



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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RAD NEWS

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A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!



The Radcliffe School are absolutely delighted to announce that two of our students have been elected to The Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet (MKYCAB)

Headteacher's update ...

So, Christmas is finally upon us and both the students and staff are very much looking forward to finishing school. This term has been exceptionally long, but very busy and exciting. This half term sees new staff settled in and teachers across the school explore ways to improve the quality of learning in every lesson. As I regularly visit lessons every day, I am privileged to see how well students engage with their learning and the excellent quality of work students are producing in their books. The students have clearly worked hard this term and you should see the evidence for yourselves when you receive your child's Progress Check this week.



At the beginning of this half term, our Ofsted monitoring visit feedback was published. The monitoring visit was as a result of the Requires Improvement judgement given in the 2017 inspection and would judge whether we have made appropriate improvements or not. Whilst not the full inspection, the HMI reviewed all aspects of the school and spoke to a number of staff and students whilst observing many lessons. We are very pleased the HMI reported that we are making the necessary improvements for the school to become good which is the best result we could hope for from this visit.

This week also sees our Year 11 students receive their Mock Exam results, replicating what will happen in the summer. Parents have been invited to take part so as to add to the realism of the event and to meet with senior staff and the Careers Advisor to discuss the options open to students if the results were real. This is a crucial time of year for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as preparations for the summer exams ramp up next term. However, it is also important for parents to encourage students to find a balance between studying and time away from school work to rest. We always encourage little and often as the most effective way to learn and parents will find advice on revision on the school's website.

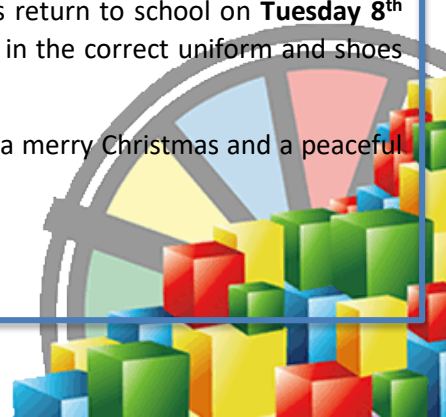
There have been many events, activities, trips and visits which our students have put so much of their usual energy and enthusiasm into. We are always so proud of our students during these activities, especially as so many people comment on how polite and well-mannered they always are. The recent school visit to the German Christmas markets in Birmingham, for our students studying German, showed off their language skills and their confidence in talking to the stall holders. The students are expected to speak German throughout the day to practise their conversational skills and many of the stall holders commented on how well the students did.

This year's school show, featuring scenes from Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' was a huge success, bringing so much talent to our stage. What was especially great to see, was the number of Year 7 and 8 students who took part and were word perfect. Our GCSE students are currently studying 'A Christmas Carol' as part of the required 19th Century Literature specification and the school show was a great opportunity for our students to engage with some of the Dickensian language and bring the text to life. The music, as ever, was of a superb quality with our talented musicians, this year, sat centre-stage throughout the entire performance. They worked as a team alongside the choir, actors and dancers to ensure the show flowed seamlessly throughout the evening. The Christmas Market was a new and exciting venture for the school, working in partnership with The Friends of The Radcliffe. As a community school, it was great to see so many local businesses and groups take up the opportunity to run a stall. There were a wide variety of stalls every evening showing we clearly have a great deal of talent within our local community too.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that students return to school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**. Could I ask parents to please make sure that students return in the correct uniform and shoes along with the correct equipment in readiness for learning.

I would also like to wish our parents, students and staff a wonderful holiday, a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Mrs Lawson
Headteacher



Humanities quiz

KS3 and KS4 students took part in the Humanities Worldwide quiz in November to see who would be crowned the Key Stage 3 and 4 House champions. It was well attended and very competitive showing a great knowledge of world issues. Well done to all those students who participated.

