



19 July 2022 - Issue 45

From the Headteacher

As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to reflect on the many successes that we have had as a school. We were finally able to hold our annual open evening in person this term. I was pleased to see almost 600 people in attendance, and it was an amazing opportunity for them to see our subjects in action, as well as learn more about this great school. Our amazing Performing Arts Department put on the Summer Showcase and it was incredible to see the breadth of talent that we have within the school. I am so proud of our students. We also had our fantastic Sports Personality Evening to celebrate the sporting prowess of our students. It has been such a great end to the term!

It has also been amazing to be able to offer enrichment trips to our students again this year. I am pleased that our Year 7s were able to enjoy outdoor pursuits in Wales, Year 8s recently had the chance to go to Chessington, and lots of trips have taken place across the options subjects. We have had trips to Milford on Sea for geography, multiple sporting trips, visits to art galleries, Cambridge University and many others. On top of this, students have had the opportunity to take part in multiple careers events as well as STEAM Days and workshops.

As a school we are always championing inclusion and diversity. I am pleased that we have marked Pride Month with a range of activities

A reminder that Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September are inset days. The first day back for students is Monday 5 September. As normal we will stagger the start of the first day, to ensure we are able to settle in our new students first, before the main student body arrives on site. The following arrival times will apply, and your child should come to the following place in school:

CALENDAR

19 July	Students Finish for Summer Break at 12.15pm
20 July - 2 September	**Summer Break**
5 September	Students Return to School at 8.35am

Year Group	Arrival Time	Meeting Place
7	8.40am	Under the Covered Way (staff will be available to help)
8	9.05am	Under the Covered Way
9	9.30am	Under the Covered Way
10	9.55am	Under the Covered Way
11	9.55am	In tutor rooms (L Block)
12	9.00am	Dining Room 2
13	10.00am	Dining Room 2
Violet College	9.00am	Violet College
Indigo Resource Base	8.40am for Year 7 9.05am for Year 8	Indigo Resource Base

I am sure you will join me in wishing the Year 10, 11 and 13 students the best of luck when they collect their results in August. They have worked tirelessly this year and we hope they get the grades they need for their next steps.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher

New Student Senior Team

June was a busy time in the sixth form with interviews and hustings for the new student senior team. The KS5 pastoral team were overwhelmed with both the quality and quantity of applicants. Congratulations to the following students who were appointed to the senior team.

Hugo T & Priya C - Student Leaders

Yedam J, Laiba S and Samuel R - Deputy Student Leaders

Ria G & Elisia K - Diversity and Equalities Ambassadors

Lauren S & Charlotte M - Wellbeing Ambassadors

Heather A & Mikhile D S - Enrichment Ambassadors

Violet College

Art Show

The Violet College held their second Art Show this term. The students had the chance to display their beautiful creations. They have been busy learning about several different artists from paper cutting with Matisse, colour blocking to express mood with Rothko, abstract paint squirting/spraying in the style of Jackson Pollack to create hot air balloons, hanging mobiles of Alexander Calder.

The opening event also gave the students the opportunity to guide

visitors around the gallery and use their verbal presentation skills, whilst also offering their own made bakes. It was a great success, the students were very proud to have their work on display.



Violet College Art Show

16 - 18 May 2022

Students

THE PEACOCK GALLERY



ghschool.co.uk/community
peacockgallery.wordpress.com
telephone calls www.facebook.com/peacockgallery

The Peacock Gallery
Maiden Erigh School
Sawdley Road
Earley, Reading
RG6 7HS, 0118 526 2487
Peacock Gallery, Earley

Private view
Mon 16 May

Mon 16 - Weds 18 May
Open during the day
for staff & students
Outside school hours by appointment

Trip to Dinton Activity Centre

The Violet College students have been on a trip to Dinton Activity Centre to work on personal challenges, social skills and life skills. They had the opportunity to take part in the low ropes course, team building challenges, canoeing and bushcraft skills. The canoeing took on a long figure of eight course around the islands where the students spotted wildlife on the way. They had lots of fun, experiencing activities they had never had a chance to try before. The day ended with the students toasting marshmallows over an open fire.

