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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MILTON KEYNES YOUTH CABINET MEMBERS



Ali and John have joined the MKYC. These two Radcliffe School students will be representing the voice of young people in Milton Keynes and will be involved in running campaigns and meeting prominent decision makers over the next 12 months.

English writes:

A huge congratulations to the Year 12 pupils who achieved a grade C for their English GCSE retake exam. The pupils worked hard to revise and focus after their disappointment from their summer exam and should be very proud of themselves. They are:

Yvonne Mizon

John Koso

Thomas Du Rose Knowles

Ali Shah

Connor Harris

Our Year 11s are also working hard and have just completed their second lot of mock exams for this year. These exams play a crucial role in informing us of any gaps in knowledge the pupils may have and how to plan for this final few months in the lead up to the lead exams. However, it is also important that if your child has any questions or concerns over their English exam that they make this known to their English teacher or any other member of the department so that we can help them. You can also help by encouraging your child to come up with a clear revision plan and carry out practical revision exercises as well as attend any after school or holiday sessions we invite them to.

Accelerated Learning Club

Year 7 and 8 students have been attending after school sessions in S6 as part of the Accelerated Learning Club. This allows students to fine tune their English and Maths skills to support the Schemes Of Learning taught in the classroom.

Currently, Mrs Corbally is supporting students with their writing skills for Writing For Purpose And Audience and Mr Blakeston is using literacy to support Mathematical problems which was an area identified by the students.

These students have shown great determination, enthusiasm and resilience with their attendance and effort.



Maths writes:

'On Thursday February 2nd 100 of our highest achieving Maths students from the whole of Key Stage 4 will be entered into the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is aimed at pupils in Year 11 or below in England and Wales. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. An example question from last year's paper is below:

In a particular group of people, some always tell the truth, the rest always lie. There are 2016 in the group. One day, the group is sitting in a circle. Each person in the group says,

"Both the person on my left and the person on my right are liars."

What is the difference between the largest and smallest number of people who could be telling the truth?

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The top 40% of students nationally will receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate in the ratio 1:2:3. Around 500 of the highest scorers in each school year are then invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad papers. Hopefully, there will be some Radcliffe students who qualify for this. We will keep you updated regarding this in a future newsletter.

Mr Humble KS4 Maths Leader



Science writes:

Year 11 – the last days

Our Year 11 students have faced another set of practice examinations as they approach either 6 or 9 real examinations in May/June. Many will be pleased with their results but when they get their papers back they should make some time to reflect and focus on areas to improve. We all know that every mark counts and one mark could be the one that produces a smiley face in August when OCR release the results.

Tuesday evenings have now become exclusive to science for Year 11 and every student is expected to use this opportunity to fill in gaps in their skills and knowledge. Details of the sessions can be found around the school.

Gardening Club

As the better weather approaches the Science department would like to start up a Gardening Club for those who would like to get the hands dirty and see if they have “green fingers”. Whilst we don’t have acres of farmland we do have an enclosed space and a large greenhouse to grow general fruit and vegetables and it would be great to see some young people “growing their own” from seed. As a reward for their efforts they would have access to the science quadrangle which on a sunny day is an oasis from the busy school world. If your child would be interested then ask them to come and see me or ask them to e-mail me n.hatto@radcliffeschool.org.uk and if enough are interested we can get organised.



Sixth Form

The mock exams are over and our students in the 6th form are looking forwards; after some reflection; towards their final exams and how best to prepare for their futures. All UCAS forms have been sent and many have offers.

Year 13 students took part in a cooking skills session in preparation for university/ independent living. Students engaged well and especially enjoyed the cheese and tomato quesadilla's, delivered by Mrs Sexsmith.



Year 12 students have also taken part in FGM sessions delivered by BROOK. The sessions are both informative and essential in raising awareness amongst our young people. Students have received these sessions well.