KS3 Results

Position	House	Points
1 st	Lee House	66
2 nd	McConnell House	62
3 rd	Cowper House	60

KS4 Results

Position	House	Points
1 st	Hayes 1	90
2 nd	McConnell 1	87
3 rd	Cowper 2	79



Base Christmas Snowmen

The Base students have been busy in Art Club making Christmas snowmen and all enjoyed doing this

Thank you to the catering team for collecting the empty baked bean tins for us



Frankfurt Christmas Market

Birmingham



On Thursday 29th November the Languages Department took 48 students from Year 8 to the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Birmingham. Whilst there, students embraced the opportunity to speak German to stall holders and sample delicious German festive food. Students also took part in a Scavenger Hunt and the lucky winners received a German-themed prize! During the coach journey, students and staff joined in with German Christmas Carols, which the students are hopefully practising at home too! Hussain in Year 8 said “The German Market was amazing and had really nice German people there – they were really welcoming. The food was good too! I would recommend to anyone to visit the market!”.



French Cinéma

The annual year 8 rewards 'Cinéma Français' will take place on Wednesday 19th December. Students who have shown extra effort and progress in lessons will be invited to join Miss Trochu for some pains au chocolat, croissants and jus d'orange, and a film in French!



Congratulations to our Linguists of the Half Term!



French KS3 - Rosie Ingram (Year 7)

French KS4 - Vera Francisco (Year 10)

German KS3 - Izzy Clement-Dawson (Year 8)

German KS4 - Luca Blackwell (Year 9)



RADSKI 2019



Would you like to join us on our next ski trip? We have 1 space available.

This trip is running from Saturday 13th April – Saturday 20th April. We are travelling via coach to Austria and you will be skiing for 5 hours a day for 5 days. This trip is open to all students of The Radcliffe School and it doesn't matter about your skiing ability. We will have groups from complete beginners through to experienced skiers.

For more information on this trip please contact Mr Lambert m.lambert@radcliffeschool.org.uk



It seems so long ago now, but it's only two weeks since "A Festive Feast" entertained local audiences. This year's production was a slight departure from the usual. Our aim was to involve as many departments and students as possible and we achieved this with [Christmas] bells on, through the inclusion of the Christmas market and street food.

The music was all student produced- with thanks to former student **Abigail Sunasky**, who arranged the orchestral pieces, whilst the acting of a Christmas Carol was

completed by a majority Year 7 cast! We even received the support of the professional cast of A Christmas Carol- which raised the spirits of all.

Thank you to each and every one of you that came and supported The Radcliffe show and Christmas Market

The cast and crew wowed audiences every night - the future is certainly bright with such talent.



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge Results

Jasmine Myhill	David Roder	Andrew Hutchinson	Daisy Bradley	Toby Dytrych	Emily Bartlett	Syed Ahmad
Snr Kangaroo Entry	Silver Cert	Silver Cert	Bronze Cert	Bronze Cert	Bronze Cert	Bronze Cert
Best Cert						
Best In Year						
Gold Cert						

Year 12

James Chantry	Cameron Tait	Jack Restall
Best In Year	Bronze Cert	Bronze Cert
Bronze Cert		

Second round

Congratulations to **Jasmine Myhill** who was awarded a Qualification Certificate as she achieved over 75% for the Senior Kangaroo challenge

Safer School Officer – PC Robert Slater

Safer Schools Officers work across Milton Keynes in partnership with secondary schools in order to help and support them. PC Robert Slater is the Officer covering The Radcliffe School. His responsibilities are wide ranging but in short he assists in educating young people and in partnership with the staff, deal with minor incidents in school rather than through the Criminal Justice System, in line with Government Policy.

Students will see him in and around school. Should you wish to make contact with him this can be done through the House teams within the school.

Building Bright Futures Together



Photography – Year 9

The Radcliffe School year 9 Photography students have been very busy during the first term of their GCSE studies learning about the basic principles behind taking fantastic photos.

As you can see from the small selection below, we have some very talented individuals already.



Art – 6th Form

On Wednesday 21st November, nine of our 6th Form Art students went on life drawing course. The course was held at Yardley Hasting Arts Centre and run by fantastic tutor Sara Myers.

The students were able to draw the human form in 1, 2, 5 10 minute poses as well as a 1 hour sitting. This gave them the opportunity to create quick, fast pieces and well as a sustained detailed drawing at the end of the session.

This was their first time at a life drawing class and despite feeling nervous at first, the students were incredibly mature and respectful throughout the day. They were a credit to the school and the Art department. We're sure that the skills they've learnt will be really useful in their projects.

