



HEAD STUDENTS' WELCOME

On Armistice Day, Head Students Dulcie and Grace represented the school at the Old Brackleians Memorial which was held in the school chapel, where they read the names of fallen past students. The head of the Old Brackleians commenting;



“I just wanted to let you know how impressed we were with your Head Students, Dulcie Hayward, and Grace Moore for their contribution to a very enjoyable OB Reunion. They embraced the day and made interesting and valuable contributions to the Remembrance Service and the Lunch afterwards. Two very impressive girls who will go a long way in life. Please pass on the thanks of the Society to them both and wish them well for the future.”

‘It was a great privilege to be at this service, making connections between the names of the fallen and some of the members of the Old Brackleians Society. Attending both services was one of the highlights of my time at school. They were emotional and illuminating.’

‘Dulcie and I were told the relative proportion of the school that lost their lives in the war... it would be the same as if the whole of Year 13, Year 12, Year 11 and half of Year 10 left and never came back.’ **Grace & Dulcie - Head Students**

Our Head Students also went on to represent the school at the Brackley Town Remembrance Service on Sunday. There were many MCS students who took part in the Remembrance Parade, respecting those who sacrificed their lives for their country, who were also part of our school community. We appreciate the contribution of everybody involved at this important ceremony.



ADVENT FAYRE

The Student Leadership Team will be out in force at the upcoming Advent Fayre on 1st December where they will be running stalls alongside other students from their houses, so if you would like to get involved get in touch with your Head of House.

Any students wishing to run a stall for a charity or fundraising for an expedition/school club can have a free table. Email what type of stall you'd like to hold to:

friendsofmagdalen@magdalen.northants.sch.uk

This is an important event in the Friends of MCS calendar to help raise vital funds for the school. They need your help and are asking for donations for the Advent Fayre stalls, please deliver to Waynflete Reception:

bottles for tombola, Games, toys and books, toiletries, prizes for raffle, chocolates, large empty tombola jars, hamper items, good condition second hand uniform.

All money raised will be used to support the school, previously the Friends of Magdalen have donated substantial amounts to the school mini bus and the new Astro Pitch.

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Advent Fayre

1ST DEC | FREE ENTRY | 6 TO 8PM

WAYNFLETE HALL, MCS BRACKLEY

Join us for a community evening of festivities.

Student and community stalls offering festive games, hands on craft stalls, tombola's, second hand uniform stall, café refreshments and much more!

Raffle First Prize of £100 - enter on the night or via ParentPay now.



Waynefleete take the lead this week! Keep up the great work earning positive points! There's lots of House opportunities coming up so keep your eyes out for those too.

HOUSE	POSITIVE POINTS
Barnard	12,946
Beaumont	11,584
Colling	10,372
De Quincey	12,322
Godwin	10,498
Holdgate	11,173
Lovell	13,013
Waynflete	13,460
Wodhams	11,410



**HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
TESTIMONY - 24 NOVEMBER**

Ellie Patamia - Head of Barnard House

On Friday the 24th of November, a testimony run by the **Holocaust Educational Trust (HET)** will be screened in the school chapel.

The testimony is titled 'Why We Speak?', and will be delivered by Lu Lawrence. Fellow Ambassador Alys Tynan and I both had the privilege to her Lu speak at the HET Ambassador's Conference earlier this year.

I would strongly encourage taking up the opportunity to hear a passionate speaker discuss a vital topic. Despite the majority of Sixth Form no longer studying history, it is still really important to continue to learn about the Holocaust and other genocides.

So, Year 12 and Year 13 students, please consider coming down to the **Chapel on Friday the 24th of November from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Please note - Y13's in Mocks unfortunately cannot attend.**

Heads of House have got assemblies the week beginning the 11th December. This maybe the first time you have seen them in the flesh. If you don't know your house, check with your tutor. House assemblies will be as follows:-

- Monday:** Wodhams - Hall Holdgate - Gym
- Tuesday:** Godwin - Hall De Quincey – Gym
- Wednesday:** Lovell - Gym Waynflete – Hall
- Thursday:** Colling - Hall
- Fridays:** Beaumont - Hall Barnard - Gym

Eco Week will be kicking off with assemblies delivered by Eco ambassador Maya, she will be running a sustainability drive alongside this... more to follow.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

HEAD STUDENTS

Grace Moore
Head Student

Dulcie Hayward
Head Student

Maddie Price
Deputy Head Student

HEADS OF HOUSE

Carys Brown
Waynflete

Petra Obeng
Beaumont

Nicole Ksiazek
De Quincey

Princess Owusu
Godwin

Emily Lawton
Lovell

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Hannah Toulson
Mental Health/
Wellbeing

Aleesha Drew
Equality
and Diversity

Alys Tynan
Student
Experience

Simran Ghataora
Student
Social

Kai Buzala
LGBTQIA+

Phoebe Wallace
Bullying

Maya Horner
Eco



CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESSES!



