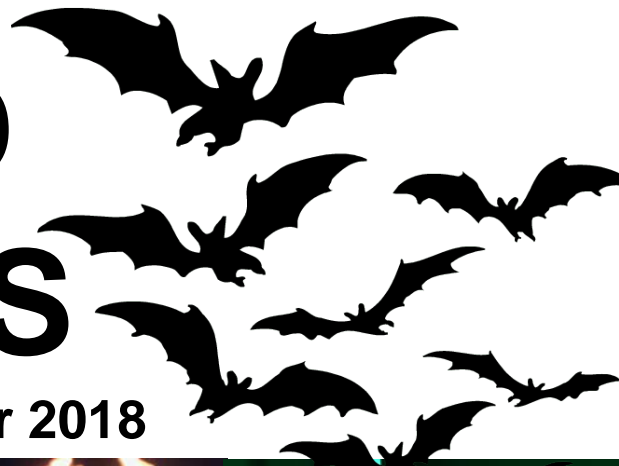




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RAD NEWS

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Spook Night at The Radcliffe – see inside for the full gruesome story!



Headteacher's update ...

Welcome to the new school year. The summer holiday now seems a very long time ago as we approach the end of our first half-term.

As a school, the start of our year actually begins when our students receive their A Level and GCSE results. So many students celebrated personal successes and superb results, but also confirming university and apprenticeship places. So it is always an exciting day for everyone, but also a proud day for us as we wish our students well as they secured university places from Bristol to Warwick, studying a variety of different subjects.



GCSE results day was equally exciting as so many students achieved so many good grades, with over a quarter achieving 9 – 7 in Maths and a fifth achieving 9 – 7 in English.

The start of the school year began as we welcomed the new Year 7 students to the school. They have all made a great start and we were very pleased to report to our Primary school colleagues how well they have all settled and are taking full advantage of the opportunities at The Radcliffe. I am particularly pleased to see how many Year 7 students have joined A2B, are involved in the school show, competed in House competitions and took part in Spooky Evening last week.

As ever, this half-term has been very busy as we welcomed parents of our Year 11 and Sixth Form students to an Information evening, giving valuable advice and guidance about the year ahead and how to support your child. The Information shared during that evening can be found on the school's website.

The school's Open Day, where we invite parents to have a tour of the school during a normal working day, was particularly popular this year, as we welcomed over 100 parents into our school to see what happens in our classrooms. The excellent feedback we received as a result was very much appreciated by the staff team.

Open Evening for our prospective Year 7 students for next year was also held in the same week with many students helping out with tours and demonstrating activities in the classrooms. So many visiting parents commented on how polite and welcoming our students are and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students involved throughout the evening.

As ever, our students represent our school in the many different activities they take part in, both in and outside of school from our Year 13 students involved in summer placements, Year 12 students success in the Debating competition to our school council attending MK Debate, there are so many reasons to be proud of our students, just some of which are showcased within this newsletter.

Please have a good half-term break, I know the next half-term will be especially busy with Year 11 and Sixth Form exams starting after half-term.

Mrs P Lawson
Headteacher

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Sixth Form



What a fantastic start to the year! Many of our students have taken part in educational visits such as Knorr-Bremse Rail Week programme, MK Youth Parliament, Cheltenham Literary Festival, The British Library and a Science workshop at BSI Test Centre.

Thank you to all parents and students that attended our Sixth Form Information Evening in September – it was great to see so many of you.



100 shiny new chairs arrived in our study area last week, smartening up the Sixth Form environment!

Over the first six weeks of term we're pleased to report that 33% of our students have achieved 100% attendance.

Year 12 v Year 13 football match took place on 9th October. A great effort put in by both teams - the Year 12 team claimed a 5-0 victory!

Radcliffe Sixth Form 'University Challenge' launches next term with Mrs Stapley-Jones as quizmaster. House teams will compete against each other over six rounds leading up to the final in the spring term.

The Sixth Form A2B advisors have delivered presentations on the development of Mental Health Community Garden to pupils in years 7-11. The garden is a student-led initiative to provide a safe, calm and supportive environment for any pupils needing to use it.

UCAS applications are well and truly underway with some students having received offers already. Our Year 13 students are preparing for their first set of mock examinations which take place over the two weeks after half term.