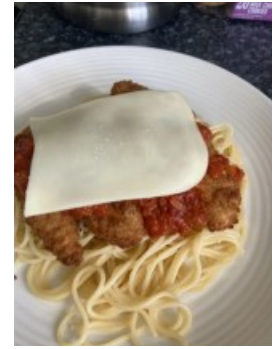


Food for Thought

Year 7

Pastabilities

The Year 7 food technology students were tasked to make a 'Pasta in a Sauce' at home and upload a picture of their finished creation onto Google Classroom! The students certainly did not disappoint! Careful consideration for flavours, ingredients and presentation was definitely incorporated!



Year 8

Scrumdiddlyumptious!

The Year 8 food technology students did a great job at researching and planning a dish, meeting the nutritional needs of a Teenager. The students enjoyed having the freedom to research a variety of recipes and ingredients of their choice, using their nutritional knowledge. The practical lesson was a huge success, with the students making all sorts of fantastic dishes, ranging from burgers, pancakes and pizzas.



Year 9

Unbe-leaf-able Salads

The Year 9 food technology students impressed in a 'Salads and Dressings' themed practical. The students chose their own healthy salad ingredients with a variety of colour, flavour and texture. The students then added a dressing of their choice with a big focus on presentation!



Year 10

Health Cake

The Year 10 food technology students did a fantastic job at making their own 'Healthy Cake'. The students chose a variety of healthy recipes which included a variety of different ingredients such as blueberries, banana, pineapple and apple. The room smelled absolutely divine after their great efforts!



WILDE

CURIE

BOLT

ATTENBOROUGH

YOUSAFZAI

RODDICK

End of Year House News

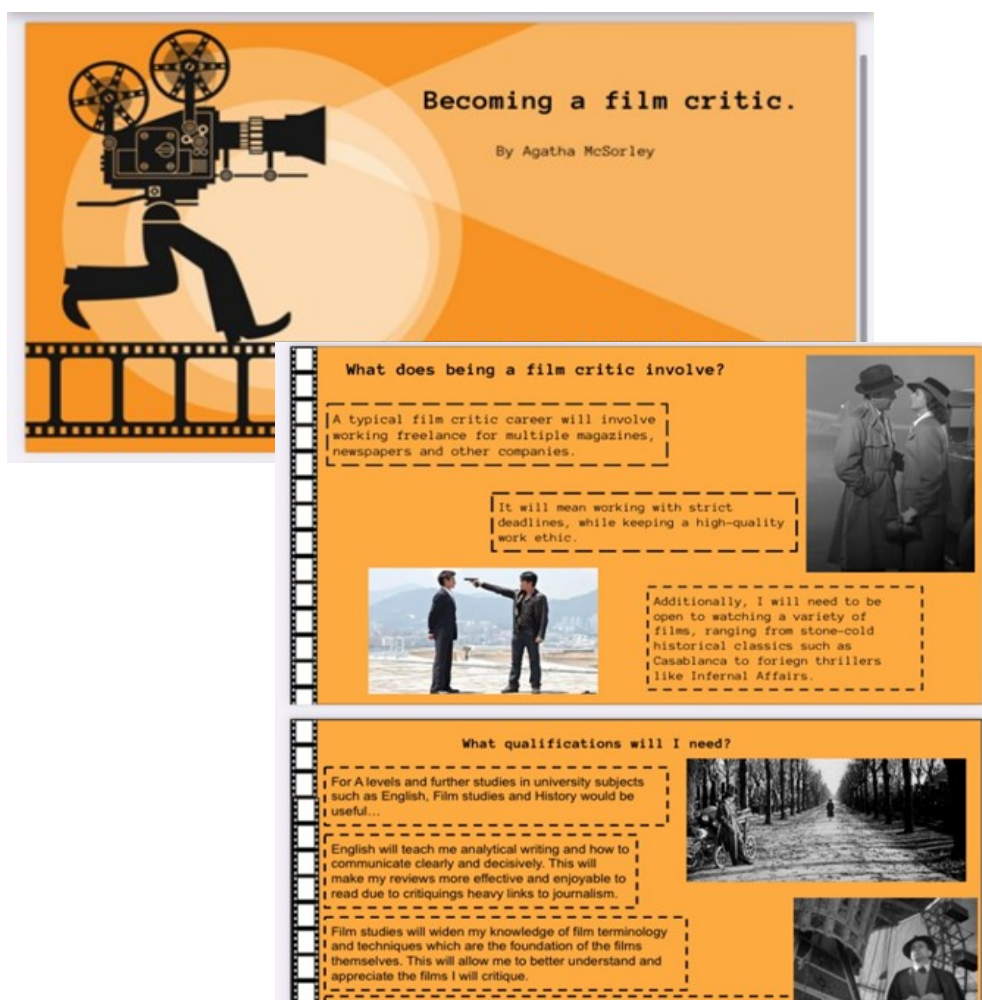
Another fantastic half term for house point achievements! The students are ending the year having earned over 73,000 house points for their houses by taking part in house competitions and the long awaited Sports Days. We are so proud of our students who go above and beyond every day. Well done everyone!

