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The Radcliffe School is celebrating another successful year of GCSE results for its Year 11 students. Students have performed well in English and Maths despite being the first year to go through the changes to grading systems and having new curriculums to contend with. There were also excellent results in French, German, Food Technology, Graphics and Sport.

The school would like to thank and congratulate all of the students, parents and staff that have worked together to enable these results.

Students have performed well from every starting point with the following top performers worthy of note:

Emily Bartlett	– 9 A* and an A grade
Andrew Hutchinson	– 8 A* and 2 A grades
Daisy Bradley	– 7 A* and 2 A grades
Abigail McAllister	– 6 A* and 3 A grades
Toby Dytrych	– 4 A* and 6 A grades
Emilia Stanton	– 4 A* and 5 A grades
Debbie Goke-Adedeji	– 3 A* and 6 A grades
Anna Bulman	– 3 A* and 4 A grades
Aysha Abbas	– 2 A*, 4 A grades and an A in AS Urdu
Shamima Afzal	– 3 A* and 4 A grades

Emily Bartlett is worthy of further note as her performance places her as one of only 2000 students in the country to have achieved the grade 9 in each of English Language, English Literature and Mathematics.

Congratulations to all of our Year 11 students and we wish you the very best with the next stage of education.





A Level Results 2017



The Radcliffe Sixth form celebrates another year of successful A Level and BTEC results. We have maintained our year on year growth: coupled with this the ever increasing success of our students. There has been a significant rise in students achieving two or more A*/B grades and an increase in students achieving AAB grades in facilitating subjects.

Those students applying for University have secured places across a breadth of Universities, including UCL, Birmingham, Warwick and Queen Mary. We have also had a number of students gain Higher Level Apprenticeships within companies such as Jungheinrich and Mercedes Benz, which reflects the diverse provision and next steps we provide.

As a school we are incredibly proud of all our students' successes and would like to thank the support of all of our teachers and parents alike as this is truly a team effort.

Particular highlights are:

A2 Results:

Amy Jeffcoate	A, A, A, A	University College London, Computer Science
Isabelle McAllister	A*, A*, B	Queen Mary University, Modern and Contemporary History
Cynthia Santhalingam	A, A, A, B	Queen Mary University, Mathematics
Laura Sythes	A*, A, A, A	University College London, Civil Engineering
Matt Dix	D*, D*, C;	Mercedes Benz Degree Apprenticeship

AS Results:

Jack Walton	A, A, A, A
Joe Jeffcoate	A, A, A, A
Sian Lister	A, A, A



English

The Curious Incident of Year 9 in the Night-Time – Milton Keynes Theatre

On the evening of 7th September, 55 Radcliffe students from Year 9 visited Milton Keynes Theatre, on an English department trip, to watch the award winning play, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time'.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time is based on the bestselling novel by Mark Haddon and was adapted for the stage by Simon Stephens.

The audience is immediately immersed in the story as it follows Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old boy with Asperger's Syndrome and a unique, extraordinary mind. After discovering his neighbour's dog Wellington has been killed with a garden fork, he decides to do some detecting to find out who did it. The 'curious incident' unravels over the course of the play, gripping the audience with its spellbinding stage design, its tense twists and comedic turns, as the ingenious 'play within a play' structure makes us squirm in our seats one minute and laugh out loud the next. And the ending? Well, no spoilers obviously, let's just say the whole audience let out a collective 'Ahhhhhh!' Oh, and if you are lucky enough to go see it for yourself, make sure you stay for the unmissable mathematical encore.

Intrigued? Why not read the book for yourself (Warning! The book contains some explicit adult language and may not be suitable for our youngest students, so please make sure you have your parent's approval first) in Tutor Group reading time, Mrs Beales up in the library will be happy to find you a copy.

Mr Blakeston



Maths

Well done to the following Year 7 students who participated in the (optional) 'Year 6 Summer MyMaths Challenge'. They all met the clearly stated criteria and some of them did the challenge twice (as allowed). All their names will now be pulled out of a hat, for some students twice, in the next Year 7 assembly to receive pairs of cinema tickets.

Shola Burgess
Joshua Martin
Maisie Green
Imogen Mullins x2
Nicole Chigbu x2
Arthur Williams
James Jones Seal
Morgan Quinn

Sophie Chan x2
Izzy Clement Dawson
Emily Hodges
Blake Taylor
Adam Gambles
Ella Coffey
Angel Katsenza
Harry Yeo

Manahil Israr x2
Augustus Goodman
Sophie Long x2
Max Wedderburn
Raabia Tahir
Olivia Cooke
Daisy Nixon Smith

Well done also to **Kieran O'Callaghan** and **Milan Leal** from Year 9 for completing their GCSE Higher workbooks. This book is normally used throughout Year 9 to Year 11. Fantastic independent work from both.



Science

It was a pleasure to see so many students open their envelopes over summer for both GCSE and A Levels.

Our Year 11 students again all gained at least one GCSE. All of the students who took two GCSE (which was all but five of the year-group) gained a grade and all students who took three GCSE gained a grade.