Year 12 Health and Social Care students have taken part in the HSC conference held at St Pauls school and delivered by Bedfordshire university. Students had opportunities to talk with a variety of professional within the HSC sector and has sparked new career interests in some students.

IAG News

Career workout sessions for Year 8 continue this week with a wide range of guests for the world of work in preparation for option choice interviews which commence on 6th February.

Year 11 post 16 interviews also commence next week, giving year 11 students the opportunity to discuss their next steps.

Year 10 are preparing to go out on their 2 week work experience placements, an exciting time for these students to discover the world of work and enhance their skills. One-to-one personalised careers appointments continue with year 11 as well as Sixth Form.

We are looking forward to our first Careers Fair on 28th February. Confirmed guests include Network Rail, Santander, Nifty Lift, John Lewis, Bedfordshire University, Moulton College and 3AAA apprenticeship provider. More information will follow, watch this space!

Humanities

This week in the History department we have been organising the upcoming Duxford trip for the whole of year 8 going out on the 8th and the 9th of February. This is an exciting opportunity to take History out of the class room and inspire young Historians to follow their passions!

If any parents still wish their child to attend this trip should return their permission forms ASAP. I hope to see lots of students taking advantage of this and having fun learning History in the process.

Year 11 Geography

Congratulations to the following students for impressive mock exam results

Faris Ahmad	Emily Bartlett	Daisy Bradley
Anna Bulman	Toby Dytrych	Leah Greenaway
Andrew Hutchinson	Vincenza Jacquest	Daisy Johnson
Abigail McAllister	Jamie Rice	Emilia Stanton
Eliza Thomson		

Year 9 PEaR Visit to West End United Church

On Wednesday 18th of January 2017 our RE class took a trip to the Wolverton church, where we were welcomed by Jenny.

Jenny is a Minister of the church which was great because we had not met a female Minister before.

She explained her role as someone who leads services, prays for people and even goes to hospitals and meets people who are ill on behalf of the church. As she believes in God and the Trinity she believes that God has chosen her to do this work. Jenny had a good knowledge of other faiths and she explained that respecting all faiths was very important.

In a Free Church Jesus does not appearing on the cross because they believe he was resurrected and came back to life. This is a different understanding compared with other denominations like Catholic Christians who have many depictions of Christ on the cross in their churches.

We saw a minimal amount of pictures of Jesus in the main prayer hall because they think that people will get distracted with the pictures and not focus on the worship whereas in Orthodox churches there is a lot of focus on adornment and pictorials.

We were told that the church holds many services such as Baptisms, funerals, weddings, Sabbaths, Christmas mass, communal mass/Eucharist and Vigils. On the Sabbath (Sunday worshipping), they have 3 main books that are used one being the Holy Bible another being the Methodist Worship book and the last one being The Hymn book.

They also work closely with their local community and support local charities like MK Foodbank.

Overall, we had an amazing experience learning about what takes place in a church in more depth and seeing the items used for different forms of worship. We thought this trip was very useful for our learning because it gave us a wider understanding of Christianity as a whole.



Maria Akhtar and Afritha Rafeek

We have some fantastic news from the Business Department.

All of the Year 9 Business students participated in the national Coca Cola Real Business Challenge which involved them designing a new juice brand for the Special Olympics. We were delighted to discover that one team, Cool Diamond, has successfully made it through to the East Anglia Real Business Challenge Final 2016/17.

There was a great deal of competition, with over 1000 entries. The team comprises of:

Spencer Devonshire

Alicia Jones

Tamzin Trayner

Hina Hussain

The students will be travelling to Norwich on the 9th of February to take part in the final and have the chance to win #1000 for the school. The students deserve a huge amount of credit for qualifying.

At the final the four Radcliffe students will have the opportunity to work alongside Coca-Cola business mentors on a new and exciting project to develop a range of enterprise skills and enhance their employability. We wish them every success.

Mrs Cuthbert



Modern Foreign Languages

It's been a very busy time for the Languages Department!

