	Boachie, Anaiyah	Howlett, Nicole	Perkin, Molly
Saxton, Bethany	Branch, Eva	Jackson, Frankie	Phillips, Harley
Scales, Jack	Brimecombe, Alfie	Johnson, Christopher	Phillips, Harry
Scott, Jack	Carter, Polina	Kalanzi, Zarina	Pickett, Toby
Sell, Charlotte	Carter, Tom	Kandagiri, Abhir	Pocklington, Louise
Shepherd, Maggie	Cavanagh, James	Karikari, Kirsty	Porter, Joey
Sherwood, Lucy	Chalkley, Nate- James	Kayapinar, Tuana	Posthuma, Beth
Smith, Elliott	Chaplin, Matilda	Keeper, Frankie	Pranevicius, Joris
Southwood, Flynn	Chari, Successor	Kelly, Loula	Qema, Nataylia
St Pierre, Guy	Cimini, Amelia	Kelt, Daisy	Radulescu, David
Steward, Aidan	Clark, Lily	King, Emily	Rae, Caitlyn
Tamplin, Pierce	Classen, James	Kirby, Savannah	Reddyvari, Maanas
Temple, Charlie	Clements, Michael	Kounga-Mberi, Isaack	Refael, Eddie
Templeman, Chloe	Cohen, George	Langridge, Oliver	Renny, Reyana
Thokchom, Kyan	Cole, Charlie	Leach, Sophie	Riddle, Maisie
Thompson, Luke	Colls, Emma	Locke-Sinclair, Eva	Robbshaw, Amelie
Thrusell, Emma	Cooke, Joshua	Long, Pearl	Sarfraz, Zakariya
Tibbs, Lily	Cribb, Frederick	Lyczewski, Peter	Saunders-Engwards, Amelie
Trott, Finlay	Crowe, Emily	Maslov, Dragos	Savage, Olivia
Turk, Erinne	Cunningham, Beau	McCollum, Eva	Seabrook, Summer
Turner, Abi	Cunningham, Samuel	McGibbon, Daniel	Smith, Dylan
Viner, Freddie	Dare, Alicia	Medlycott, Joshua	Smith, Elsie
Wagstaff, Josh	Davies, Lily	Miller, Oscar	Smith, Fletcher
Walton, Laila	Dear, Frankie	Murphy, George	Smith, Zak
Wiles, Olly	Dendle, Scarlett	Murphy, Jude	
	Dimitrov, Steven		
	Dimitrova, Maria		

Sonnet, Liam
Sorrell, Evie
Spires, Lara
Steel, Henry
Stephens, Amelia
Stewart, Juliette
Suhan, Daria
Sumanan, Joshua
Sunderland, Jake
Sutton, Molly
Swift, Isla
Tamplin, Erin
Tarraf, Bibi
Tarraf, Mimi
Temizturk, Sena
Terrelonge-Toole,
Tyler
Tindle, Sarah
Turburville, Ellie
Vaishnavi, Vahini
Voller, Charlie
Walsh, Hattie
Watts, Ronnie
Wells, Coral
Williams, Ashton
Willis, Connor
Yusuf, Abdulmate

Year 8
Abdelhamid, Anas
Ajao, Ope
Atkinson, Kieran
Baggott, Willow
Barker, Poppy
Birch, Harley
Bond, Isabelle
Bowden, Annabel
Bowie, Jess
Bragg, Sophie
Briggs, Zack
Byrne, Zoe
Campbell, Harrison
Clark, Xavier
Clarke, James
Claydon, Fraya
Collis, Elsa
Copp, Hannah
Cory, Christopher
Cowen, Thomas
Cripps, Thomas
Cushing, Edward
Darroch, Finley
Das, Suhani
Dean, Ava
Dilliway, Ollie
Dowson, Jessica
Dumbrill, Mitchell
Earp, Reese
Edwards, Austin
Ehrlich, Bella
Ellis, Logan
Fairweather, Thomas
Farrow, Holly
Featherstone, Caitlyn
Feldinger, Maya
Fox, Tom
Fregene, Alex
Furber, Charlie
Gardner, Olivia
Gordon, Lacey
Gothard, Sophia
Gould, Rosie
Goulding, Harry
Gray, Alfie
Greenan, Skye
Guy-Cornwall, Oliver