We have welcomed back a large number into the sixth form to continue their studies.

Our A level students have now moved on to the next stage in their life following 7 years studying at The Radcliffe School.

Well done to all those who worked so hard to achieve the great things they did.

Radcliffe Memorial Garden

Before we broke up a team of volunteers led by Paul Critchley, our Chair of Governors, set out to improve the memorial garden situated within the science area of the school. The aim was to provide our community with an opportunity to make this space an area to enjoy and relax in.

Since then the site team have kept the area tidy and a volunteer force from the sixth form have already met to develop ideas on how to use this space. Watch this space

I am pleased to announce that following a number of years of bad luck for Radcliffe ducklings who hatched in this area, with some conservation work, we now have 5 ducks who are the first to benefit from this makeover, making the pond their home. Whilst these Radcliffe ducks hatched here we do expect them to fly off but hope they will return.



Humanities

This last few weeks we have been planning our visit to the Tudor manor Hardwick Hall with our year 11s. As well as being a key part of their course, the trip offers students to experience History first hand, as trained guides take them through one of the Elizabethan era's most famous houses. Additionally it has been pointed out that this is also Malfoy Manor from the Harry Potter movie series!



Letters and any money should be returned to your History teacher as soon as possible in order to make sure your place is booked.

Music

Friday Philharmonic
Orchestra



The Friday Philharmonic Orchestra and school band will be echoing music around The Radcliffe School starting this Friday getting ready for support the music to Radcliffe's latest production 'California Dreaming'. This year's music will be bigger and better than ever with new students.



Business Studies



**Real Business Challenge
2017**

Brought to you by



All of the Year 9 Business students are taking part in the Coca Cola Real Business Challenge which involves them designing a new juice brand for the Special Olympics. This involves them designing a brand new healthy juice drink that is competitive, original and allows Coca Cola to dominate the juice drinks market. Students are working in

their own teams. A winning project will be chosen from each class group and will then go head to head with teams from across year in order to win prizes.

Year 10 learners are commencing the BTEC First in Business qualification. Currently they are looking at how business organisations make use of branding as part of the marketing campaigns. They have been focusing on cereal brands and on sport wear manufacturers.

Year 11 students are in the final year of their BTEC First in Business and focusing on finance this term. This involves them looking at profitability and the way business organisations manage their finances.



Modern Foreign Languages

European Day of Languages

Tuesday 26th September is European Day of Languages and we will be celebrating with some Languages activities in form, and a European-themed lunch in the canteen!

Year 11 Revision

Please see your teacher for more hints and tips for revision.

Topics:

1. School
 2. Identity and Culture (free time, relationships, home, hobbies)
 3. Local area, holiday and travel (holidays, town, transport)
 4. Future aspirations, study and work
 5. International and global dimension (environment, festivals)
- Go through the Higher Vocab Booklet given out last year – RAG rate vocabulary
 - Start a revision 'booklet' per topic
 - Write in any orange or red vocabulary under the topic heading
 - Get someone to test you on some (5-10) most days
 - Go on Vocab Express
 - R&L Vocab List (sent to parents) – start looking through this list and adding any you don't know to your booklet
 - Find useful set phrases for each topic – use your revision guide and your book(s)
 - Also have a section dedicated to SPEAKING – include role play and picture task set phrases and vocabulary



Art

6th form artist in residence

On the 19th and 20th September ceramist Andrew Macdermott came in to school, to do a pottery workshop with 18 of our 6th form students. This was a collaborative project, funded by Bedford Arts Culture Challenge. The students taking part in this workshop were chosen due to their optimistic outlook around mental wellbeing and positive thinking. The workshop brief was to create shells, using ceramic clay decorated with phrases and sayings. These words needed to either be sentiments of hope, inspiration and or retrospective advice that they would have given themselves at the start of their Radcliffe journey in year 7. Once glazed, these sculptures will be housed in the zen courtyard garden for all to enjoy. The students worked incredibly hard on the brief, took on board all the advice from Andrew, supported each other, worked collaboratively and were a credit to the school. We look forward to the installation of these beautiful sculptures.





On behalf of Rohan Stock and all of The Base Team we would like to say a huge **'THANK YOU'** for all your support in buying our 'FOP People' handmade keyrings.

We managed to raise a very impressive **£175.00** for FOP Friends (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva)



Radcliffe Runners

On Sunday 24 September, an elite team of staff athletes took to the redways of Milton Keynes in memory of Ian Stewart, who sadly passed away earlier this year.

We had a choice of running 10k or a half-marathon and we did so wearing the colours of the Cynthia Spencer

Hospice, where Ian spent his final days. His wife Bella and daughter Catherine made the journey to Milton Keynes to cheer us on. Superb running by all, especially considering the warm conditions and the fact that we had to run up Beacon Hill in Campbell Park



(twice if you ran the half). For some it was their very first running event. Very well done to Chris Humble, Ann-Marie Smith, Katie Rooney, Tom Murphy, Sarah Delderfield, Barry Mussen, Lisa Cameron, Louisa Richards, Wendy Hughes, Michael Lambert, Jean Lambert and Nicky Peddle.

