

THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL  
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# RAD NEWS

Issue 4 – November 2016



## The Radcliffe Remembers

At 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>, whilst the whole of Radcliffe school fell silent, Year 7 gathered in the quadrangle surrounded by Science laboratories and led by Mr Hatto paid their respect to the Wolverton students who have a Memorial at the head of our formal pond. The names on the plinths remind us of all of students who lost their lives in the two world wars. As a new year group it was touching that Year 7 showed respect with a two minute silence for those we knew had lost their lives and for all the others who we think of on this special day.

## News from The Core

English writes:

### Key Stage 3

Year 7 and 8 students have made a great start to their Shakespeare unit with Year 7 focusing on Macbeth and Year 8 working on The Tempest.

There has been great collaboration with the Drama Department and there will be a joint competition coming up later in the month.

### Key Stage 4

The Year 11s continue to work hard towards their GCSEs and we are now at the stage where they have learnt all of the content needed and are revising the texts and the skills for their exams. This half term, the intervention lessons on a Wednesday will be project based which require the students to work as a team, to create and develop a display, in a communal area of the school, on one of the Literature texts studied for exam. If your child finds it difficult to revise English by writing, then this creative approach can be adopted by getting them to express the ideas found in a literature text in an imaginative way such as a scrapbook, a comic strip, a song, or even creating their own quizzes and games.

Maths writes:

The following Year 9 and 10 students below will participate in the **It All Adds Up** event at Wadham College Oxford during the second week in January 2017.

Jasmine Flach  
Deborah Oyebowale  
Darcie Stimpson  
Katie Thompson  
Rachel Thompson  
Jessica Yeo

Zainab Athumani  
Alice Gambles  
Tegan Gould  
Laura Johnston  
Olivia Stratford  
Madison Sturgeon





## Science writes:

On Thursday 10 November, as part of The Radcliffe School Sixth Form Open Evening, Science opened its doors to all interested in taking on the challenges of Science in Year 12. Each of the four subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Applied Science) displayed information about the course and offered a chance for potential students to speak with actual students doing that course at Radcliffe. It was great to see the volunteers giving their time and being so honest about the courses they are undertaking, they are great ambassadors for Science. We look forward to seeing as many as possible from Year 11 return after summer into our Sixth Form in 2017.

In Year 7 many students have now had the homework opportunity to build a model to represent either a plant or animal cell. Some of the work has been amazing and thanks need to go to parents for allowing their children to be creative at home. The picture shows a few students from 7rsSc2 with their models, one of which was completely edible. A shame this had to go back home say the Science team! These hands on projects give students a chance to do more than write about what they learn bringing the topic of cells to life and the students certainly seem to like the homework.



## Sixth Form

The year 12's have taken the challenge to volunteer across the school supporting in literacy and numeracy. They have all been reading or encouraging maths using resources provided by Sheila or by Ceri with a lot of success so far. Some year 12's have gone above and beyond to encourage readers and mathematicians to improve their skills by



establishing relationships outside their allotted time and seeking out specific work from maths to better support their students. Please continue to support them supporting their students as we are very proud of their efforts so far.

## Humanities

Year 11 Geographers went around Milton Keynes in October to conduct their field work for their controlled assessment. They collected data on environmental quality, traffic and pedestrian counts and sound quality to look at the challenges of transport within Milton Keynes.





## Modern Foreign Languages

### Year 8 German Trip to the Frankfurt Christmas Market in Birmingham

A group of year 8 students have been invited to experience an authentic German market, in fact the biggest Christmas Market outside Germany, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We are looking forward to speaking some German, buying our Christmas gifts, and eating lots of Wurst and Lebkuchen! If you were given a letter and would like to come along, don't forget to bring your money to Miss Stapley by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Mrs Barr and Miss Stapley