Halfhide, Taylor
Hall, Thomas
Harbrow, Amber
Hardy-Wallace, Freya
He, Jie Long
Hicks, Oscar
Hill, Alex
Hill, Aurora
Hodges, Alfie
Holmes, Erin
Horncastle, Emily
Hughes, Alfie
Hunt, Elsa
Jackson, Emily
Jarvis, George
Johnson-Marns, Olivia
Jones, Emily
Jones, Zak
Joyce, Charlie
Joyce, Henry
Keily, Kobe
Knowles, Donovan
Kottapalli, Aadyoth
Kouani, Daniella
Ladlow, Max
Le Roux, Adriaan
Learmouth, Elliot
Leavitt, Nathan
Lee, Sophie
Lewis, Ethan
Love, Matthew
Maddock Grummett,
Douglas
Malakauskas, Deividas
Mariescu, Alexandru
Mariya Jaison, Eavlyn
Markham, Christopher
Maycock, Harry
Mbalaso, Jason
McGinn, Spencer
McKenzie, Loretta
Moore, Archie
Morafa, Taraoluwa
Nair, Yash
Newman, Eliana
Noble, Flora
Norman, Lily
Nunney, Georgina
O'Neill, Archie
Owusu, Jayden

Pater, Elizabeth
Pearson, Esme
Podaru, Denisa
Podsvirova, Liza
Pope, Anna
Poulton, Edie
Prior, Isabella
Purches, Charlotte
Pursiainen, Sakari
Qema, Rylan
Rouse, Florian
Sage, Bobby
Saif, Arubah
Salvatore, Russell
Sam, Jowan
Seeney, Charlotte
Shaw Mendoza, Kimberley
Shirmer, Gracie
Simnett, Jack
Smith, Anya
Smith, Josh
Spires, Ella
Stringer, Alfie
Tanner, Gabriel
Tappin, Olivia
Taylor, Freddie
Tear, Amy
Temple, William
Tharakan, Aakash
Trainer, Sophie
Tremble, Maximillian
Turner, Grace
Ursu, Raisa Cristina
Vasileiadis, Vasileios
Walmsley, Shyanne
Warren, Millie
Watts, Stephen
Webb, Blake
Webb, Henry
Weebadde Liyanaarachchige
Don, Shalom
Wells-Townsend, Jude
White, Jack
Wiles, Sienna
Wiltshire, Liam
Worley, Matthew
Young, Olly



Year 9

Adetunji,
 Toluwanimofe
 Akyel, Seviye
 Alsemgeest, Ollie
 Andrews, Luke
 Anson, Frankie
 Avery, Joshua
 Barke, Isabella
 Barnes, Chloe
 Borg, Harriet
 Caldon, Abby
 Chambers, Poppy
 Chesterton, Chloe
 Cubberley, Isabella
 Davies, Charlie
 Domakin, Evie
 Fitch, Hayden
 Frost, Amber
 Gaffney, Freddie
 Gold, Gracie
 Guthrie-Blunkell,
 Benedict
 Hall, Emily
 Hardy, Will
 Henderson, Calum
 Hernandez, Luca
 Holley, Ace
 Jama, Niamh
 Jobbins, Megan
 Johnston, Lola
 Kalanzi, Zahil
 Khan, Pareshay
 Kinsella, Bonnie
 Knight, Alexandra
 Langshaw, Megan
 Lehman, Thomas
 Lopez, Samiyah
 Lovell, Ellie
 Luck, James
 Maher, Leila
 McMorris, Caela
 Mein, Matilda
 Miller, Erin
 Mott, Grace
 Naman, Felix
 Nash, Benjamin

