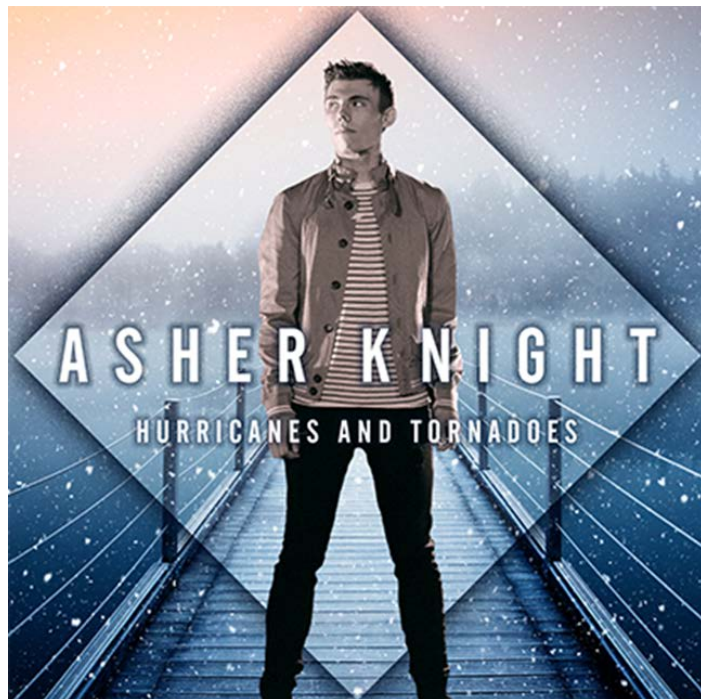




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RAD NEWS

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Asher Knight comes to Radcliffe School

Asher Knight, a new up-and-coming artist visited the school to promote anti-bullying through his new single, Hurricanes and Tornadoes. Asher works with Barnardo's to bring his story and highlight anti-bullying to schools within Milton Keynes.

Asher says "Bullying comes in many forms; physical, verbal and social media. Through music I found the courage to overcome bullying. Now I want to share with others so that they can also stand up to bullying by finding their own strength and resilience". Asher's performance was enjoyed by years 7, 8 and 9.

If you are affected by bullying, remember to Stop, Speak and Support.

Headteacher's update ...

This has been a very exciting first term as the new Headteacher of The Radcliffe. Taking over as Headteacher after being a Deputy Head and a member of the Leadership Team for many years before that, I thought I knew everything I could about the school. However, having the opportunity to see the school as its Headteacher, I have been surprised by how much I have learnt about the school throughout the term.



Explaining my vision for the school to the staff and students has been very positive. My ambition to deliver an excellent education by providing improved teaching and learning in lessons is not a secret and is also shared by the entire staff. I am determined that the school secures a Good Ofsted judgement at the earliest opportunity as a result of the improvements which are being put into place. One of the key themes for improvement, other than improving teaching and learning practices, is to re-engage with the community. I have always believed that a strength of our school is the community which it serves and I am very keen to strengthen these links. I have been very fortunate to be able to visit many of the other schools in the Radcliffe Community of Schools and have learnt a great deal about the quality educational experiences our students receive throughout their time at school. I am grateful to everyone who has made me feel so welcome and the way every Headteacher has shared so openly ideas and practices which they have found to be most successful.

There have, of course, been challenges this term and there can be no ignoring that there have been a number of staff absences which have affected some lessons. However, as we progress into Spring, I am glad to say that we are getting up to full strength again and are very much looking forward to welcoming 3 new members of staff through the Summer Term. Staffing and weather challenges aside, we were very happy to welcome parents to our Open Day on a very snowy day, last Wednesday. Students were able to show parents around the school on a normal day, to show what we do every day. I always wonder whether our parents believe that apart from the refreshments we lay on in the Learning Hub and asking students to lead the tours, there is nothing we do on that day that we wouldn't do any other day. I know that some of our parents have been a little concerned about behaviour around the school, which is a normal concern in every school, but many of the visiting parents commented on how engaged and well behaved the students were. Whilst it is not surprising to everyone who works in the school, we are always glad when our parents see it for themselves – even on a snowy, windy day!

Speaking of our parents, another exciting venture we are looking forward to re-engaging with is the revival of The Friends of The Radcliffe group. I was asked very soon after starting as Head about the possibility of starting a PTA and was very glad to be able to support such a group. The Friends of The Radcliffe supported the work of the school for many years and we are very excited at the prospect of our parents starting the group again.