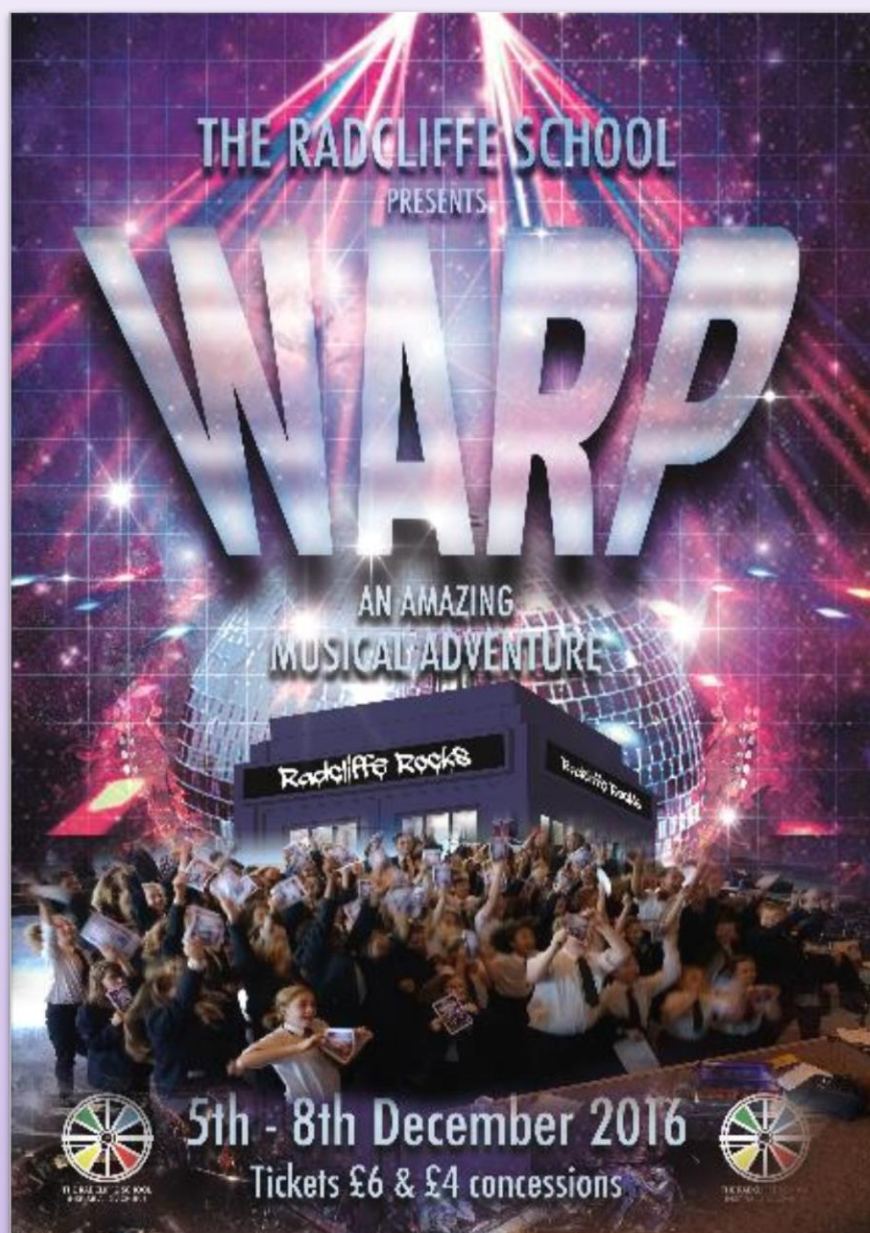
## CIAG News

Another busy couple of weeks for IAG, continuing with personalised Year 11 interviews.

We have also had our first Sixth Form Career workout giving our students an opportunity to speak to a variety of people from many career backgrounds. Students welcomed the session and feedback was positive. This Friday the second half of Year 12 will participate with Year 13 in the following weeks.

Bookings for our careers fair are coming in fast and we are looking forward to welcoming a variety of employers to our school in February.





The hall has been alive every day of the week with music, drama, dance and fantastic energetic performances.

The Warp cast have been putting together the final touches of the scenes and music ready for final dress rehearsals in the coming weeks; it's all happening!

Tickets are available **every lunchtime in the main hall**. Get them quick, they are selling fast. **Some nights have very few tickets left.**





Here are the results from our interschool fixtures played between  
October – November

Year 7 Boys Football	Radcliffe	0	vs.	2	Hazeley	Player of the Match: Elliot Balchin-Love
Year 7 Boys Football	Radcliffe	3	vs.	2	Walton High	Player of the Match: Bradley Smith
Year 7 Girls Football	Radcliffe	4	vs.	1	Oakgrove	Player of the Match: Tilly Brown
Year 7 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	1	vs.	6	Walton High	Player of the Match: Salma Dakane
Year 7 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	4	vs.	1	Hazeley	Player of the Match: Grace McMahon
Year 7 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	7	vs.	0	St Pauls	Player of the Match: Hannah Stanton
Year 8 Boys Football	Radcliffe	2	vs.	2	Sir Herbert Leon Academy	Player of the Match: Jari Quinn
Year 8 Boys Rugby	Radcliffe	2	vs.	10	Hazeley	Player of the Match: Adam Price
Year 8 Girls Football	Radcliffe	1	vs.	4	Shenley Brook End	Player of the Match: Esther Ojemuyiwa
Year 8 Girls Football	Radcliffe	0	vs.	0	Stantonbury	Player of the Match: Esther Ojemuyiwa
Year 8 Girls Football	Radcliffe	0	vs.	4	Oakgrove	Player of the Match: Esther Ojemuyiwa
Year 8 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	8	vs.	9	St Pauls	Player of the Match: Amani Trigo
Year 9 Boys Football	Radcliffe	3	vs.	2	Stantonbury	Player of the Match: Cristiano Harley
Year 9 Girls Football	Radcliffe	0	vs.	1	Shenley Brook End	Player of the Match: Reigan Livings
Year 9 Girls Football	Radcliffe	2	vs.	0	Stantonbury	Player of the Match: Ella Carey
Year 9 Girls Football	Radcliffe	1	vs.	4	Oakgrove	Player of the Match: Paisley Brown
U14 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	7	vs.	8	Sir Herbrt Leon Academy	Player of the Match: Rachel Thompson
U14 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	2	vs.	3	Oakgrove	Player of the Match: Imogen Myrie
U14 Girls Netball	Radcliffe	4	vs.	0	Hazeley	Player of the Match: Rachel Thompson
Year 10 Boys Basketball	Radcliffe	16	vs.	23	Lord Grey	Player of the Match: Kross Willaims
Year 10 Girls Football	Radcliffe	1	vs.	13	Oakgrove	Player of the Match: Madison Sturgeon