Year 8 German Christmas Market trip to Birmingham

In December, the German department took invited year 8 students on a trip to the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Birmingham. It is the largest German Christmas Market outside Germany!

The students spoke in German to the stallholders and bought lots of souvenirs. At the end of the day, Mrs Barr gave them all a little keepsake from the market.

The students also had a quiz to complete during their trip - the winners of the competition were Abby Barnett and Raph Frost, and they won a VW campervan money box from the market.



Year 8 French Cinéma rewards morning

In the last week of term, Miss Trochu and Mr Palmieri invited year 8 students to the 'cinéma français' as a reward for their hard work and progress. We settled down with 'petit déjeuner' - croissants, pain au chocolat and jus d'orange - to watch Hercules in French.

Coming soon! Learn a new language!

We have over 245 students in the school who speak a language other than English, and 8 brave students will be running sessions to teach you about their language and culture. Watch out for adverts going up around school in the next few weeks.

WHEN? Wednesdays during Spring 2

WHAT TIME? 12:45 (bring your lunch)

WHERE? Room 31

Date	Language	Run by...
1/3/17	Russian	Alexei
8/3/17	Polish	Wiktoria & Yazmin
15/3/17	Urdu	Maria & Hina
22/3/17	Hungarian	Balint & Roxana
29/3/17	Tamil	Vithuja



Music



Toby Dytrych will be representing The Radcliffe School's music talent this year playing two pieces on percussion and drum kit at Milton Keynes Young Musician of the year held in Newport Pagnell.

Toby has come so far in his musical skill over the last 5 years playing in local orchestras and bands and has recently been invited to play in the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain!

Theatre Studies and Drama

Its exciting news for The Radcliffe School Theatre Studies and Drama department as this weeks sees the start of our annual Live Theatre programme.

This year the sixth form students have already been booked in to see the world premiere of Not Dead Enough at Mk Theatre on Tuesday 31st January, as well as the exhilarating Curious Incident of the Dog at Night Time in London.

Perhaps most anticipated however is the opportunity to see world famous, Imelda Staunton in Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf in March.





Here are the results from our interschool fixtures played during January

Tuesday 10-Jan-17 Year 9 Boys Basketball Tournament

Radcliffe 4th vs. MK Schools

Player of the Tournament: Josh Max-Grant

Thursday 12-Jan-17 U14 Boys Dodgeball Tournament

Radcliffe 4th vs. MK Schools

Player of the Tournament: Finlay McMahon

Tuesday 17-Jan-17 U14 Girls Basketball Tournament

Radcliffe 3rd vs. MK Schools

Player of the Tournament: Alicia Baker

Wednesday 18-Jan-17 Year 10 Boys Football

Radcliffe 1 vs. 3 Lord Grey

Player of the Match: Connor Ridgeway

Thursday 19-Jan-17 Year 7 Girls Netball

Radcliffe 3 vs. 3 Lord Grey

Player of the Match: Amelie Ingrouille

Thursday 19-Jan-17 U16 Girls Netball

Radcliffe 0 vs. 17 Lord Grey

Player of the Match: Yazmin Edgeworth

Tuesday 24-Jan-17 Year 8 Boys Basketball Tournament

Radcliffe 4th MK Schools

Player of the Tournament: Jari Quinn

Tuesday 24-Jan-17 Year 7 Girls Football

Radcliffe 11 vs. 0 Denbigh

Player of the Match: Katie Barby





Here are some reports on our interschool fixtures played during January.

“Despite the cold weather the Year 10 Football put up a good fight against a talented Lord Grey team. A number of players made their debuts for the team and put in performances that they should be proud of. The Radcliffe team eventually lost 3-1, however this score line did not give a true reflection of the game because for periods throughout the course of the game the Year 10 team deserved more from the game than the score line suggests. A special mention to Kross Williams, Connor Ridgeway and Ben Boddy who’s contributions to the teams cause was exceptional.”