This last term has been full of new challenges and opportunities and the next few weeks are going to be as exciting as Year 11, 12 and 13 prepare for the start of their exams and Year 8 finalise their options. This really is an exciting time to be a member of The Radcliffe community.

Mrs Lawson

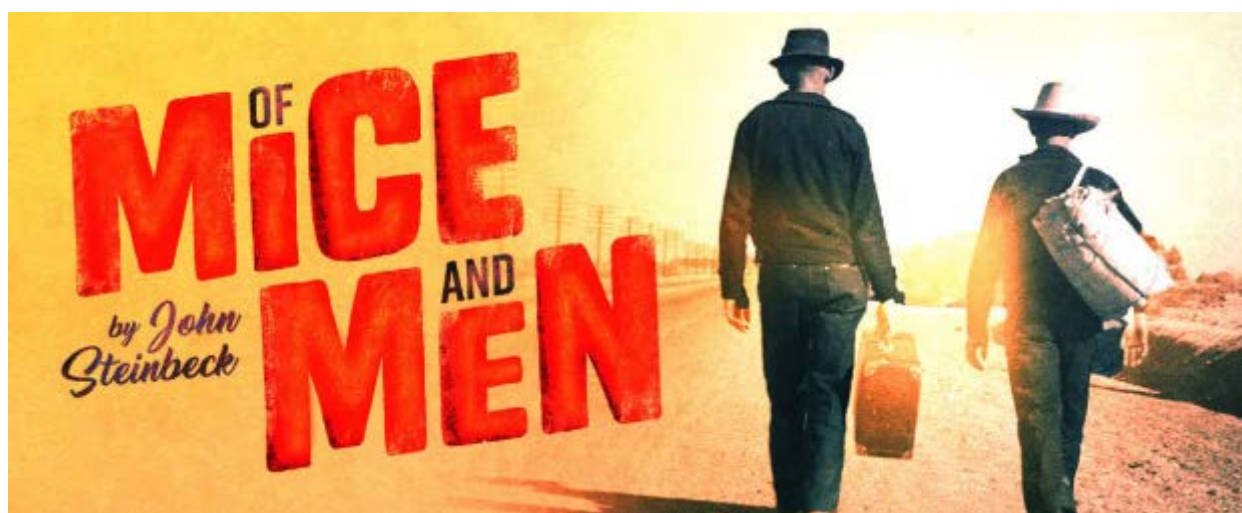
English

It was with some considerable excitement, that Mr Lay, from the English and Drama Departments, was able to lead a trip of 81 Year 9 and 13 students to see a stage adaptation of John Steinbeck's, 'Of Mice and Men', at Northampton's Royal and Derngate Theatre in February.

Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men' was first published in 1937 and is regularly cited in the UK's top 100 best loved novels. Taught in Year 9, with its coarse, ranch-house, language, violence, racism and misogyny, the study of this novella never fails to challenge students thinking as now in the 21st Century, the years have passed and attitudes have changed. It may have been written over 80 years ago but 'Of Mice and Men' is still topical and relevant, highlighting, as it does, the effects of economic uncertainty and migration on people's lives.

Staging such a well-loved tale is not without its challenges, but the students were not disappointed, it was classic Steinbeck, with Director Guy Unsworth's impressively lit opening – courtesy of designers Bretta Gerecke (lighting) and David Woodhead (set).

Students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were commended for their behaviour throughout the trip by several members of the audience. A big thank you to all members of staff who accompanied them and those who supported the trip.



Maths

Well done to the following Year 9 and 11 students for passing the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. Good Luck to those moving on to the next stage.

YEAR HEADER	FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	Best Cert	Best In Year Cert	Gold Cert	Silver Cert	Bronze Cert	NEXT STAGE OF COMPETITION				
								GKang	PKang	Cayley	Hamilton	Maclaurin
9	Kieran	Ocallaghan	Best	BestInYear	Yes					Yes		
11	Samuel	Mirfin		BestInYear	Yes				Yes			
9	Jari	Quinn			Yes				Yes			
9	Milan	Leal			Yes			Yes				
11	Alice	Gambles			Yes							
9	Mizan	Hussain			Yes			Yes				
11	Cameron	Tait			Yes							
11	Niamh	Catterall				Yes						
11	Zack	Cleaverdukic				Yes						
9	Liam	Cooper				Yes						
11	Laura	Johnston				Yes						
11	James	Chantry				Yes						
11	Ben	Boddy				Yes						
11	Tegan	Gould				Yes						
11	Joe	Inchley				Yes						
9	Ehsan	Ilyas				Yes						
11	William	Thomas				Yes						
9	Sikandar	Rizwan					Yes					
11	Parth	Tagdiwala					Yes					
11	Ododo	Ogundiran					Yes					
11	Saba	Siddik					Yes					
11	Eleanor	Brain					Yes					
11	Ellie	Johnson					Yes					
11	Charlie	Nash					Yes					
11	Ivan	Blazicko					Yes					
11	Alex	Ross					Yes					