Nicel, Chloe
 Nugent, Scarlet
 O'Leary, Phoebe
 Palmer, Lennon
 Patel, Jasmine
 Perrin, Louise
 Phillips, Honey
 Poloni, Eva
 Richardson, Patrick
 Santos, Julie
 Shepherd, Elsie
 Showell, Harry
 Simpson, Laura
 Tibbs, Danni
 Tidder, Anni
 Tribe, Emma
 Vasiliou, Grace
 Wakerly, Theo
 Winter, Olivia
 Withey, Lexi

Year 10

Akyel, Ceyda
 Alger, Liam
 Andrews, George
 Baker, Amy
 Barker, Grace
 Barnes, Ebony
 Beadle, Kei
 Belcher, Evan
 Bird, Amelia
 Black, Amelie
 Byrne, JJ
 Cannon, James
 Cannon, Joshua
 Ciorogar, David
 Clarke, Lucy
 Cooper, Jamie
 Copp, Joshua
 Cunnane, Kelsey
 Dempster, Colbi-Rae
 Dendle, Joe
 Domakin, Ned
 Duarte Vanegas, Karina
 Elsdon, Jessica
 Evans, Harry

Fregene, Annabel
 Gillies, Nathan
 Gregory, Jamie
 Hintz, Samuel
 Hood, Ellen
 Hood, Katie
 Hooker, Cameron
 Hope, Nicole
 Hughes, Emma
 Hughes, Samuel
 Humphreys, Amelia
 Jolliffe, Maggie
 Judd, Daisy
 Kay, Alfie
 Kelt, Jon
 Lawless, Mia
 Lee, Ethan
 Linwood, Luke
 Lumley, Bobby
 Manly, Lily
 Mapp, Sam
 Maycock, Oliver
 Millen, Grace
 Murphy, Jack
 Nair, Akshita
 Neville, Luke
 Parker, Florence
 Phillips, Jenna
 Plenty, Sunnie
 Popescu, Lucas
 S-Young, Isaac
 Spencer, Daisy
 Templin, Jessie
 Vickers, Holly
 Warren-Gunn, Jack
 Webb, Lana
 Weddell, Jamie
 West, Robert
 Weston, Harry
 Wiseman, Millie
 Worley, Samuel
 Wright, Nathan
 Young, Ethan

Year 11

Alston, Mary
 Barley, Thomas
 Beauchamp, Theo
 Bleakley, Beatrice
 Burton, Scarlett
 Bushell, Freya
 Coughlan, Lani
 Crawford, Abi
 Elsdon, George
 Gothard, Amelia
 Harbrow, Lucy
 Hawkes, Jemma
 Henderson, Bella
 Hull, Josh
 Humphrey, Emma
 Hysa, Aurora
 Johnson, Lola
 Joyce, Isla
 Koothoor, Nihal
 Lehman, Sophie
 Line, Jess
 Loizides, Sidney
 Maltsev, Yelisey
 Moffat, Kyla
 Neal, Olly
 Perrin, Oliver
 Rekasheva, Sophia
 Rogers, Amelia
 Rowling, Maisie
 Salih, Kylan
 Savill, Luca
 S-Young, Libby
 Seedsman, Jared
 Skidmore, Nicholas
 Slater, Lily
 Sully, Delilah
 Taylor, Georgia
 Thornton, Frank
 Tidder, Nicole
 Turner, Emily
 Walsh, Ruby
 Williams, Max
 Withey, Maddox