“The U14 Dodgeball team put in an all action series of performance in the Milton Keynes School Tournament which saw them finish in 5th place. The fast and furious pace of the tournament did not put off the Radcliffe squad who rose to the challenge and won a number of their matches in a convincing fashion. A all-round good performance from all the players involved meant that although the squad would have liked to have finished higher in the league table, the Radcliffe team still left pleased with some of the performances they produced.”

“The Under 16 girls netball team had a superb game against tough competitors Lord Grey in a league match. The girls put in 100% effort right until the end with a fantastic performance from all the team. One player that stood out to the girls and the opposition was Yaz Edgeworth with her tremendous defending throughout. Well done.”

“Despite being very inexperienced within this sport, the team’s performance did not reflect this. They all played fantastically and even though the results were very close, the girls unfortunately didn’t go through to the finals.

However, the progress that the girls made in one tournament will ensure that they will be more than ready for next year’s competition. Player’s player going to Imogen Myrie and manager’s player going to Alicia Baker – who both made a dramatic impact on the court for the team. Well done.”

“In a highly competitive basketball tournament the Year 9 Basketball team produced their best performance of the season so far. In several high scoring games they competed with some of the very best Milton Keynes Schools have to offer and finished fourth in their group, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place. A combination of the teams hard work on court and quality of shooting left the team full of confidence moving onto the next fixture.”



PE Department News

Forthcoming Fixtures



Monday 30th January
Year 9 Boys & Girls House Dodgeball
Tournament at Radcliffe School



Tuesday 31st January
Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament
vs. MK Schools at Radcliffe School



Wednesday 1st February
Year 9 Boys Football
vs. Oakgrove at Radcliffe School



Thursday 2nd February
Year 7 Boys & Girls House Dodgeball
Tournament at Radcliffe School



Tuesday 7th February
Year 7 & 8 Girls Football Tournament
vs. MK Schools at Walton High



Thursday 9th February
U14 Girls Dodgeball Tournament
vs. MK Schools at MK Academy



Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee:...welcome back to Radcliffe and into 2017. I hope that you have all had a well earned rest and now ready to start the charge to close the gaps between us and the other houses through our overall house performance! The road is a long one this year as we have a lot of work to do, but as you see below there are some students that are already starting to work to achieve in Maths, English and Science. This term we will be organising the house events and the house charity week will begin to be organised by Daisy and Jenson so read below to see what they need!

House subject awards

Congratulations and a huge well done to the following students. They have been identified by their teachers for there hard work, effort and progress that they have shown over the last half term!

Science

Key stage 3

Layla Goddard & Milan Leal

Key stage 4

Andrew Hutchinson & Alicia Goddard

Maths

Keystage 3

Milan Leal & Alfie Woodgate

Keystage 4

Andrew Hutchinson & Alice gambles

English

Key Stage 3

Joshua Kempton & Holly Randall

Key Stage 4

Haydon Lewis & Ellie Johnson

High Standard = High Achievers!

Head Girl and Head Boy Column

Happy belated new year! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to regain our number one position; currently the year 8's are in the middle of choosing their options- we wish them the best of luck on beginning their GCSE journey. On this journey, they will have many different opportunities such as work experience which our year 10's are about to start- we hope they gain new skills and guidance as we did, that will help them through their GCSE course. Finally our year 11's have finished a successful period of mocks and now are feeling more confident about May and June's final set.

Daisy and Jenson

Cowper News



I am sure you will agree that this term is flying by as we are already approaching February. Our Year 11 students have started preparing for their finals by sitting their recent January mock exams and I would like to congratulate them for their hard work and dedication. I would like to remind Year 11's that all after school revision sessions are now in full flow, all this information is available from your teachers. Cowper students have decided to support the Medical Detection Dogs as our House charity. We were fortunate to have a visit from a handsome Cocker Spaniel named Sooty and his owner Tim who shared some of the unbelievable work they do to detect cancer, Parkinson's and diabetes. I am proud to say last year we raised over £400 that will go to support 2 Medi Dogs for the year and we all look forward to raising more funds for this exceptional charity. Lastly, if you are interested in any upcoming house events please see your House manager for details.