Science

Science Wednesdays

With less than 50 school days for Year 11 before their first GCSE Science examination (15th May) it is great to see so many of the students attending the Science Wednesday sessions held afterschool on a Wednesday!

The aim of these sessions is to help students gain at least one more mark in the examinations they take from each Science Wednesday session, which for those attending all the sessions could amount to over 20 marks which would certainly improve the overall grade.

So well done to the following students who have attended at least 5 of the 6 science Wednesday sessions last half term.

Ben Boddy
James Chantry
Fred Charles
Hira Dawood
Miller Hartle
Ben Hiatt

Saqib Ishtiaq
Nikhil Jain
Aaiza Kamran
Lorelle Lima
Conor Murphy
Emmanuella Oluwole

Alfie Poulter
Mark Reid
Megan Reid
Alex Ross
Umara Umara
Charlie Watson

We hope to see even more students attending even more Science Wednesday sessions this term.

Science Week

This term sees the launch of the British Science Week 2018. And we are giving our students the chance to see how close we can get to Elon Musk the Entrepreneur who recently launched his Falcon Heavy rocket with a cargo of one of his Tesla cars into space.



Whilst we do not have his budget we will be trying to launch rockets across our school field and we would love everyone to become involved. . . . watch this space for our pictures.



Modern Foreign Languages

Linguists of the Half Term:

Congratulations! You have shown progress and enthusiasm in your MFL lessons.

French KS3 – Sophie Long

German KS3 – Julie Campbell

French KS4 – Fathema Ilias

German KS4 – Sam Mirfin



Vocab Express Global Competition

This year's competition is running from 7th-13th March. We have done brilliantly in recent challenges, so make sure you are on Vocab Express as much as possible – all points count! We will be awarding House Points/Vivos to students with the highest scores.

PLUS we are running our House Competition for students who turn up to compete on **Thursday 8th March, from 3-4pm in IT1.**

See your Languages teacher for more details.



German Trip 2018 Reminder

Our German trip is running 4th – 8th June.

Students should be fully paid by now – please see or email Miss Stapley if you are unsure: h.stapley@radcliffeschool.org.uk.

Students should also have a passport and EHIC valid for December 2018 or later, again please see Miss Stapley if there are any problems.

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6.30pm in the hall for all students and their parents/carers to discuss the trip. Letters will be going out this week.

Young Languages Leaders

Our Languages Leaders have been very busy over the last couple of half terms: they have presented a cultural research project, run the Languages Café and games room at Prospective Parents' Evening, translated signs for the school and created a video to teach specific vocabulary and structures. Their next project is going into local Primary Schools to teach small groups of Year 5 and 4, and they'll be going into year 7 classes too. Well done so far!

French at Work Experience

Miss Trochu went to see one of our year 10 French students, Jess Yeo, on her work experience at Bushfield School, and was very impressed at what she saw – Jess was teaching French! Miss Trochu saw her working with small groups, getting involved and helping with French vocabulary and grammar. Well done!

Business and Economics

Year 9 Business students 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 been focusing on soft drink brands and on sport wear manufacturers.



Year 10 learners are continuing with the BTEC First in Business qualification. Currently they are looking at how business organisations make use of the promotional mix as part of their marketing campaigns. They have been focusing on a variety of companies ranging from British Airways to Alton Towers.

Year 11 students are in the final year of their BTEC First in Business and focusing on Business Enterprise this term. This involves them looking at setting up their own business, identifying local and national factors and, how the business environment affects trade.

Year 13 Business and Economics students attended a subject masterclass which was held at the Westfield Shopping Centre in West London. The workshops, led by subject experts, are designed to reinforce key subject concepts, enable students to catch up on key topics and, improve their confidence in exam techniques. This will then allow to perform strongly in their exams and assessments.