We will be taking all Year 12 students to the Safe Drive Stay Alive tour at The Ridgeway Centre on 29th November. This is an innovative theatre education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision.



We are really looking forward to welcoming **Year 11** students and their parents/carers to our **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **29th November**.

All are welcome to come along at 6.30pm and discover more about the subjects on offer and joining our Sixth Form community.



Sixth Form - The Years of Independence

You are warmly invited to join us at our Open Evening to explore the path to your future.

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Year 12 Visit to the BSI

Thanks to The British Standards Institute (BSI) and STEM Ambassador Hub East Midlands for the BSI Inspiration Day. BSI are the organisation that tests and assesses compliance with many industry standards in food, cyber security safety and medical equipment – you may have seen the Kitemark.

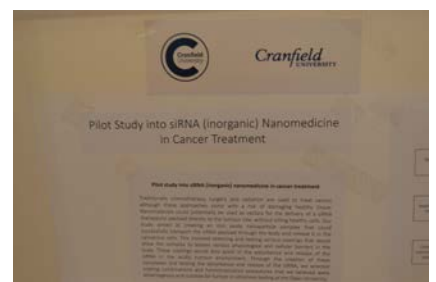
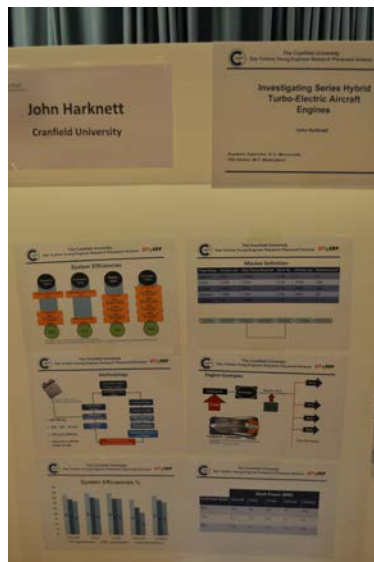
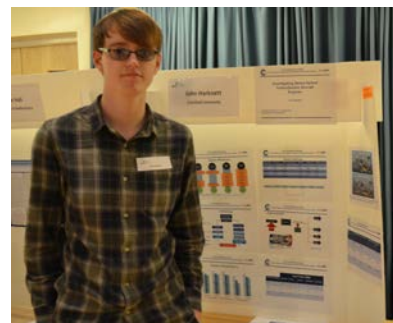
Seven Year 12 students attended the day with other local schools and met BSI representatives from Milton Keynes Offices, Hemel Hempstead Safety Laboratories, Madrid and Milan Offices including the UK and Ireland Managing Director . They got to network and discuss career entry and training with science and engineering technicians and managers, human resources, public relations, compliance and risk management, sales and client services staff. They took part in organoleptic testing of drinks, investigated the testing of various safety devices like helmets and saw how a cybersecurity expert simulates a malicious attack to check the security of a client's network.





Congratulations to the four year 13 Science and Mathematics students who completed a 4 week summer placement with local Universities on presenting their research at the Rothamstead Institute to other students, parents and local scientists and engineers; and receiving their Nuffield Awards. The students took part in a Nuffield funded placement at Cranfield University during the summer holidays. These placements allow students to run an independent undergraduate level project with University researchers and PhD students. Two biology students investigated if iron oxide nanoparticles could be used to deliver siRNA (small interfering ribonucleic acid) to tumour cells in order to suppress cancer cell growth without the use of aggressive chemotherapy. While a mathematics and physics students worked in the jet propulsion engineering department and modelled the effect of using hybrid turbo-electric engines in flight to discover how efficient these engines could be. The students have also entered their research for the Gold Crest Award.

Applications for Nuffield Placements are now open any year 12 science or mathematics students interested in applying should speak to Mr Taylor or Miss Cain for further details.



UKMT & Bletchley Park challenges



- Senior - Tuesday 6 November
- Intermediate - Thursday 7 February
- Junior - Tuesday 30 April
- UKMT Team Challenge - 3 April at Caroline Chisholm
- Year 8 Challenge at Bletchley Park - 13 March
- Big Bang Fair trip - 13 March (coincides with Science week)

A milkman's problem

A milkman has a slight problem.