# PE Department News

## Fixture Reports



Here are some reports on our interschool fixtures played between September – November .

"The year 9's have made an excellent start to the year, some positions have changed and one or two new faces added to the team which is great. They have had several matches in both netball and football so far this year and have performed well as a team and those at training have started to demonstrate some excellent progression. Good luck girls with the rest of your fixtures."

"A very positive start to the season for the year 8 netball team. Despite having quite a slow start (4-0), the girls picked up the pace with a fantastic team effort in both attack and defence. The final score was 8-9 to St Pauls, but to be honest a remarkable effort and some incredible determination from the entire team. Some excellent play from Keri Mathers, Lilly Wilkins and Armani Trigo."

"The year 7 girls are new to the school and already demonstrating that they are a team to be taken seriously. They have had several games in both netball and football and have so far won majority of their matches. Their ability to work on feedback and work as a team has set them in good stead to be very successful this year."

"A massive improvement for the year 11 girls netball team coming in at 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Milton Keynes netball tournament which the girls seemed absolute thrilled about. Fantastic team efforts, despite the weather conditions and some excellent individual efforts especially Emily Bartlett and her impeccable shooting technique."

"A great start for the year 8 girls football team. Playing in cold and wet conditions, this didn't seem to faze the girls at all. All participating to the best of their ability, supporting one another well and playing in positions that they don't usually play in. Some outstanding performances from team captain Amani Trigo and Esther Ojemuyiwa."





# PE Department News

## House Sports Competitions



Throughout the academic year students have the opportunity to take part in various house competitions. So far this year the PE Department have run a very successful house football competition.

Here are the results from this event:

House	Yr 7 Boys Football	Yr 8 Boys Football	Yr 9 Boys Football	Yr 10 Boys Football	Yr 11 Boys Football	Yr 7 Girls Football	Yr 8 Girls Football	Yr 9 Girls Football	Yr 10/11 Girls Football
COWPER	3rd	1st	3rd	1st	No Team	1st	2nd	2nd	3rd
HAYES	2nd	2nd	2nd	4th	No Team	4th	3rd	3rd	2nd
LEE	1st	3rd	1st	3rd	No Team	2nd	No Team	1st	1st
McCONNELL	4th	4th	4th	2nd	1st	3rd	1st	4th	4th

This half term's competition is basketball and netball. Here are the dates for these tournaments:



## Boys Basketball Tournament

(NEW SPORTS HALL)

Year 7 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Year 8 – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Year 9 – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Year 10/11 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November



## Girls Netball Tournament

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# Hayes News



**A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee:...** Welcome back everyone to a very busy half term. Already since our return we have started the rivalry between the house in the sporting competitions of Netball and Basketball, as well as the curriculum competitions with Humanities leading the way. Unfortunately we were unable to topple the other houses, but I was very proud of the students who attended and represented us! We now move forward to the English and Drama competitions next week so we wish you good luck!

**High Standard = High Achievers!**  
Activities for this half term and who to see

**For all competition events see your House Managers to sign up and represent the house!**

**For House Council please speak to your form tutor and find out your representative or speak to**

**Jenson Taylor  
and  
Daisy Johnson**

**Your Head Boy and Head Girl**

## **Make it Happen**

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**This will be there to make your school life, easier, more fun, more relaxing**

**However you see it!**

**Make your voice be heard and good luck with your ideas and presentation!**

**I look forward to seeing what your forms are presenting and wish you luck to see if it can be your idea that changes the school and improves it for everyone else!**