EQUESTRIANS AT MAGDALEN

Molly has been riding since she was 7 years old and this year her dream finally came true with her own horse, Bailey. Bailey is a 7 year old thoroughbred and they have now started their journey together, looking forward to competing with the Magdalen Equestrian Team 🐾

Do you own/loan a horse and regularly compete in dressage, show jumping or eventing? You now have an opportunity to represent Magdalen, competing against other schools in a variety of disciplines. Please speak to Mrs Selby in D2 for more information.

VALUABLE SKILLS LEARNT IN WORK EXPERIENCE

Lexie has been doing work experience at a Skin Clinic in Milton Keynes every Saturday and Friday, in addition to Half Terms.

This is a voluntary role and is learning a vast variety of skills which will benefit her future, learning great customer service skills, how a business runs and a deeper understanding of the beauty industry.

Is there an industry you are specifically interested in? Speak to friends and family to see if you already have connections with a business who would be able to help you learn new skills like Lexie.



DATE	SPORT	FIXTURE	RESULT
Thurs	09.11.23	Rugby (B) Chenderit (H) Y10/11	Postponed
Thurs	09.11.23	Rugby (B) Sponne (A) Y9	Lost 22-14
Mon	14.11.23	Futsal (G) Sponne (A) Year 9	W2 L2 3 rd place?
Mon	14.11.23	Futsal (G) Sponne (A) Year 10	Lost 2
Tue	14.11.23	Netball (G) Gosford (H) Year 9/10/11	Lost
Tue	14.11.23	Football (B) Kingbrook (H)	Won 7-1
Wed	15.11.23	Rugby (B) Gosford (A) Y7	Won 50-0
Wed	15.11.23	Football (G) Gosford (A) Y7	Won 12-0
Wed	15.11.23	Football (G) Gosford (A) Y8	Won 5-2
Wed	15.11.23	Rugby (B) Gosford (A) Y9	Won 30-5
Thurs	16.11.23	Rugby (B) Gosford (H) Y10/11	Lost 7-0
Thurs	16.11.23	Rugby (B) Gosford (H) Y9	Won 31-7
Tue	21.11.23	Netball (G) NOA (H) Y9/10/11	Lost
Wed	22.11.23	Cross Country District at Courtenhall	Results Pending

Another great fortnight of fixtures. We are looking forward to receiving this week's Cross Country results.

Don't forget to share your success stories with us via email or through your tutors.

We want to celebrate successes from all areas of your lives, academic, extra curricular, community volunteering, sporting and careers.



YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS

We are now moving into the first round of mocks for our year 13's which they will be using to test out their preparation and exam preparation ahead of the real thing in May.

The advice I always give in these mocks is not too stress too much use it as a time to test out for example;

1. What pen do you like to write with for two hours?
2. What is the best breakfast for you?
3. What time do I need to get into school so I feel calm?
4. How can I calm down when I get nervous etc.

Our year 13's are also in the middle of making UCAS university applications which is a very busy time until the deadline in January. To date 19 student have submitted their applications with several already receiving offers and interviews which we are excited to see the outcomes of.



BOOK CORNER

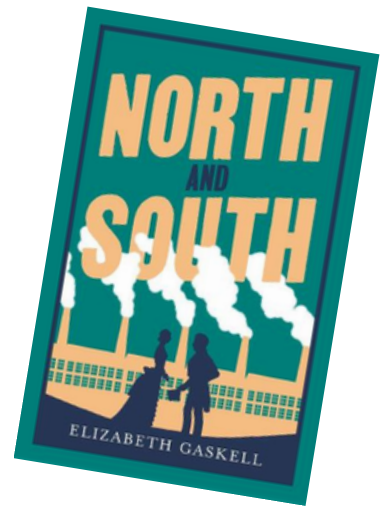
Nicole, Head of De Quincey House

Hello everyone and welcome to the next edition of the book recommendations segment, I hope that everyone has had a great term so far!

This edition comes with another recommendation from me. It is a classic novel that has been adapted into a popular four-episode BBC series in 2004 of the same name, and that is **North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell**, written in 1854.

It is a social novel that explores many themes such as romance, class division and the idea of modernity versus tradition (*think Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen but set in 1851 during the Industrial Revolution*).