A customer wants exactly four litres of milk.

The milkman has a large storage can full of milk to sell, but he only has three-litre and five-litre milk cans to measure it with.

How can the milkman measure out four litres of milk?



MFL

Year 7 Carousel

After a fun-filled 7 weeks, year 7 students are nearing the end of their Languages carousel, and will be indicating their language preference in their French or German lessons next week. We would like to encourage students to choose the language they have most enjoyed learning, as they have now had the opportunity to experience teaching and learning in both French and German.

Year 8 German Christmas Market Trip

The German department's annual trip to the German Christmas Market is taking place on Thursday 29th November. All year 8 have been invited, and are reminded to bring in their completed reply slips back to Mrs Barr or Mrs Stapley-Jones by Wednesday 24th October, as there are only 44 spaces available on this very popular trip!

Vocab Express Global Challenge 2018

League of Champions 2018

Overall Championship Radcliffe Geniuses ⓘ

Student	Score
1 Laiba Tahir	129,640
2 Alice Bellamy	52,925
3 Raabia TAHIR	37,830
4 Abdullah tahir	35,120
5 Ciara Agar	11,390
6 Angel KATSENZA	11,170
7 Rosie PAGE	9,795
8 Samuel Bellamy	7,295
9 Nicole CHIGBU	5,760
10 Patrycja Martyka	4,830
11 Paigan Huish	4,030
12 Henry LEWIS	3,980
13 Charlie-Anne Gray	3,705
14 Maira Usmani	3,420
15 Madeleine Milo-Pears	3,400
16 Tayla Kirk	3,370
17 Noah CHARLES	3,240
18 Maria Burhan	3,030
19 Harry Yeo	2,350
20 Heather Fawcett	2,280
21 Lawrence Edwards	1,980
22 Adam Gambles	1,955
23 Liam COOPER	1,830
24 Peter Roder	1,785
25 Tanya AKHTAR	1,620

Radcliffe Geniuses | Overall Total Score 347,730

The first international competition of this academic year saw Radcliffe School in 10th place in the world rankings, with an amazing score of 404,825! For the first time ever, we had a Radcliffe student top the international leaderboard, so massive congratulations to Laiba Tahir with an incredible individual score of 129,640! Alice Bellamy was also in the global top 20, with a fantastic score of 52,925.

We had 165 students across all year groups competing this year, across 10 languages including Japanese, Italian, Urdu and Polish. Our top 25 participants are shown here. Well done all!

House Competition

As part of the Vocab Express Challenge, the Languages House Competition was about getting more points for our school's total. Congratulations to Liam Cooper (Cowper), Noah Charles (McConnell), Ethan Aninor (Lee) and Heather Fawcett (Hayes), who were the top scoring students in each house.

Congratulations to our Linguists of the Half Term!

French KS3 – Summer Edgar (year 8)

German KS3 – Amber Moore (year 8)

French KS4 – Raj Lakhani (year 11)

German KS4 – Katie Thompson (year 11)





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Thank you for your support and feedback ...

As we approach the end of our first half term of the year, The Radcliffe School would like to thank all of you for your tremendous support and feedback.

We are genuinely passionate about engaging with all of our parents and local community to ensure we provide every child with the best possible school experiences that we can.

Just this week the interest in supporting our Christmas market and extra curricular programme has been staggering and the feedback from the previous week's open days and evening was also fantastic.

As we continue to strive to improve we do need you to continue to provide us with formal feedback and therefore refer you to the link below. This provides external verification on whether we are providing all parents with a good provision for their children.

Could we please ask you to register and complete this if you are a parent of a Radcliffe child.

If you are unhappy about anything we do, please do contact us and we will ensure you get the opportunity to meet one of our leadership team to discuss your issues.

<https://mobile.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Radcliffe School Community Christmas Market

The Radcliffe School is excited to be able to announce that as part of our school show this year we are hosting a community Christmas Market.

If you are a local artist or food proprietor and would like to sell your products to an audience of between 150-200 on December 3,4,6 or 7th then please contact j.palmer@radcliffeschool.org.uk.



We are asking that all people who wish to be involved pay £10 which is invested into the next production.

We already have 12 local stalls.