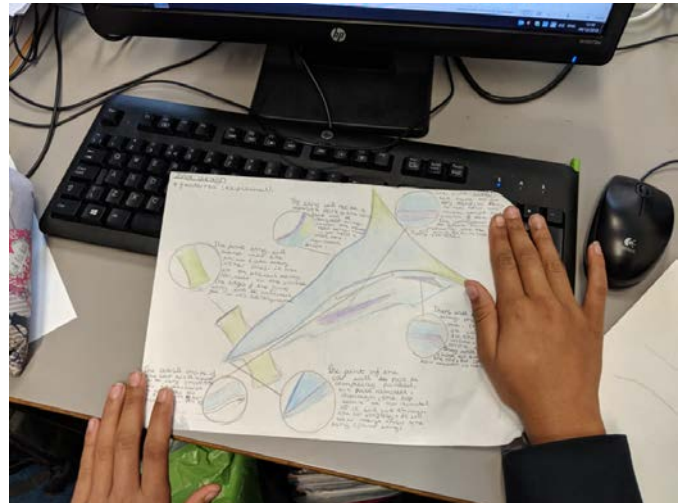
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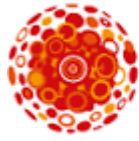
Radbull

The Science Department are pleased to announce the arrival of the next F1 team – Radbull.

A group of 6 Year 8 students are currently working on a design to enter for the 'F1 in Schools Challenge'. More news to come early 2019. Watch this space....



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The Big Bang

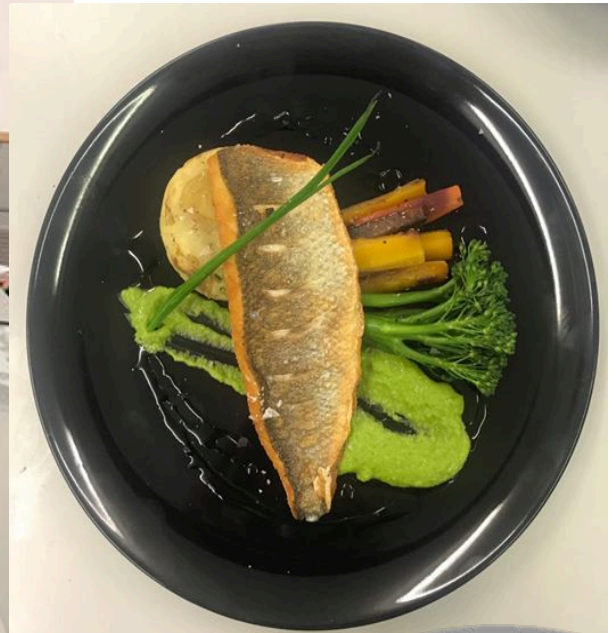
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

Congratulations to Andrew Hutchinson in Year 13 on his recent success in The Big Bang online heats. Andrew has been awarded a place as a finalist in The Big Bang Competition to be held at the NEC, Birmingham in March next year.

Good luck Andrew!

Food – Year 10

The Radcliffe School Year 10 Food students were treated to a visit from Chef Graham from #reliefchefservices, on the menu was freshly filleted sea bass served with pea puree, heritage carrots, broccoli and crushed potato cakes! A great demonstration with lots of new skills learnt!



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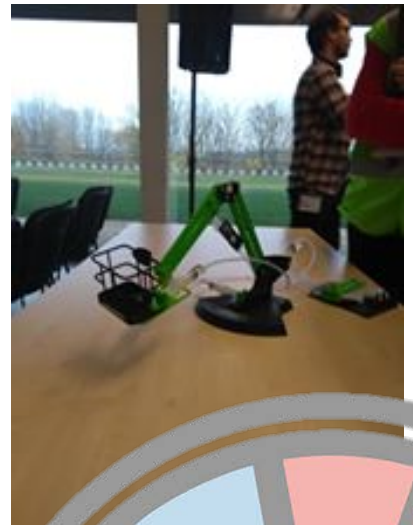
niftylift

Year 10 Visit to Niftylift

We were delighted to take some of our Year 10 female students to Niftylift, to a Women in Engineering event.

The students were given a tour of the facilities, they also had a virtual reality trip on a work platform and also put together their own mini hydraulic piston work platform.

Plus there were talks from women engineers. A great day out. Thanks Niftylift!