Subject Awards

Maths KS3

Tilly Brown & Brandon Robertson

Maths KS4

Saba Sadiq & Alfie Poulter

English KS 3

Ben Mirfin & Mathilda Brown

English KS4

Peter Roder & Debbie Goke-Adedeji

Science KS3

Sophia Santos Bravo & Iastvan Olah

Science KS4

Emelia Stanton & Danielle Goke-Adedeji

DEDICATION + MOTIVATION

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SUCCESS

"Success grows in the Green House"

House Charity Assembly



December Achievements

COWPER	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Term	Current
Reason	Points	Points	Points	Points	Total	Position
Attendance	6	8	4	4	22	3rd
Punctuality	12	12	12	12	48	1st
Attitude to Learning	12	12	12	12	48	1st
Vivo	12	12	8	12	44	1st
Sports	0	12	12	0	24	1st
House Competitions	6	12	8	8	34	Joint 2nd
Monthly Total	48	68	56	48		
Monthly Position					220	



Upcoming Events

Yr 7 Dodgeball – 02/02/17
Yr 8 Dodgeball – 08/02/17
Yr 9 Dodgeball – 30/01/17

Lee News



A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt:

'The term is in full swing- I can't believe we're nearly half way through the academic year! Year 11 will soon be entering interviews to discuss their next steps after GCSEs and year 8 will be choosing their GCSE options; parents can you please help prepare students for these by having conversations with your child to enable them to make an informed choice. There are lots of events happening in the upcoming weeks so please keep an eye out for letters in the bottom of school bags and on the school website.'

Upcoming house events:

Year 7 dodgeball - Thursday 2/2

Year 8 dodgeball - Wednesday 8/2

Year 9 dodgeball - Monday 30/1

Well done to the following students who were recognised for their contributions to individual subject areas in this week's house assembly:

Science key stage 3: **Johnny Carey** and **Jari Quinn**

Science key stage 4: **Emily Bartlett** and **Conor Keating**

Maths key stage 3: **Jari Quinn** and **Tom Young**

Maths key stage 4: **Emily Bartlett** and **Ella Carey**

English key stage 3: **Kori Quinn** and **Chloe Geden**

English key stage 4: **Jack Young** and **Yazmin Edgeworth**

McConnell News



A word from McConnell House

This term has been an eventful time for all of us In McConnell House following Mrs Haddock leaving us for promotion to Deputy Headship.

We were all very excited to welcome Mr Partington to the role of Acting Head of House, a role that we knew he was very excited about and eager to start. Sadly Mr Partington sustained a very nasty Achilles injury two days into the role which has left him unable to attend school and in a cast for approximately five to six weeks.

We are however very fortunate to have a fantastic temporary replacement in Miss Troche who has been Lead tutor for the last two years for McConnell House. This role had enabled her to work alongside the entire pastoral team and she knew many facets of the Head of House job already.

Responsibility

Expectations

Determination

This term will once again be a very busy one, both academically and socially for all the students. We have the following House events scheduled to commence shortly which I am positive we will excel in again.

Year 7 Dodgeball – Thursday 2/1

Year 8 Dodgeball – Wednesday 8/2

Year 9 Dodgeball – Monday 30/1

As we approach the half way mark of the year, our year 11 students are busy in all their additional intervention and extension activities for their exams which begin in May. Year 12 and 13 are similarly involved in ensuring that they attend all the sessions and really take full advantage of all of the extra support and materials that their teachers are providing for the.

Year 10 as we speak are involved in their work experience and all reports suggest that they are doing a fantastic job coping with a snapshot of real life beyond school.

Year 8 are also very busy choosing their option subjects to study for the next three years of study.