A group of year 9 students from Radcliffe took part in the London Institute of Banking & Finance student investor challenge. This is a UK wide investment game where students invest their virtual money in a set of stocks and other investment instruments. The boys got to a season high position of 14 and, eventually finished 1566 out of 4856. This is a real achievement from the boys considering they were up against teachers and students from some of the most prestigious private schools in the UK.

History

In the History department Helen Lambourne has been busy creating and destroying castles this term with year 7. Groups of students have been busy making their modelled designs and then preparing assaults on them with plastic spoon trebuchets!



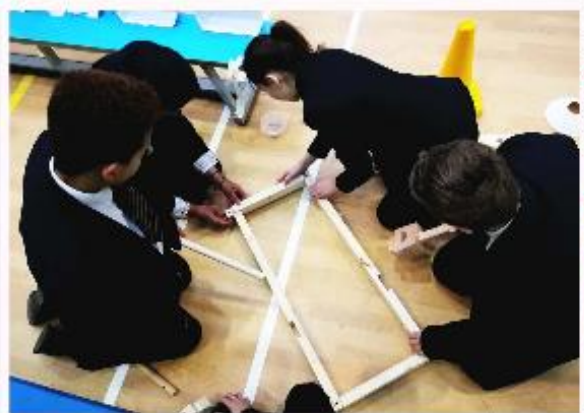
In future terms the club will be looking at what other projects we can bring to life from History and we are currently taking suggestions about what you would want to make next in the History club. Students are free to turn up every Wednesday Lunch time.

Art

Year 9 Art collaborative work

Our year 9 art students have been having lots of fun with a collaborative piece of sculpture work. Their current topic is Distortion and as part of this, they began by looking at the artist Johnson Tsang. This sculptor creates distorted ceramic heads, by squashing and stretching them. The students were each given a piece of clay and a photo of a babies head. Using the clay they were asked to create a sculpture of the image. After the mini art works were completed, they were put together and squashed. This project has been really successful and has developed their artist response & research techniques, collaborative skills and allowed them to use a medium that only a small percentage have explored previously. We look forward to creating more group work with our key stage 4.





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YEAR 8 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE 2018



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



Music and Media

Rad Rhythms

Year 10 and 11 music GCSE students had an authentic taste of west African drumming music at the start of the new year by having the exclusive use of real Djembe drums. The students learnt how to play the musical techniques and about some of the culture in West Africa.



The students loved the experience commenting 'it's so much better playing the music than just listening to the music and learning the key words'. The music department plans to take a selective group of Djembe drummers to primary schools in the summer term to build relationships with transitioning students and feeder primary schools. Exciting times for drummers and rhythm addicts!

Northampton University's Radcliffe invasion

Year 13 Media students were lucky enough to have the whole of Northampton University's incredible Avenue Library for the day. They were there to research their media topics and gain insight into the world of journals, historic news clippings and sociology books. The students gained vital references for their studies and looked deeper into their research areas such as 'women in sport media' and the 'effects of social media on the brain'. The year 13 media students proudly represented the Radcliffe school with excellent manners and work ethic and even gained a second free invite any time they needed! Many thanks to Star Harris for helping to organise the event.



CAREERS INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

We were delighted that Milton Keynes college brought their application bus into school, to help year 11 students apply for courses next year. Students and staff could not miss its arrival with its bright yellow exterior. Students were able to board the bus and have one to one help with their applications from college staff, whilst also having a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows! Perfect on a cold wet morning.



Krystal and her team from the National Citizen Service have also been into school delivering a presentation on the invaluable experience NCS has to offer years 11 and 12.



NCS is a four-week programme for students, giving 15–17 year olds the opportunity for personal development including the opportunity to develop the tools, skills and belief to unlock their potential and make a positive impact in their community. NCS takes place during the summer holidays and this nationally recognised programme is valued at more than £1,500; however due to government funding the programme costs no more than £50 including all transport, activities, food and accommodation whilst away.

Students were given an application pack in assembly, including a £15 off voucher, bringing the overall cost down to £35! Bursaries are also available for families who cannot afford the . Many students have already signed up but if any year 11 or 12 student still would like to apply for a place please contact Mrs Cain. More information can also be found on www.ncsyes.co.uk or contact Krystal on 07718475405.

Year 8's attended a career and employability workshop with Worktree. Students were able to meet employees from a range of industries and businesses and were able to find out more about what it is like to be employed, entrepreneurial skills and even how to shake hands! Both the students and our guests found it a valuable experience.