Refugee Welcome Schools

We are really pleased to be part of the Refugee Welcome Schools in partnership with Citizens:mk Leadership Group and NASUWT. Claire Jones, Assistant Head represented The Radcliffe School and took the pledge alongside schools across Milton Keynes.



NEWS, REFUGEES WELCOME, UNCATEGORIZED

SIX MK SCHOOLS SIGN UP TO BECOME REFUGEE WELCOME SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Radcliffe student Marcus Stock

The Radcliffe School is always looking to celebrate the achievements of our students, past and present.

Huge congratulations therefore go to Marcus Stock who has been selected for English Universities Rugby League Squad.

Please do keep us informed of any ex students' successes as we are looking to create a Radcliffe Alumni

Information should be emailed to admin@radcliffeschool.org.uk



News from the Student Council



The Radcliffe School Student Council have been very busy over the last few weeks. The Council have met with the Chair of Governors to discuss their sub committee ideas and with the school Senior Leadership Team to present a proposal for their first major project - which was agreed !

The School Council have also met with the school Business Manager to strategically plan how their project can be implemented.

The student council are delighted to announce that they are currently working on a project to refurbish and improve the school bike sheds.

Food Bank Update

In one week Radcliffe students and staff raised a whopping two hundred food items for MK Foodbank; one hundred and twenty-eight of these were tinned.

Donations have continued to arrive so the school has decided to continue the collection for the remainder of December 2018.

This is an opportunity for our school to come together for a good cause and to help our local community.

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers for your generosity and helping to make a difference.

Most needed Items:

Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Fish
Tinned Meat	Long Life Juice
Jam	Spreads
Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Fruit
Children's Cereal	Biscuits
Tinned Rice Pudding	Dried Rice
Sugar	Long Life Milk
Soups	Tinned Spaghetti
Toilet Rolls	Toiletries





We are pleased to announce the launch of WisePay, an online payment system for parents. Details of how to access WisePay have been distributed to students through tutor groups, and a link to the system has been made available on our website:

<https://www.radcliffeschool.org.uk/parents-area/>

The system is very simple to use, and guides are also available on the WisePay system after you have logged in.

If you prefer to use an app on your phone details are also available when you have logged in, including the organisation code that you will need.

We will initially be offering Catering payments on the system, that will link directly to your child's catering account and will add trip and visit payments as new trips are announced.

WisePay updates the catering system every 30 minutes, so if your child forgets their lunch or their account is low on funds, you are able to make a payment through WisePay and they can access the money within a maximum of 30 minutes of you making the payment.

Due to the large number of accounts that have been created, please can you email wisepay@radcliffeschool.org.uk if you have any queries and we will work through them in order of receipt



We are delighted to announce access to a secure on-line system, Insight, which will allow 24 hour access to view your children's data via a PC, laptop, and some mobile devices with internet connection. Information around attendance, behaviour, timetables and progress can be found using the simple web interface.

A basic guide for using Insight is available on the school website, under the parents section. Letters have been sent home with login details.

If you have any queries or problems accessing Insight please email insight@radcliffeschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary for 2019 ...

7 January	Training Day
8 January	All students return after Christmas break
17 January	Year 7 Subject Evening
24 January	Year 11 MK Yellow Careers Bus
31 January	Year 10 Subject Evening
11 February	Year 11 Photos
4 – 15 February	Year 10 Work Experience
14 February	Year 8 Subject Evening
18 – 22 February	Half Term
6 March	Open Day
7 March	Year 9 Subject Evening
4 April	Year 9 Vaccinations
4 April	Tutor Evening
9 April	Easter Break
24 April	All students return after Easter break
24 – 26 April	Year 8 Options Interviews
6 May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
10 May	Year 8 Vaccinations
27 – 31 May	Half Term
21 June	Sports Day
27 June	Year 11 Prom
1 – 2 July	Year 6 Transition Days
3 July	Transition Evening for new Year 7 Parents
3 July	Induction Day for new Year 12s
4 July	Awards Evening
5 July	Sixth Form Summer Ball



Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee... finally we arrive at the final point of 2018! What a year it has been. Just time to reflect on what has been another successful term. The students have been working extremely hard and it was a real pleasure to sit watching the show with such pride at the number of Hayes students not only involved in the school show, but also see them committing to the house in all activities available so well done to all!