Our Key Stage Five students enjoyed a day at Cheltenham Literary Festival on Sunday where they listened to range of speakers from the world of literature and entertainment discuss their work and current affairs.



The Radcliffe School is seeking help from its local community. Our students have told us that they like the extra- curricular opportunities we provide for them, but they would like a greater variety.

We have therefore decided to approach any local groups or individuals who run local activities to see if they would like to join our programme. We realise that these new activities could incur a cost for the students, but feel that as long as they remain affordable and realistic there is a genuine interest here.

If you would like further information or simply to confirm your interest, please contact s.truan@radcliffeschool.org.uk



Careers

This half term all our year 10 students have taken part in our first 'Career Workouts' of the year and had the opportunity to interview a range of guests from the world of work about their careers. Providers have included Homebase, Mazars, Sports Leaders UK and Network Rail, with the sessions being facilitated by our Careers Lead Mrs Cain.

One employer commented "one student wanted to do my job in the future. Highlight of the session for me!" and one student fed back about learning "how different jobs can open up a lot of chances in the future and what skills you need to be successful. " We are really looking forward to the other years sessions over the coming year.



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We need your help!

The Art Department are in need of donations for the Christmas market craft stalls on December 3, 4, 6 and 7.

If you have any of the following items you could donate, please pop them to the Art department.

All donations by **Friday 9 November**

Cardboard Boxes - large

Christmas wrapping paper

Pinecones

Lace

Glitter

Jewellery

Wool

Buttons

Nail Varnishes

Tinsel

Cookie Cutter Shapes

Tin Cans – washed please



Ribbon

Doilies

Candles – new and used

Jars with lids – washed please

Felt

Sand - coloured if possible

Fairy-lights



The Radcliffe School proudly presents our brand new, first wave of Year 7 A2b ambassadors.



Student Council

The new Radcliffe School Student Council has formalised its structure by creating four sub committees to ensure that they are able to truly represent the voice and interests of all our students. The council decided to form committees for student welfare, the environment, communication and the community.

Each committee was then populated with 5 council members and a sixth form student.

A list of potential projects was then devised and left open for consultation before the next meeting.

A huge amount of progress for a 50 minute meeting !!



Building Bright Futures Together



RAD TIPS - Photography

Using puddles for reflections.

- Position your camera on the edge of any water surface to create the illusion of a person or building edging onto water OR catching a reflection.



Photograph example by Yr9
Photography student Alexei



Draw inspiration from Joel Marklund's
photography of the Youth Olympic
Games

Art Department's New Gallery

We are particularly proud to have created a vibrant new space in school to display a range of students work showcasing the creativity of ideas and materials used for both Art and Photography. This display will be added to and refreshed throughout the year so watch this space...



Spook Night

Another Super Spooky storytelling Event in the Learning Hub. On Thursday 18th October 96 of our new Year 7 students (unrecognisable on the night) descended on the School to take part in this exciting annual event. The Radcliffe ghosts were out in force and along with the Grim Reader, entertained the students with a variety of different activities. Events like this help to promote the Library as fun and interesting place to visit where we can focus on encouraging a joy of reading.

One student writes:-

On Thursday 18th October I attended Spooky Evening. I was in group 2, the Frankenweenies. I came as **possessed Ginny Weasley**, from **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**. The other costumes were brilliant, such as day of the dead, a ghost, a witch and many others. There were three main activities, spooky dancing to **Thriller** by **Michael Jackson**, spooky storytelling with the "Grim Reader" and we got cookies and hot cocoa! And then we did some science experiments where we got to hold fire! It was amazing! Walking down the maths corridor was great. There were spooky lights going off, along with creepy noises, and there was a moving skeleton wriggling around on the floor, trying to grab our feet! Over all, it was amazing. I would love to see it happen again, with more spaces so more people can enjoy it!

By Amy Knowles, year 7, LPL





Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee: ...

What a fantastic start to the year. In response to Cowper success last year I am proud to report that Hayes have started with a BANG! We are currently sitting as the number 1 house due to a number of exceptional team and individual performance listed below, along with the hard work of our stars of the term. However the biggest impact has been the students drive to be here with a better attendance than this time last year but also our punctuality to school and lessons! Keep up the hard work!