**Silver
Award**



Year 7	Fregene, Annabel Gillies, Nathan Gregory, Jamie Hintz, Samuel Hood, Ellen Hood, Katie Hooker, Cameron Hope, Nicole Hughes, Emma Hughes, Samuel Humphreys, Amelia Jolliffe, Maggie Judd, Daisy Kay, Alfie Kelt, Jon Lawless, Mia Lee, Ethan Linwood, Luke Lumley, Bobby Manly, Lily Mapp, Sam Maycock, Oliver Millen, Grace Murphy, Jack Nair, Akshita Neville, Luke Parker, Florence Phillips, Jenna Plenty, Sunnie Popescu, Lucas S-Young, Isaac Spencer, Daisy Templin, Jessie Vickers, Holly Warren-Gunn, Jack Webb, Lana Weddell, Jamie West, Robert Weston, Harry Wiseman, Millie Worley, Samuel Wright, Nathan Young, Ethan	Slater, Jack Small, Abigail Terry, Eleanor Wallace, Archie Wiseman, Florence Young, Lucas	Mears, Daisy Mitchell, Athina Naredla, Achyut Posthuma, Megan Thomas, Sophie Threadgold, Rose Turner, Esmee Wearn, Sam
		Year 8	Year 10
Ali, Eva Ball, Jasmine Barker, Isla Bickerstaff, Sophie Bilby, James Boyce, Ethan Brimecombe, Evie Brooks, Florence Cohen, Miley Coles, Charlie Cowper, Rosemary Daniels, Hugo Deven, Darcy Dugandzic, Ena Farrell, Aidan Fitch, Isla French, Scarlett Green, Jack Green, Jessica Grimes, Poppy Hales, Amelia Hatchard, Joey Healy, Alfie Henson, Evie Hogan, Hannah Honey, Leo Jarvis, Rosa La-Rocque, Lewis Lashmar, Tilly Lee, Megan Lock, James Longlade, Edith Moar, Chloe Murphy, Henry Nwobodo, Chioma O'Driscoll, May Park, Jess Patel, Danny Patel, Kushal Plant, Harry Ramirez, Alexa Raval, Shreyan Reason, Elsa Reuter, Briar Sharma, Advay Shepherd, Lilly Shipway, Isabella		Andrews, Evie Coldicott, Jessica Daley, Harry Daly, Hudson Douglas, Jacob Foley, Dylan Gardner-Sweeney, Amour Garnett, Olivia George, Oliver Humphreys, Elena Jennings, Oscar Jones, Tiffany Joshi, Olivia Kirby, Zac Lister, Darcey Manly, Zoe Marson, Leo McFeely, Leah Plenty, Betsi Plenty, Constance Sains, Hattie Shaji, Aljo Simpson, Hollie Spencer, Freya Topping, Destiny Trevallion, Thomas Vinton-Smith, Isla Wallace, Freddie Wheaton, Luke	Ball, Cameron Bennett, Lara Blake, Erin Bowerman, Sonny Briggs, Jasmine Buckley, Finley Cheesman, Izzy Clements, William Collings, Alice Coughlan, Shay Crooks, Freddy Daley, Freya Davies, Ella Dickinson, Louis Dowson, Charlotte Enver, Yeliz Goddard, William Grant, Mason Grigg, Kaysen Healy, Chloe Henson, Archie Hill, Phoenix Hill, Sophie Lee, Isabelle Longlade, Albert Masser, Jack McGinness, Taylor Mesnard, Ben Middleton, Will Monev, Mathew Noble, Angus
		Year 9	
		Abraham, Jessica Asemgeest, Harry Bilby, Charlotte Cowen, Anna Dowson, Riley Grigg, Khiara Harlow, Ava Hull, Samuel Jerreat, Annie	



GOLD

Norris, Lainey
Nunn, Oliver
Packman, Eleanor
Park, Oliver
Pursiainen, Veikko
Reynolds, Harriet
Rich, Alice
Richardson, Noah
Salvatore, Elizabeth
Sanoo, Saniya
Scott, Daniel
Stansfield, William
Sterry, Aidan
Styles, Dakota
Sullivan, Gene
Sutton, Phoebe
Tharakan,
Nakshathra
Turner, Ava
Ward, Elsa
Ward, Sophie
Willis, Callum

Year 11

Anderson, Samuel
Callis, Chloe
Carter, Amy
Coventry, Shelby
Knight, Penny
Lambe, Erin
Simmons, Isobelle
Simpson, Ben
Smith, Issy

Special
congratulations to:

Year 7

Lechea, Mateo

Year 10

Dowson, Charlotte
Harmer, Violet
McCreery, Oliver
Mistry, Anya
Toll, Ruby
Wallis, Rose

Congratulations to all our students Mrs Cooke and Mrs Ball

SPORTS REPORT AUTUMN TERM 2

National Cross Country Cup at Mayflower

On Wednesday 1st November Mayflower High School hosted the last Essex round of The English Schools Athletics Associations Crosscountry Cup. This national event is held every year across the country with schools competing to progress to regional and national Finals. The event at Mayflower saw some exceptionally talented runners from 12 schools competing, with some races including international and national standard runners. Both the year 7 and 8 boys and year 9 and 10 boys teams qualified for the regional round by finishing as the 3rd team. The year 7 and 8 girls narrowly missed qualification finishing 4th.

