

Congratulations to Calista in Year 10 and Iria in Year 8 who took part in the Mandarin Speaking Competition Heats, organised by Centre for Language Education and Cooperation and who have both got through to the finals, which is a fantastic achievement! Both students prepared extremely well and competed against students from other schools across the country. They did themselves very proud and we wish them all the best in the finals!



On Tuesday 10th we hosted our first Reekie festival to celebrate Fairtrade World Day. Our incredible House prefects team gave us the opportunity to play games and enjoy fair trade products such as chocolate and bananas, in addition to homemade baked goods. All proceeds will be donated to The Fairtrade Foundation, a non-profit organisation that promotes trade based on fairness so that producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods.

The English Department would like to share an opinion article written by a Year 13 student for her A-Level English Lang/Lit coursework this year. (See the attachment). The students create a portfolio including a short story or opening to their own novel, a piece of journalism and an analysis of their own writing. This would not look out of place on the Guardian website!

Good luck to Maisie (9A) and Eden (11C) for their National Cup Final on Saturday. Both girls will play at Stoke City FC. Everyone at MGSG wishes you the best of luck and hopes that you both enjoy the experience.



13 of our Year 12 students have been accepted onto the Queen Mary University Summer School which takes place between Wednesday 22 June and Friday 24 June, 2022. Students will benefit from tailored study skills support, help with their university application, and 1:1 academic tutoring.

Good luck to all Year 10 MEP students who will be taking their HSK 3 exam on Wednesday 18th May during p1 & 2. All members of our school community have been working hard preparing for internal and external examinations. Year 11 marked their final day in school with a formal assembly and then breakfast at the I.N. with Pastoral staff. We wish everyone the very best of luck. Please remember to observe all 'No Entry' and 'Silence' notices as you move around the school during the examination period.

Looking ahead

Monday 16th May

External exams begin
Year 10+12 internal exams begin
No Assemblies in the Hall this week

Tuesday 17th May

Year 13 last day before Home Study

Friday 20th May

Year 7-9 internal exams begin

Friday 27th May

School Community Event, p4+5 (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
End of Term 5

Monday 6th June

Term 6 begins

Tuesday 7th June

Year 10 Geography fieldwork

Wednesday 8th June

Product Design – Year 10 NEA launch day

Monday 13th June

Music trip to Primary Choir Festival

Tuesday 14th June

Year 12 Parents' Evening, 4-7pm

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme:

Reaching our Full Potential

Always trying your hardest; do things to the best of your ability; it's not the winning but the taking part that counts; working productively; determination.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 10R Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Lost Property: 9C Please make sure lost property is sorted. The Form Prefect should make contact with the form to arrange the day on which duty will be done.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA: For many, if not most students, studying, learning and exam preparation is a stressful time; however, if you 'organise' your learning, it reminds you that you are in control. Last week we asked you to consider some questions about what your revision plan could be. Here, are a couple of steps which should form the basis for all revision.

- Condense notes – using a tree map/bubble map/ category map or a 9 box grid and using one side of A3 paper only, write down the core or essential information for a topic – e.g. only the core information for cells in Biology.
- Memorise – this is not re-reading notes, but committing notes to memory. If you like using flashcards organise these into piles of "know" and "don't know". If you know something, quiz yourself every other day. For the 'don't know', quiz yourself every day until you know the information.
- Apply – answer exam-style questions – exam board websites are an excellent resource for this.

Prep: We are considering what our attitudes to money are and asking ourselves the question: do we know the difference between good debt and bad debt?

It is easy to think that when you are young that there is no need to think about the choices you make about money. However, in reality, the habits you form now are likely to continue into adulthood where the potential debts - and consequences - could be even greater. Therefore, it is essential to learn what the different ways of borrowing money are and why it is important to build a good credit score.

Reminders

Examinations – External: Please ensure you continue to observe 'No Entry' and 'Silence' signs to ensure all pupils sitting examinations have optimum conditions.

Examinations – Internal: All pupils in Years 7-10 and 12 please ensure you have the details of when and where each of your examinations are. When you move about the school please remember there are exams on at different times, so maintain silence.

Safety in the car park: A reminder to all students that you should not be sitting in between the cars by the side of the science block (or anywhere else where cars are parked). Cars are driving into and out of the school site throughout the day and need to access the tennis courts safely.

Speak Out: Speak Out meets every Thursday at 1.45 in Room 7. Please see our board, our focus next term is Hate Crime.

Chewing Gum: Is not permitted in school. Any who discard as they arrive on site must use the bins we provide at all entrances to the school.

Arriving at school: Please remember that you should not arrive on site before 8am and pupils should not be dropped off on site unless a prior arrangement has been made.

16 x 16 update

16 by 16 books now available to borrow



Students can now borrow books on our 16 by 16 list via the English department. Come to the English office off room 20 and see Mrs Smith to get your brand-new copy. The first readers of each title will get their name put in the book!

House Merits (at 13-5-22)

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	128	132	92
Chadwick	92	140	103
Darnley	150	94	102
Lynton	95	149	159
Penfold	116	114	147
Reekie	132	155	101
Westbrook	101	165	101