I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Come back in 2019 safe and ready to start again!

House results for Basketball and Netball

Year 7

Boys TBC
Girls – TBC

Year 8

Boys – 2nd
Girls – 2nd

Year 9

Boys – 1st
Girls – 3rd

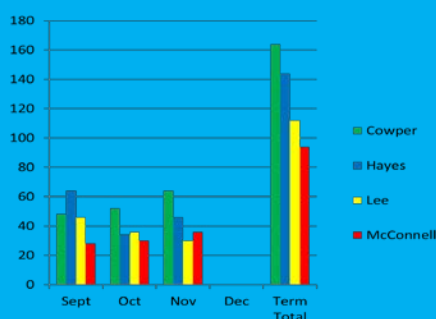
Year 10/11

Boys – 3rd
Girls – 1st

High Standard = High Achievers!

Festive joke:

What do you get if you
cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!



From your Head Girl and Head Boy...

We close 2018 with a strong start to the school year. With wins from Year 7 all the way through to Year 11. It's fair to say that our whole House has played their part, especially our new House Managers that are settling into their roles very well. We have worked extremely hard as a House and need to keep pushing and improving our standards all the way through to the summer. We need to keep on top of our attendance, making sure that we are in school every day and on time to represent our House with pride. Everyone has worked immensely hard over this tough term and deserves a relaxing break.

Katie Thompson and Joe Smith



STAR OF THE TERM



HAM



For always smiling and being involved during form times.

HAT



Much improved showing a lot of effort in lessons.

HLC



Polite, smiley, great role model to her peers.

HLJ



Consistently hard working, punctual and polite, someone you can truly rely on.

HLT



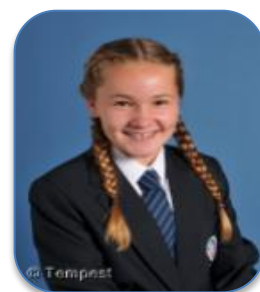
Being a great role model to all his peers and showing such enthusiasm to brighten up your day.

HMP



Excellent contribution to form activities

HMR



Excellent all round student. Participates in all activities and extremely hard working.

HMT



A very kind, selfless person who is showing maturity consistently.

HNC



Always prepared and hard working. Involved in the show and always gives 100%

HTO



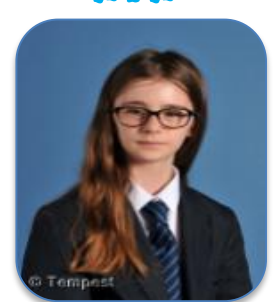
Helpful to all other students when they need support and setting the perfect example.

HTB



Excellent achievements in both extra curricular and results in his mocks.

HYH



Always on time, helping in the form and around school.



High standards = high achievers



Cowper News

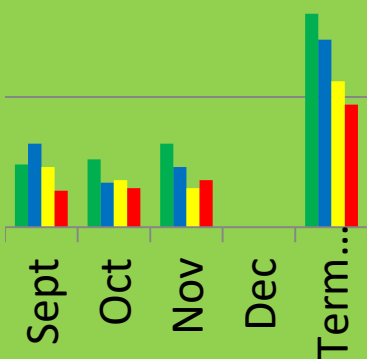


As we draw to the close of another year I find myself in awe of our students maturity, behaviour for learning, and resilience throughout this term. It's been another successful term regarding the House competitions, achieving four 1st, two 2nd and two 3rd places in netball, football and Humanities. In addition to this, a huge well done to the 16 students who took part in another successful school production, it was a pleasure watching the talent on show.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the seven Year 9 football girls from our House who represented the school in the recent County Cup Competition; thank all our students and in particular those who have been nominated for Star and Pride awards, your hard work is appreciated. Well done to you all. Finally, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Overall Standings



COWPER Reason	Sept Points	Oct Points	Nov Points	Dec Points	Term Total
Attendance	12	8	12		32
Punctuality	8	12	8		28
Attitude to Learning	8	12	12		32
Merits	8	8	12		28
Sports	6	12	12		30
House Competitions	6	0	12		18
Monthly Total	48	52	68	0	
Term Total					168

DEDICATION
+
MOTIVATION
=
SUCCESS

"Success grows in the Green House"