National Cross Country Cup Regional Final

In the regional final at Southend High School for boys both teams ran exceptionally well and finished 9th in both events. The leading runners on the day were Harry Daley and Mason Grant who both finished 12th in their respective races.



Basildon District Cross Country Championships

The year 7 girls race saw Mayflower sweep the opposition winning the team event, with Sophie Bickerstaff 1st, Lily Peart 2nd, Alexa Ramirez 3rd and Eva Branch 4th. In the boys year 7 race Dominic Grant would take the bronze medal. In the year 8 and 9 races Rocco Savill and Betsy Thomas have qualified to run for the district at the Essex Championships in January by finishing 6th and 5th respectively. Mason Grant would match the bronze his younger brother won in the year 10 and 11 race. Ryan Whaeton 5th, William Clements 7th and Archie Nethercoat 8th will join Mason and run at the Essex Championships too. In the year 10 and 11 girls race Eadie Hatchard also qualified to run at the County Championships finishing 7th. Mayflower won the Boys competition and the school would finish 2nd overall, missing the top spot to Beauchamps by just 1point!



Congratulations to the Under 13 girls for finishing second in their district tournament.



The year 7 football squad played a thrilling local derby away at Billericay School on a cold & wet evening. After a tentative start to the match it was Mayflower that opened the scoring taking a 1-0 lead with a fine close range finish. We were continuing to find our flow and created some fantastic opportunities but couldn't seem to find the finish required. It was 1-0 to Mayflower at half time.

In the second half Mayflower played free flowing football and found the back of the net early on to extend the lead. However, Billericay weren't finished off. As Mayflower looked for a third we got hit on the counter attack and their forward finished with composure to get them back in it. Billericay continued to push and pounced as we held on to the ball for too long, they managed to squeeze in a late equalising goal to finish the game in a stalemate, 2-2.

Year 8 Football

A quiet half term for the year 8 football team as most of their matches fall on the other side of Christmas. They did get one match in against Basildon Academies, beating them 10-0 on a very rainy and cold evening. More to come from the year 8 football team after Christmas.

Year 9 Football

The year 9 boys football team sailed through to the next round of the U14 County Cup after a convincing 6-1 win away at Dagenham Park. Joe Rose, centre back, scoring an incredible 4 goals, all from corners.

In the league, the boys beat The Billericay School 5-0 and The James Hornsby School 4-0. Nine goals in two games and two clean sheets summarise a couple of convincing performances. Man of the match awards for Lucas Foreman and James Luck, Lucas Foreman scoring a hat-trick against Billericay.



Year 7 Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our fantastic year 7 girls basketball team on an emphatic 49-14 win in their first ever basketball match. All players made so much progress and learned so much. Well done!

In their second match against Shenfield High School the girls found themselves 25-25 at half time showing the standard and closeness of the game. The final score was 43-41 to Shenfield, this ensures the girls have made the quarter-final of the competition.

Year 7 Boys Basketball

Well done to the year 7 boys basketball team who have qualified for the Essex Cup quarter finals. In a tense winner takes all group game against Westcliff High School for Boys we eventually triumphed as 34-29 victors meaning that we have topped our group and get a Home draw in the knockout stages being played in the New Year. Good luck in the 1/4 final.



Year 8 Boys Basketball

The year 8 boys played their first two county cup matches against Woodlands and Westcliff High School for Boys. Despite the results the boys spirits remained high and they gave a good account of themselves in what is a very tough competition.

U16 Girls Basketball

For 2 years running the U16 girls basketball team have made the Essex Cup final, a feat they want to achieve again this year. In the first of their group stage games the fantastic 5 beat Shoeburyness 56-15! All the girls scored and contributed to a great county cup win. Next up is Shenfield, good luck to the girls in a tough match ahead.