It is a quick read, and it provides an exploration into the Victorian period, and the coming together of two characters from two different sides of the country with their own traditions and values. For those who have enjoyed reading *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, or novels written by Charles Dickens, this one is for you!

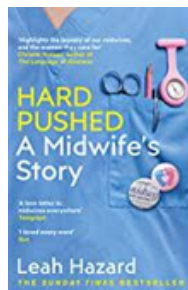


NOW FOR SOME HEAD STUDENTS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Grace: "Fahrenheit 451 will always amaze me. It's so strange reading it in this day and age and seeing that lots of Bradbury's theories have come to life- very thought provoking."

Dulcie: "My favourite book is *Hard Pushed* by Leah Hazard. This is an inspiring yet intense read about a midwife and her journey in the NHS. I love this book and would recommend to anyone wanting an insight into the work that midwives execute day in, day out."

Maddie: "One of my favourite books is *Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Set in the 1970s and written in an interview style, the books centres on the rise and fall of a fictional band- inspired by Fleetwood Mac! If you're searching for a feel-good book, filled with music references and detailed characters, look no further!"





WORK EXPERIENCE DEADLINES

Year 12, your deadline for submitting your forms is Christmas and Year 10, your deadline is in May. Check the school display screens to see which tutor group in each year is winning.

For help with your application forms visit the Proactive website and the our school Student SharePoint folder: Careers Information Advice and Guidance > Work Experience - documents for placement. or click the SharePoint logo.



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INTERESTED IN SURVEYING? CONSTRUCTION? ARCHITECTURE? THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

The Chartered Surveyors Training Trust (CSTT) is thrilled to announce the launch of the annual My Environment My Future (MEMF) School Competition, "Designing for Wellbeing in the Built Environment." This competition challenges young people aged 11 to 18 across the UK to redesign a local building or space, focusing on sustainability, design, and the needs of the local community, with an overall emphasis on wellbeing. It offers a unique opportunity for participants to showcase their creativity and innovation while exploring the impact of the built environment on wellbeing. To learn more about how to participate in our free competition, please register your interest [here](#) and download our [competition brief](#).

FLU VACCINATION

Wednesday 29th November 2023, Please check with parents that they have completed the Consent Form – (link sent via parent mail this week) Closing date - Friday 24th November at 9am.



UNISCOOP WRITING COMPETITION - Y10-13

Choose Your Topic: Select a topic that sparks your curiosity. Whether it's science, humanities, technology, or arts – the choice is yours!

Craft Your Scoop: Instead of an essay, you'll be writing a 'scoop'! Provide a whistle-stop breakdown of your chosen topic, and share key takeaways that encourage people to think critically.

Prizes: The first prize is £100, and the second prize is £50. The winning scoops will be featured on the UniScoops platform.

Eligibility Criteria: The UniScoops Writing Competition is open to all students in Year 10, Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Submission Deadline: Monday 26th February 2024 at 23:59 GMT. We are unable to consider submissions after the deadline.

Full information can be found on the UniScoops Website: <https://www.uniscope.com/c/writing-competition>



THEATRE FOR OUR DRAMA STUDENTS

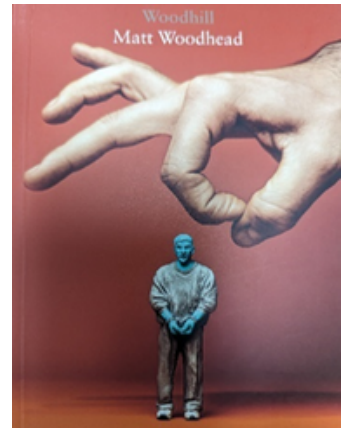
October and November saw two very different theatre productions for the 6th Form Drama students to attend.

WOODHILL BY MATT WOODHEAD

In October we went to The North Wall, Oxford to see a powerful, political drama about the tragedy of young people in prison. This play is set in a local prison – Woodhill, Milton Keynes and was written this year about three suicides. It is hard-hitting, desperate and tragic; told through verbatim dialogue and movement.

WICKED – LONDON MUSICAL

Last week we went to the Apollo, Victoria to see the glitzy, fast moving musical which has continued to take London by storm since 2006. It didn't disappoint in its energy of song and dance, and its splendour of set, lighting and costume!



WANTED!
Your old Christmas Jumpers

NOW THAT HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT ARE OVER, AND THE CLOCKS HAVE GONE BACK, I'M LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF YOUR OLD, UNWANTED, OUTGROWN (SIZE OR TASTE WISE!) CHRISTMAS JUMPERS, PLEASE.

All sizes gratefully received!

All donated jumpers will be given a new home at the Friends of Magdalen College School Advent Fayre on December 1st.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

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