



In Focus
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Huge thanks to all 600 of you that came to support our wonderfully talented Annie cast, technical and backstage crews and our social enterprise students.

We are so proud of every single one of them and loved welcoming you all back through our doors.

Sadly all good things come to end, but please don't worry, plans are already afoot for our next Performing Arts project.

Have a well deserved weekend break from all of us at The Radcliffe and Evie the dog.



Our Food Tech Department have been really busy again this week producing festive culinary delights.

The Y10 Food students closed their Bread based science investigations with a festive star bread creation.

Filled with cinnamon, nutmeg and a little sugar.

We are super proud of how their bread making skills have developed.



Huge congratulations to Megan and Polly who competed in the final of the MK debate competition at the Houses of Parliament last night.

We are super proud of their efforts and the way in which they have conducted themselves throughout the whole event - well done on narrowly finishing as runners up.



As you are aware an important component of our Digital Strategy is ensuring that all our students fully understand how to be safe online. With Christmas rapidly approaching many of your children may well be fortunate to receive a new electronic device so today we are publishing the latest advice from The National Online Safety Organisation on setting up apps, games and software. We do hope all parents and carers will find this useful.





Today our Y11 Food students undertook a day of preparation for their GCSE NEA, focussing on producing various pastries, making sauces and food presentation. Though out the day students learned how to create a range of food products: Profiteroles, chicken and mushroom vol au vents, Apple Pies, Lattice pies, mayonnaise, chocolate sauce, custard, lemon and garlic vinaigrette. Huge thanks to Mr Dart, Mr Fox and Mrs Rogers for all their efforts and expertise - the students really have created some wonderful looking dishes here.



Last week saw the final A2B tutor activity for the year, which was along the theme of World Kindness day.

Tutor groups worked through a resource detailing the musicians, actors, sports stars and other individuals who regularly show kindness to others, their communities or the environment. Students then had the opportunity to identify some of the influential people included in the presentation, to win a prize of Christmas treats for their tutor group.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Adejola's group CAA was the first correct entry drawn and this morning Mrs Craney and an A2B student advisor presented their prize to them. Well done CAA and we hope you enjoy sharing the treats over the next couple of days!



Year 11 Christmas rewards lunch in full swing. Crackers, hats and Christmas songs, enjoyed by all.





As you are aware an important component of our Digital Strategy is ensuring that all our students fully understand how to be safe online. With Christmas rapidly approaching many of your children may well be fortunate to receive a new Playstation or Xbox game, so today we are publishing the latest advice from The National Online Safety Organisation for three very popular choices. We do hope all parents and carers will find this useful.

This week we have launched our Christmas reading challenge with all students. Here are some great activities you could do alongside your child over the Christmas break to support them with their reading. We look forward to hearing about all of the challenges completed.

Christmas Reading challenge

Read, or listen to an audiobook, of a winter-themed book, such as A Christmas Carol.	Read a recipe and use it to cook something tasty to eat.	Read the instructions to a board game, and then enjoy playing it!
Read the lyrics to a Christmas song - is there anything surprising about them?	Research how to make a present for someone and then make it.	Read to a family member - for example a Christmas picture book to a younger sibling.
Explore a range of Christmas poems and consider the different messages given. For example, <i>Talking Turkeys</i> by Benjamin Zephaniah and <i>A Visit from St Nicholas</i> by Clement Clarke Moore.		
Read about the origins of traditions some people follow in the United Kingdom, such as Christmas trees.	Read about how other cultures celebrate Christmas.	Research other religious festivals which take place in this season, such as Hannukah.

How many will you do?

We would love to hear which ones you have completed!

Share any pics/work with your tutor/ Mrs Hefferon/ Mrs Campion.



This week we are delighted to be launching the next phase of our Digital Learning Strategy with Year 8 as we aim to equip all of our students with their own personal iPads

Year 10 and Year 12 students have already been using the devices to aid their studies across the whole curriculum and pictured below are two examples from today's lessons.

Year 12 Film Studies students have been planning, shooting and editing their latest short film projects and Year 10 Art students are using the iPads to capture and replicate 3D images for their Still Life drawings.

The iPads in our classrooms are bringing even greater life to the educational experiences we offer and are providing all of our students with endless access to information and interactive technology.

We will be contacting all Year 8 parents and carers this week with details on how their child can receive their device for £50 in the new year.

We were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of so many Cowper Students today as we recognised all of their efforts across a wide range of activities that included our Accelerated Reading Programme stars, House story competition winners, Pixl Edge graduates, 100% attendees, Tutor group Stars of the Term and Pride of Cowper champions.

Huge congratulations to all of you.



We were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of so many Lee Students today as we recognised all of their efforts across a wide range of activities that included our Accelerated Reading Programme stars, House story competition winners, Pixl Edge graduates, 100% attendees, Tutor group Stars of the Term and Pride of Lee champions. Huge congratulations to all of you.



We were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of so many Hayes Students today as we recognised all of their efforts across a wide range of activities that included our Accelerated Reading Programme stars, House story competition winners, Pixl Edge graduates, 100% attendees, Tutor group Stars of the Term and Pride of Hayes champions. Huge congratulations to all of you.



We were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of so many McConnell Students today as we recognised all of their efforts across a wide range of activities that included our Accelerated Reading Programme stars, House story competition winners, Pixl Edge graduates, 100% attendees, Tutor group Stars of the Term, Pride of McConnell champions and Sports Tie graduates. Huge congratulations to all of you.