HAYES HOUSE

What a fantastic start to the year for Hayes house. This term we have had a variety of amazing success! Firstly as a house we have competed well in house tournaments where year 11 boys and year 7 girls have won their events.

More individually a special notice must go to **Laiba Tahir** whose has achieved a great success by her work on Vocab express where she finished **1st in the WORLD** for her work! What a fantastic achievement

House notices:

House Basketball/netball

Find your house managers to organise your participation in this half terms events!

Year 7 – Monday 17th December

Year 8 – Monday 10th December

Year 9 – Monday 26th November

Year 10/11 – Monday 19th November

House competitions:

Please ensure you have signed up with your house manager, but also get out to support the house teams on the field. Enjoy the sunshine and watch the tournaments!

THOSE WITH 100% this year!

- Nathan Thompson
- Rachel Thompson
- Theo Woodcock
- Kian Bath
- Rebecca Bradburn
- Jamie Durrant
- Emma Gray Harvey
- Aiden Green
- Miller Hartle
- Joseph Smith
- Edward Taylor
- Safia Akhlaq
- Charlotte Bruce
- Tommy Craney
- Oliver Critchley
- Lawrence Edwards
- Andy Gorski
- Georgia Howard
- Ishya Jalil
- Courtney King-Fresco
- Eashan Leal
- Joshua Martin
- Ododo Ogundarin
- Emma Quinn
- Tayah Rogers
- Joshua Sacott
- Benar Shwani
- Darcie Stimpson
- Raabia Tahir

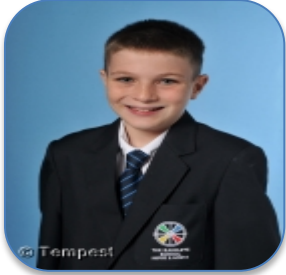
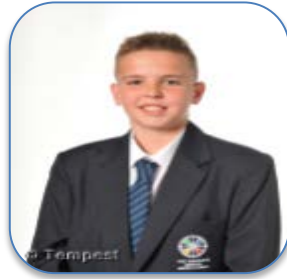
**“I want to hire
employees
who
arrive late”**

Said no boss ever.

Five for Pride



Star of the term



“Rock the mocks”



Cowper News



A word from Cowper Head of House, Mr De Beer: Firstly I would like to use this opportunity to thank all Yr 8-11 students for their efforts last year as we were crowned the "Overall House Winners" for 2017/2018. As the first half term draws to an end I would like to congratulate our students and in particular our Year 7's who have started the year exceptionally. You are joining a unique set of students who take pride in Cowper House, students who are dedicated and motivated regardless of the challenges they face. Our students support each other and we celebrate our success together. We are also extremely fortunate to have Georgina Walsh, Imogen Myrie, Moudathir Said and Sam Coffey as our Head Girls and Boys, I am sure you will be a huge credit to our House. Finally, I would like to thank all of our students who gave up their own time to support the school in the recent prospective parents evening, we received fantastic feedback from parents. Well done.

Message from our Student Heads

A warm welcome to all our new Year 7 students, we wish you all the best in your journey through the Radcliffe School. We are looking forward to seeing our House grow and progress throughout the year.

DEDICATION
+
MOTIVATION
=
SUCCESS

"Success grows in the Green House"

Special achievements outside of school

Katelyn Gale Achieved her level 3 certificate in Street Dance

2018/2019 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES



OUR TEAM FOR 2018/2019



OUR HOUSE MANAGERS FOR 2018/2019



DEDICATION + MOTIVATION = SUCCESS
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STAR OF THE TERM

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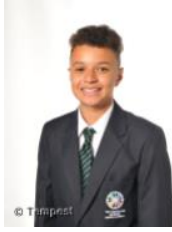
Settled in very well, always helpful and kind to other

CBA



Growing in confidence every week. Her personality has made her a popular asset to the form group

CCC



Consistent presentation and equipment

CES



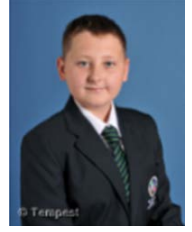
Always respectful and never complains

CGT



Enthusiastic, commitment and engagement

CNB



Resilience and adapting well to change

CJM



Outstanding support and encouragement to younger students in form

CKR



More mature attitude and taking part in after school activities

CMB



Helpful, considerate and works well with others

CSD



Settling in very well contributing to form

CSH



Settled in really well and is the youngest member of the school orchestra

CSM



Exemplary behavior at trip to MK Big Debate and volunteering to help at the prospective parents evening

PRIDE OF COWPER



OLIVIA



Dedication + Motivation = SUCCESS

SUCCESS GROWS IN THE GREEN HOUSE



Lee News



A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt: “ So, we have come to the end of the first half term which has been a long and busy one!