U13 Indoor County Cricket

The Under 13 indoor cricket team had great success in the indoor county cup competition. After topping their group on the qualifying day at Leytonstone, the team, led by captain Dexter Lyons, confirmed their place at the finals day.

The finals day was played at the indoor school of The County Ground in Chelmsford. A fantastic opportunity and experience for the boys as they also got to see many Essex first team players and coaches, walking around the building. Up first on the day was the semi final against Hall Mead School. After posting 79 runs in the first innings following some good batting from all the team but in particular; Ben Pentecost and Dexter Lyons. The boys knew that they would have to bowl and field well if they wanted to qualify for the final.

What followed was one of the best fielding performances I have seen at any level of cricket, as the boys managed to restrict Hall Mead to 62 runs, unable to chase the 79 set by Mayflower in the first innings. It seemed that every throw hit the stump, every catch stuck and any mistakes made by Hall Mead batters were punished by Mayflower bowlers and fielders. Oscar Jennings epitomised this fielding performance when he took aim at one stump after a diving stop, running out a Hall Mead batter.

The individual highlight of the match however, came from year 7 spinner, Shreyan Raval, bowling a maiden over, after the opposition had chosen to take their 'powerplay' against him (meaning all runs scored against him would be worth double). A fantastic over of spin bowling, that really put us in control of the match.

Unfortunately, in the final it was not meant to be and after giving everything with both bat and ball, the boys fell short to an Ilford County High School side which included 2 Essex academy cricketers. Nevertheless, the boys should be very proud of their achievement and if you see any of them around school, please congratulate them. Fingers crossed the Under 15's can replicate in their age group after Christmas.



Year 7 Netball

The year 7 netball team continued their run in the Essex cup with a great game against Appleton. Both teams had some lovely play and the ball went back and forth up the court, ending in a 11-11 draw!

They then went onto face Brentwood School who we knew would be a tough opponent. The first quarter was very tight but Mayflower took the lead by one. After a slow start to the second quarter we found ourselves down by 5 at half time, with 20 minutes left it was still all to play for. In the 3rd and 4th quarters we found our flow again and started to pull back the deficit. We got back to goal for goal in the final few minutes of the game, unfortunately we missed a penalty after the final whistle so Brentwood took the win 13-12!

A fantastic game with the girls learning and improving with every game they play!



Year 9 Netball

The year 9 netball team have seen some great results this half term, in the league they comfortably beat Bromfords 29-0. They then went on to the county round of the National Netball Schools Competition where they played some of the toughest schools in Essex, they played some outstanding netball in very windy conditions!

School Sports Partnership Update

Sports Leaders

At Mayflower High School, we believe that young people can benefit enormously by engaging in sports leadership opportunities. Sport Leaders are used to help organise and officiate primary sporting events throughout the year. This is an excellent opportunity for these pupils to develop a wide range of important life skills and qualities including confidence, communication, organisation, resilience and problem solving. We are excited to announce the twenty year 9 Sports Leaders that have been selected from seventy two applications.

Congratulations too Rose Threadgold, Jessica Abraham, Isabella Currie, Julie Santos, Juliet Wenborn, Chloe Locke-Sinclair, Julianna Bauckham, Charlotte Bilby, Elsie Shepherd, Maddie Richbell, Thomas Lehman, Oliver Sargood, Ben Mouldsdale, Samuel Hull, Connor Mint, Aaron Bickerstaff, Harry Alsemgeest, Teddy Veness, Edward Ames, Hayden Fitch.



Dodgeball Festival

This month Mayflower High School had the privilege of hosting another three School Sports Partnership events for our local primary schools. On the 14th of November we had the year 5 and 6 dodgeball tournament. Congratulations to Brightside and Quilters that have made it through the partnerships final.