Cowper News



The first half to the Spring Term is behind us now and "WOW" have we performed well. It is evident that our students have accepted the challenges from the three other houses. Again, Cowper House have consistently performed over the past 6 weeks and I would personally like to thank all students for their efforts. We have performed exceptionally well in the Attendance, Punctuality and Attitude to Learning. The results for the sport and house competitions will follow shortly. I am sure you are aware that our Year 11 students are sitting their "mock" exams and we all wish them all the best for the coming weeks. I would like to remind all parents and pupils of the upcoming Badminton and Table Tennis competitions and encourage students who are interested to see their house managers to secure a spot. Finally, a huge congratulations to all our Star of the Term nominations and to the 179 students who received reward letters, your efforts are noticed and appreciated. I look forward to seeing our House continuing to excel over this half term.

Star of the term

CAS: Scarlett Malleson-Hull
 CKR: Louis Gulliver
 CGT: Maddie Milo-Pears
 CJM: Nirel Kwagala-Kabunga
 CLB: Alex Mosson
 CMB: Luke Hayes
 CES: Abdul Rashad
 CSK: Hira Dawood
 CHB: Hamza Dawood
 CAP: Eleanor Copley
 CSD: Henry Levitt-Powel
 CSM: Jack Restall

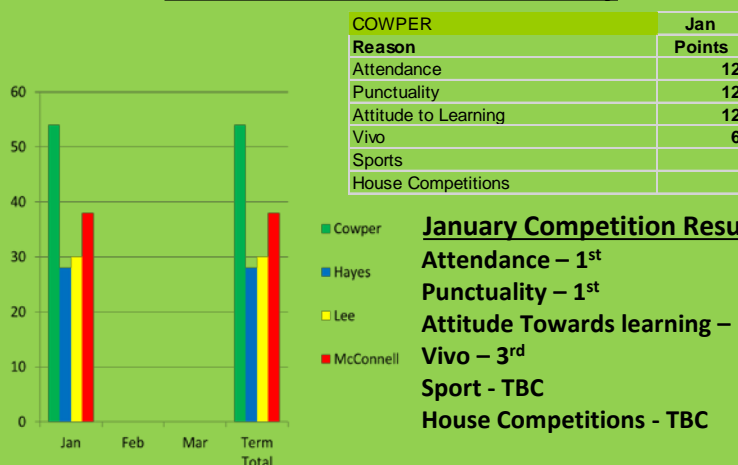
DEDICATION + MOTIVATION

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SUCCESS

"Success grows in the Green House"

House Performance - January



January Competition Results

Attendance – 1st

Punctuality – 1st

Attitude Towards learning – 1st

Vivo – 3rd

Sport - TBC

House Competitions - TBC

Dates to remember

Yr 7 Badminton/Table Tennis – 26 February 2018

Yr 8 Badminton/Table Tennis – 5 March 2018

Yr 9 Badminton/Table Tennis – 12 March 2018

Yr 10/11 Badminton/Table Tennis – 19 March 2019

Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee:...welcome back to a frantic half term! Already the year 10 students are talking about how excellent work experience was and how much they all enjoyed it! Lots to look forward to in this up and coming half term, where the year 11 students finally prepare for the “Big Summer” with their final round of mock exams along with this, the year 8 are finally selecting their options and everyone is moving forwards and we await to see students deliver again on their huge potential!

House Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all Hayes students from last term who were acknowledged for their hard work in their lessons. Please take your time to look through and recognise the students that are showing the hard work and determination. It has been a pleasure working with the head boy and head girl team to identify the students who have represented the house with pride, along with the 85 students who also received a letter home from the house to acknowledge their hard work and efforts. So well done to all and congratulations

House notices:

House badminton/Table Tennis

Find your house managers to organise your participation in this half term's events!

Year 7 – Monday 26th February

Year 8 – Monday 5th March

Year 9 – Monday 12th March

Year 10/11 – Monday 19th march

Speak to the PE department and identify the afterschool clubs available this half term.

House competitions:

This half term Science will be holding their competition during science week 9-18th march 2018

Maths will be holding there event on 13th March for KS3 + Wednesday 14th March for KS4.please contact either Zainab or Miller for confirmation.

Finally the Languages competition is scheduled for Thursday 8th March.