If anyone would like to donate, please go to this address:

www.justgiving.com/raddersrunners2017

Martin Palmieri (not as fast as Mr Humble)



Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee:...well it has been a fast start to the year with year 7's settling in well and house competitions on the horizon. The new House managers have been preparing and organising their teams for the events this half term, and I wish them and the participants good luck as they begin the quest to take back our rightful title! I am very excited by the motivation in the house and look forward to seeing both individual and group successes through the next academic year!.

**Up and coming house
events:
Autumn half term:**

House football:

**Year 7 – Monday 16th
October**

**Year 8 – Tuesday 17th
October**

**Year 9 – Wednesday 18th
October**

**Year 10/11 – Monday 9th
October**

**Please see your house
manager to sign up to
these events**

High Standards = High Achievers!

A message from our Head Boy and Head Girl Team:

Before the summer, we announced our new House Captains for years 8, 9, 10, and 11. Over the past week, we have been receiving applications for the year 7 House Captains and the year 7, 8, 9, and 10 slots in our House Council. This has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new students, and reading their applications has made us even more confident in our ability as a house to do our best this year in all aspects of academia.

We will be announcing our new House Captains and House Council very soon, and we look forward to working with our new house teams in the upcoming year. Once these have been announced, we will begin our work both as an individual house and as a collaborative effort with the other houses to make our school an even better place.

Cowper News



I would like to welcome back all students to another exciting academic year. If this year is going to be anything like last year we can expect our students to perform well on and off the field. I would also like to use this opportunity to thank all Yr 8-11 students for their efforts last year as we won the overall Behavior for Learning, Punctuality and Sports trophies and were crowned the "Overall House Winners" for 2016/2017. We have had a number of staff changes within our team and I am sure we will make them feel part of the Cowper family. Lastly, a message to all our Yr 7 students. I hope you realise 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. I wish you all the best for the year and look forward to working with you.

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"

Key Students

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR 2017-2018

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2017-2018

Upcoming House Tournaments

House football

Year 7 – Monday 16th October

Year 8 – Tuesday 17th October

Year 9 – Wednesday 18th October

Year 10/11 – Monday 9th October

If you are interested in taking part in the house tournaments please see your House Captain

Lee News



A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt:

“Welcome back to years 8-11 and a warm welcome to the year 7’s who have joined us. They have settled in really well and are getting their bearings of the geography of the school.

Years 8-11 have a busy academic year ahead of them with option choices and the preparation for GCSEs.

As usual, our expectations for uniform are high, so please make sure that you are fully aware of the uniform policy as your child’s form tutor will be completing a uniform check daily to make sure these expectations have been upheld.”

Head Team: We are the new Head team for Jennie Lee house! We will be there to support any students in our house throughout the year. Our job is to make sure that all of our students are up to a high standard and achieve to their best ability. Participation is a key factor in the house, we want to make sure every year has a full team. Our motto to achieve is ‘We lead; Others follow.’



Year 7:

We need applications for House Managers - boys and girls and House council reps. Please write a letter explaining why you would be suitable for the role and deliver it to the House office.

Upcoming House competition: FOOTBALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Year 7- Monday 16th October

Year 8- Tuesday 17th October

Year 9- Wednesday 17th October

Year 10/11- Monday 9th October

Please see your House Mangers to sign up. We would like full participation at every event.

McConnell News



A word from the Head boys and Head girls of McConnell House:

It has been an absolutely great start to the year. We in McConnell house are looking forward to learn from last year and improve on our performance. This year we want to raise our standards and continue to work to our full potential. Despite being awarded with the BEST ATTENDANCE we are not content. We will continue to strive for progress in McConnell house. Driving this push for the best are the new house managers, head boys and head girls. We have carefully selected our house managers. Each and every one has been given the honour to lead their year group in McConnell because of their hard work and determination. They understand the responsibilities they have and take pride wearing the red tie. We as McConnell stand together for the challenges that we will come against this year. We are determined to make this year the best year for McConnell.

Dates for the Diary

- 4/10/2017 – School Open Day
- 5/10/2017 – Tutor Evening
- 20/10/2017 – Students Break-up for Half-Term
- 30/10/2017 – Staff Training Day

Responsibility

Expectation

Determination

Sports Corner

We are looking to build on our achievements in last year's house sports competitions in the summer term.

If you would like to become a part of McConnell's continued sporting success story, please contact your house manager.

Congratulations to McConnell house student **Molly-Anne Clarke** who recently competed at the Fenland Senior Apparatus Competition in Wisbech. Molly competed alongside 30 other gymnasts from around the country. She competed on 4 apparatus; the asymmetric bars, beam, vault and floor.

Molly stole the show claiming 2 gold medals for her vault and bar routine as well as a bronze for her floor routine. Molly also was awarded a trophy for the highest score on Vault over 2 age groups. We are very proud of you Molly!