Year 5/6 Girls football

On the 5th of December we hosted the year 5 and 6 girls football festival. The girls played with tremendous spirit in hard conditions. It was also amazing to have all our female sports leaders out officiating. Congratulations to Buttsburry for coming first and St Peters for coming second. Thank you to Rose Threadgold, Maddie Richbell, Charlotte Bilby, Jessica Abraham, Elsie Shepherd, Julianna Bauckham, Isabella Currie, Chloe Locke-Sinclair, Juliet Wenborn, Julie Santos, Lainey Norris, Alice Collings, Mia Lawless, Fraya Daley and Abbie Povley, for being excellent role models and helping run the event.



Year 5 football

The following week we saw 7 teams attend our year 5 football festival. The level of football played during this tournament was exceptional. Congratulations to Sunnymede for coming first and Brightside for coming second. Thank you to my Sports Leaders Oliver Sargood, Teddy Veness, Ben Mouldsdales, Aaron Bickerstaff, Samuel Hull, Hayden Fitch and Connor Mint for helping running the event.

Eco Club

12 members of Eco Club completed some volunteering at Mayflower Community Hospital in Billericay on Friday 15th December.

Students helped with some gardening tasks, dweeding, tidying up and planting. They collected 15 bags of weeds!

All students were impeccably behaved throughout the morning and represented the school in a fantastic light.

Mrs C Davis



Young Evaluators Network - Thomas Williams (Year 11)

In July I was fortunate enough to be asked to join an evaluation panel to investigate the impact of the TNLCF (Community Fund) and the DCMS Confined Fund- to support youth social action and youth social activists in their community. The fund supports projects like Bite Back School Food Champions, anti bullying ambassadors and lots more that support and promote youth social action, allowing young people to gain key skills like leadership, teamwork, communication. This combined fund is also supported by match funders who are large scale charities and businesses who support by doubling the pot of money and help give out donations and grants to programmes. This opportunity is run by the YMCA George Williams College- the country's leading youth work college which hosts three centers of expertise:

- 1.The Centre for Youth Voice- This ensures that all young people have access to high quality, high quantity opportunities for youth voice and ensuring that young people's views are taken into account on a national scale. This done through a variety of different opportunities, roles and platforms like conferences, events and the youth voice census.
- 2.The Centre for Quality Practice- This focuses on training, youth voice curriculum, quality assuring youth work, training and accreditation to youth workers and leveling up the training given.
- 3.The Centre for Youth Impact- Within this, research and evaluation (quantitative and qualitative) into youth services, programmes are conducted into the effectiveness of money being spent and services provided.


This opportunity will take me to become a peer social science researcher taking part in developing research, case studies, fieldwork and interviews to investigate the impact that the fund has. This opportunity has allowed me to meet with researchers, charities and taken me on 2 residentials to London and South Downs to work on developing my skills and taking the research further. It is an incredible experience to work with 10 other amazing young people across the nation and this work will develop how youth social action is funded, carried out and how it is supported in the future and with the new centers in the YMCA George Williams College, an exciting time to join the Young Evaluators Network!




Hi there!

I am Thomas, and I am 15 years old.

I am committed to youth social action - I volunteer at my local foodbank and local library, and I am heavily involved in youth voice and participation across lots of different boards and panels.



Meet Thomas!



I can't wait to get started as part of the Young Evaluators Network and evaluate the #iwill Fund!