STAR OF THE TERM

CAP: Jay Seamarks
CBA: Ben Abbott
CCC: Jamie Gibson
CES: Sophie Santos-Bravo
CGT: Matthew Whitehall
CHB: Harriett Carpenter
CJM: Tegan Hardy
CKR: Jazmin Hewlett
CMB: Amelie Waddington
CSD: Tor Johanson
CSH: Ellie Chapman
CSM: Callum O'Brien

County Cup Football

Hannah Stanton
Tilly Brown
Katie Barby
Paigan Huish
Brooke Owens
Izzy Marshall
Maddie Milo-Pears

PRIDE OF COWPER

Jack Jennings
Outstanding Effort
Kenzie Stalker
Outstanding Effort
Tegan Hardy
Charity support
Josh Adamson
Cadets
Archie Davies



School Production

Ellie, Ella, Archie, Jonah, Sophie, Katelyn, Matthew, Sophie, Tor, Maria, Ben, Istvan, Lucy, Peter, Jay and Amelie

Lee News



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

LEE house have participated well in all House competitions and we have had successful outcomes across both key stages. I would like to see this participation continue in the new year.

Well done to all students from LEE House who participated in the school show which was a fantastic success!

Have a restful Christmas and New Year. "

Head Team: Well done to the KS3 Humanities House team who won their competition.

Also, congratulations to Cassius McCormack who has made the U15 South West squad for ice hockey. Cass will be playing above his age category and representing the South West of the country- a major achievement! We look forward to hearing how you do in your first competition.



Stars of the Term

LAW: Giselle Rodrigues

LCF: Eliece Milton

LGR: Ben Wyatt

LJB: Liam Cox

LJR: Lottie Daly

LMC: Zaynab Khalid

LCA: Sophie Stevens

LCR: Aman Khan

LGS: Gracie Mendus

LJG: Lola Jones

LKD: Harry Kennedy

LPL: Tyler Miller

Pride of LEE

Year 7 Ali Muaqat

Year 8 Mason Taylor

Year 9 Molly Masters

Year 10 Lily Gosling

Year 11 Silas Frost and Suniya Mahmood

“ROCKED THE MOCKS”

Lauren Byde

7 in English and 7 in Maths

Zaynab Khalid

7 in English and 8 in Maths

Silas Frost

7 in English and 9 in Maths

Suniya Mahmood

9 in English and 7 in Maths

Lee News



McConnell News



A word from Head of McConnell House, Mr Partington:

As we approach the end of 2018, the first term of this academic year has been an exceptionally busy one!

The new intake of Year 7 students have made a fantastic impression and are finding their feet with distinction. Year 9 have settled into their new GCSE courses really positively, and Year 10 are in the process of making arrangements for their work experience. Finally, Year 11 students have just completed their second round of mock exams, and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of these with students and parents very soon.

The winter months are often the hardest for students, but I am really pleased that so many of our students have reacted so positively so far this year and can't wait to see the progress they make as a result. Finally, I would like to extend my best wishes to all McConnell House students over the festive period and New Year. Enjoy a wonderful break, you have earned it.

A FESTIVE FEAST

In McConnell house we are very fortunate to have such a talented group of students, and this has once again been proven by this year's school production, A Festive Feast.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all students involved, including singers, actors, musicians and dancers.

Your hard work and dedication have paid off and made for a spectacular show, well done!

Outstanding Achievements

There have been a number of exceptional achievements for students in McConnell house this term, which I would like to share with you.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to Verity Marangos and Harry Yeo (both MTT), who came first and third in their respective categories in the National competition for Rock n Roll dancing in Blackpool!

Last but by no means least, we would like to extend a huge well done to Jack Leahy (MCB) who has become a **WORLD CHAMPION** at the 2018 Gymnastics World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan. His talent in tumbling has always been obvious to anyone that has seen him, but this is a magnificent achievement even by Jack's standards, congratulations!



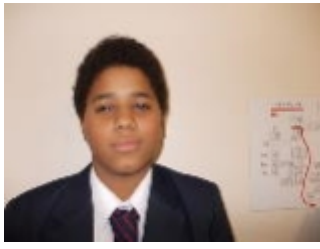
STARS OF THE TERM



MCB



MDM



MGO



MGS



MHL



MJP



MKJ



MLC



MMF



MNK



MPD



MTT