100% Attendance

Saad	Awan
Tobin	Flach
Adam	Gambles
Emma	Gray-Harvey
Jessica	Kempton
Tegan	Lathwell
Connor	Oliver
Raabia	Tahir
Edward	Taylor
Safia	Akhlaq
Cameron	Austin
Umer	Awan
Kian	Bath
Carolann	Blackwell
Rebecca	Bradburn
Annelise	Collier
Oliver	Critchley
Salma	Dakane
Lawrence	Edwards
Skye	Elsay
Rachel	Evans
Heather	Fawcett
Dylan	Gates

Bentley	Granville
Aidan	Green
Yannis	Hamilton
Rory	Hammond
Georgia	Howard
Ehsan	Ilyas
Iysha	Jalil
Ellie	Johnson
Ethan	Kendrick
Kieran	O'Callaghan
Ododo	Ogundiran
Molly	Oliver
Rida	Riaz
Pedro	Silva
Joseph	Smith
Darcie	Stimpson
Nathan	Thompson
Rachel	Thompson
Archie	Tilling
Zack	Watts
Theloniou	Woodcock
Rehan	Khan
Michael	Kidane



Stars of the Term



Representing the House with Pride



Word Mania - Champions



Lee News

A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt:

"Year 11 are showing that they are a credit to the House and School in their conduct in the latest round of MOCK exams. Keep working hard Year 11, it will be worth the effort you are putting in!

Year 10 performed well in their work experience with many employers commenting on what a credit our students are to the school.

Year 8 are in the middle of choosing their options, please make sure that you read the booklet with your child and have discussions at home about the possible GCSE subject choices.

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. "

Well done to the Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Boys and Year 9 Boys who all won their House Dodgeball competitions

Head Team: Well done to all who took part in the House competitions last half term- all points count towards the House total so we expect to see a full turn out to all House competitions this half term and in the future-come on LEE House let's beat Cowper!

Well done to our fellow year 11 students who are doing well in the second round of MOCK exams and are revising hard towards the real exams in the next couple of months.



Stars of the Term



Pride of Lee



McConnell News



A word from Head of McConnell House, Mr Partington:

It has been an extremely busy term so far in McConnell house, not least for our year 10 and 11 students. Year 10 have recently undertaken a two week period of work experience, and I have received many compliments from form tutors upon visiting their tutees on the commitment shown by our students. Employers were also providing glowing references of students that have represented our house, and school community with distinction, so much so, that some have been offered part time employment and apprenticeships. Congratulations to all! In addition to this, year 11 are in the middle of sitting their second round of mock exams this year, the final mocks before their GCSE exams, and their tireless effort will pay off, I'm convinced of that.

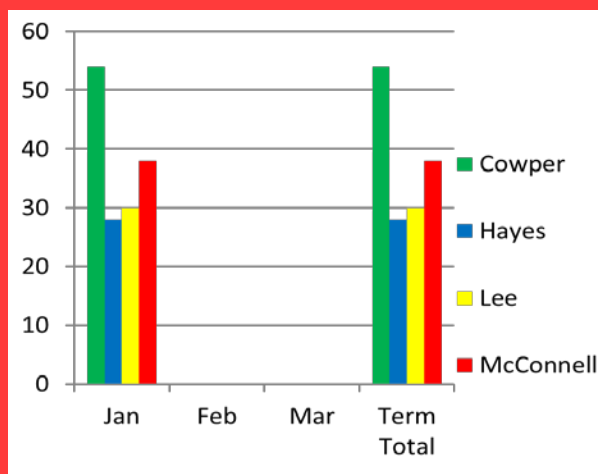
The very best of luck to all.

Outstanding Achievement

I would like to extend my congratulations to Jack Mawson, year 7, who has won the U14 competition at the Young Magicians Club for best overall performance. This took place at the prestigious and mysterious Magic Circle in London, with young magicians from all over the country taking part. Jack won with a card trick to walk away victorious with his trophy, and I can tell you from personal experience, Jack is an extremely talented and entertaining individual with a big future ahead of him. Congratulations Jack!

Do you take part in any events outside of school that we don't know about? Come and let us know in the house office!

Current House Points- Spring Term



McConnell house are making significant progress this term so far, and we have moved into second position in the overall house competition. Well done to all for your efforts with attendance, behaviour, punctuality and VIVOs- keep it up!



STAR OF THE TERM

MCB



MCH



MDM



MGS



MHL



MKJ



MJP



MLC



MMF



MPD



MRN



MZB



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