House Of Commons Youth Parliament Sitting - Thomas Williams

On Friday the 17th September UK Youth Parliament took to the House of Commons chamber to have our annual debate. As a Member of Youth Parliament for Basildon and Brentwood I was fortunate enough to attend this event and speak in the chamber along with my other other Members of Youth Parliament from Essex and the East of England. The day started with a very early morning getting to London by 7:30 and arriving at the House of Commons at 8 o'clock. When we were there we were greeted with breakfast by the Speaker of the House of Commons and the British Youth Council staff. The energy was ecstatic and electric throughout the whole building with lots of conversation, networking and interviews with press and social media. We were able to catch up with members we hadn't previously spoken to and we were fortunate enough to meet new members, create and forge new contacts and networks within the programme. At the House of Commons, the UK Youth Parliament debated our Food for Learning campaign bill which was composed of five key elements: holiday hunger, quality of food, standardization, financing and funding, and additional pricing . While in the chamber we also heard from overseas territories in Crown dependencies speaking about what issues matter to them. These speeches varied from Girl Guiding to the impact of volunteering, equality and mental health in their communities and societies. The Food for Learning campaign is the campaign co-produced between the UK Parliament and the Child Poverty Action Group to to help campaign for universal free school meals for all children at school or college. This work was initiated after last year's Make Your Mark voted health and well-being as the top priority for young people. From last year's debate we were able to set up this campaign and find partners and funders for this campaign and produce a bill urging the government to help families during the cost of living crisis, help education, boost attendance in schools and ensure that no young person goes hungry. The debate started at 11am where it was opened by Rt Hon. Penny Mordaunt- Leader to the House of Commons and Lillian Greenwood MP- Shadow Minister for Arts, Heritage and Civil Society and the RT Hon Stuart Andrew MP - the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for DCMS. These speeches left the crowd feeling inspired, motivated and in awe that we were being given this opportunity, to be put in the centre of democracy to debate in The Commons. Each topic was given 30 minutes to debate with debate leads introducing and closing motions. At the end of the debate we were asked to vote on which we believe should be our final focus of the campaign with finance and funding becoming the focus for the final 3 month. I was fortunate enough to speak in the afternoon session on standardization, watch my speech with the link here <https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/ee3647a9-c641-46bc-a2f9-2f79452da4c1> with the timestamp 14.26. It was an incredible event to be invited to and I will work very hard over the next few months to ensure I am able to represent my constituency, young people and the issues we face on a national scale urging change and promoting change to happen.



Python 101 For Data Science

Certificate Article

Using the website/company Cognitive Class, I got my certificate by taking a 1 hour exam of about 50 questions. The exam requirements were: functions, conditions, instances, classes, dictionaries, types, import numpy, import pandas and basic knowledge of algebra. Since I got 96% on the final exam and a total score 92%, I received my Python 101 for Data Science Certification. This certification can go on my CV and give me more job opportunities in IT. I'm looking forward to learning more.

-By Mateo Lechea

I am immensely proud of Mateo for finding this certification and completing it in his own time. Lots of the skills he undertook in this course are elements that are covered in the GCSE course. I look forward to seeing what other skills he achieves whilst he is at Mayflower High School.

Miss McDowell

K+ Programme

Success

We are extremely delighted to announce that Elodie Ruth (Year 12) has been accepted onto the K+ programme run by King's College London.

This prestigious two year programme had over 3,000 applicants with only 400 students being accepted. Elodie will get university taster days, subject lectures, work experience and academic support for her A Levels. Students who successfully complete the K+ programme also receive a two grade reduced offer on most courses at King's College London and up to £1,000 bursary.

We are hugely proud of Elodie, this will be an amazing opportunity to kick start her university career studying Law.



Castles - History

A huge well done to Lola Fay, Hugo Daniels, Megan Lee, Eva Ali and Hannah Hogan for their wonderful castle creations.

Mrs Howson, History Department



Music Department Update

As we approach the festive season, there is much to celebrate and be proud of within our school community. From outstanding individual achievements to the collective joy of spreading holiday cheer, we have some exciting updates to share with you.

We are thrilled to share that sixth form student Luke Siegfried recently sat his Grade 8 examination on the drums. Luke achieved a remarkable score of 97/100, earning him the well-deserved distinction. We congratulate Luke on his impressive achievement.

In the spirit of spreading joy and festive cheer, the Music Department and A-Level musicians (Phoebe Adams, Florence Porter, Adam Roche, and Frank Trump) are busy preparing for a Christmas Carol performance at The Grange. We are singing a collection of traditional Christmas songs, with an original arrangement of Silent Night by Mr Tuck.

We would also like to thank all our musicians who are taking part in Celebration Assemblies. It can be nervy business performing to a crowd, and this is doubly true when it is your own year group. Our musicians are displaying courage, bravery, and the Mayflower value of risk-taking.

The dedication and hard work of our musicians serves as a symbol of their commitment, enthusiasm, and perseverance to excellence in music.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas!

Mr Huxford & the Music Department.