Year 7 have settled in fantastically and it feels like they are really part of the House and School community now.

Year 11 have their first set of MOCK GCSE exams when we return from the half term break so please support them at home with their revision and preparation for this.

Year 10 have their work experience to look forward to, and will find out their placements and arrange their interviews when we return in November.

Year 9 have made a good start to their GCSE option subjects, and have come back with a mature attitude towards their learning.

Year 8 have show that they are really part of the school now, with many students contributing to the school show and House competitions.

Have a fantastic half term.”

Head Team: Well done to the Year 10/11 Girls and Year 9 Boys who came first in their House sports completions, and the Year 10/11 Boys who came second in theirs.

We look forward to seeing full participation at the upcoming House competitions with Netball/Basketball and Humanities next half term.



Pride of LEE



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11

Stars of the term



LJR



LKD



LCF



LCR



LAW



LCA



LPL



LJG



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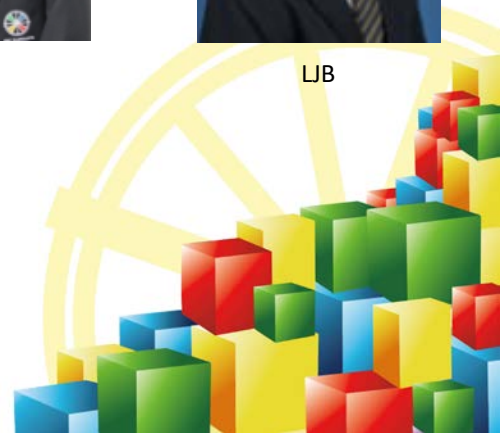
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LGS



LJB



McConnell News



A word from Head of McConnell House, Mr Partington:

It has been an good start to the year for McConnell house, with vast participation in house competitions and a solid start in other aspects of school life. We now need to ensure that we kick on from last year's performance and with the help of our new house team, progress in all areas.

HELLO FROM THE HEAD BOYS & GIRLS!

We are really excited to be apart of the house team for this year. We are already so impressed by the hard work shown by each year. As your head boys and girls we strive to make McConnell House the best it can be.

YEAR 7

Our Year 7s, despite only having been at Radcliffe for such a short time, have got involved in not only their day to day learning but also house events such as the languages challenge and house football.

HOUSE MANAGERS:

Isabella Rule
Kyle Barker-Beacock

YEAR 8

Year 8 have made a great start to the year, getting involved from the get go! We were so impressed with the quality and quantity of the Year 8's House Manager applications also.

HOUSE MANAGERS:

Sophie Long Finnann Keen

YEAR 9

Our McConnell Year 9s have made a strong start with their subjects for GCSE, showing their focus and hard work already.

HOUSE MANAGERS:

Unyque Guirriab
Will Bland

WHAT HAVE EACH
YEAR BEEN UP TO?

YEAR 10

Year 10 have been starting to prepare for their GCSE's and learning exam techniques to help them next year.

HOUSE MANAGERS

Isabel Eaton
Sikander Rizwan

Year 11

Our McConnell House Year 11's have been preparing for their second set of mock exams. These take place for around 3 weeks after half term. Good luck to all!

HOUSE MANAGERS

Fatheha Ilias
Ivan Ramos-Lopes



STAR OF THE TERM



MCB



MDM



MGO



MGS



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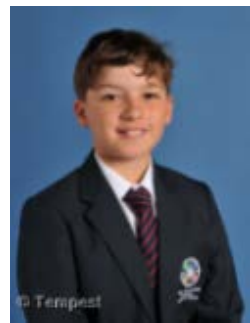
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