**Remember that Edward Hayes thought outside the box to make changes happen!**



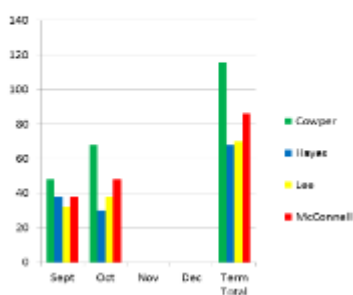
# Cowper News



Welcome back everyone to an exciting half term. September saw our House dominate in all areas of school life and it gives me great pleasure to mention that October is no different. Cowper House came first in Punctuality, Attitude towards Learning, Vivo's and Sports competitions, second in House competitions and third in Attendance. These results clearly show that attendance is going to be our focus for this half term and I reiterate how important attending school is in supporting your child's academic progress and emotional development. A huge thank you to all tutors and house managers for encouraging our students to actively take part in school activities, I look forward to seeing you get involved in the upcoming English, Drama, Basketball and Netball events. Please see your house managers if you are interested in the above mentioned competitions. As you can see from our house points, we have raised the bar this month and I would like thank students, parents and staff for your ongoing support.

HOUSE POINTS – AUTUMN TERM

House	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cowper	48	68			116
Hoyes	38	50			88
Lee	42	40			82
McConnell	38	48			86



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=  
SUCCESS**

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GREEN HOUSE**

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I look forward to seeing what each tutor group will present and wish you luck. Your idea could be the one that makes the change.

Like I have said before. Wear our tie with PRIDE, STAND TALL, and make a DIFFERENCE

# Lee News



## A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt:

'It has been a busy start to the half term with lots of activities happening in school.

LEE have represented the school fantastically with their participation at house competitions- the year 7 boys won the house football and KS3 and KS4 came joint second in the Geography competition. I look forward to seeing many more LEE participants in the upcoming events.'

The school production will shortly be upon us, tickets will sell out fast so make sure that you get in quick for these as it's going to be a fantastic show! As a reward for their hard work over this term, I would like to invite the Head/Deputy boy and girl and all house managers from Year 7-11 to the Monday showing of the production which will be on **Monday 5 December**. I will be delivering invitations at the beginning of next week- please return these by **Thursday 1 December** to the house office so that I can finalise arrangements.

After meeting with the Head/Deputy boy and girl last week, they have suggested that they would like more recognition, in school, of the outside successes of LEE students; and the Head boy/girl will be responsible for this celebration within the house assembly. Please let us know of your child's achievements so we can congratulate them in school.

### LEE house council:

Edweena Aninor  
Joshua Jones  
Dua Fatima  
Riley Larkin  
Jack Young  
Christine Tamrazi  
Teri-Lea Jones  
Luca Blackwell  
Connor Smith  
Tom Young  
Luis Maguire  
Cora Ainsworth  
Anna Bulman  
Matty Boddy  
Faris Ahmad  
Alex Medina

As things stand, LEE house are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for house sports and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Let's make sure that we're collecting our Vivos and attending house competitions so that we can creep up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place and then into 1<sup>st</sup>!

### Upcoming house events:

Year 7 netball/basketball: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Year 8 netball/basketball: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Year 9 netball/basketball: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Year 10/11 netball/basketball: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December



# McConnell News

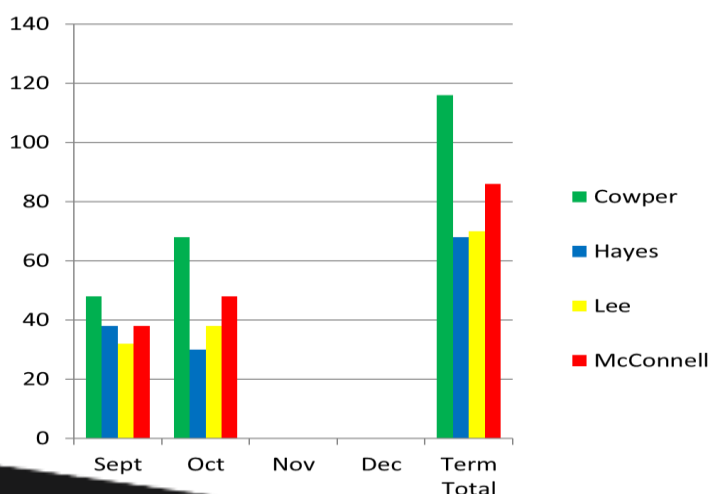


## A word from Head of McConnell House, Ms Haddock:

So far this academic year, McConnell House students have done really well in the House Competitions. Our Assistant Head of House, Mrs. Randolph was particularly pleased that McConnell students had the best attendance and punctuality last half-term. As the chart below shows, we're currently in second place.

Watch out Cowper House!

Keep it up McConnell!



Responsibility

Expectations

Determination

Congratulations to the KS3 McConnell House team who came first in the House Geography competition and the KS4 team who came second. I have been so impressed with the dedication and commitment of the McConnell House Managers this term, they are very much responsible for McConnell House being second in the overall House competition. Keep up the good work!!