Year 9 Careers Day - House Point Achievers

On Friday 17 June, all Year 9 students took part in a Careers Inspiration Day. The day was designed to provide students with a valuable insight into a range of careers within different sectors and industries and support students in planning for their next steps. Each class had an employer representative who circulated the room and spoke to students about careers and destinations.

Congratulations to the following students for producing exemplary pieces of work, showcasing their research into a career they wanted to investigate.

Winner (30HPs) - Agatha McS (Bolt)



RUNNERS UP (25 HPs):

Elena A	Curie
Essya B	Wilde
Benedetta D	Yousafzai
Tala D	Yousafzai
Hadiyah G	Roddick
Jesika J	Curie
Konstantina K	Bolt
Georgie L	Yousafzai
Ellie P	Attenborough
Warren V	Bolt

Highly commended (15 HPs):

Emily A	Curie
Sheza A	Bolt
Alpay A	Curie
Jacob A	Roddick
Cemre A	Attenborough
Barbara W	Yousafzai
Ruvarashe C	Yousfazi
James C	Curie
DJ D	Roddick
Morgan E	Bolt
Teddy F	Attenborough
Syed G	Curie
Emily H	Bolt
Noah M	Roddick
Hayden R	Yousfazi
Jessica S	Bolt
Rosie S	Curie
Katie W	Wilde

HOUSE AMBASSADOR SHOUT OUTS

TEAM BOLT

Let's go TEAM BOLT! CHAMPIONS!
TWO YEARS IN A ROW!

Such a fantastic year Bolt which has led to us leading the house point charts and retaining our crown as House Champions! Well done to each and every one of you who have contributed to house events and those who have amassed a truly amazing number of house points. Remember, if you earned 1 house point this year, you have directly contributed into Bolt's success and should be immensely proud of that. Congratulations to all of you, I could not be prouder to be your House Ambassador.

Your contribution in House events this year was exceptional, from Year 7 upwards everyone has got involved and you have done your house proud! In the next year, I want everyone to contribute to at least one house event. Some stand out people in Bolt this year are Isabel N (8M2) who has participated in over 7 house events, an amazing effort. Another person is Manasvi D (7E4) who has amassed the most house points in a year ever seen by a Bolt (198)! This is an incredible achievement and shows her commitment to being the best student she can be. The achievements by both students here deserve special recognition and I am honoured to have them both in Bolt House.

We can't rest on our laurels Bolt, you have been such an inspiration this past year, showing passion, resilience and hard work that will help you be the best students you can be! Keep up the amazing work and have a wonderful summer. Next year... WE. GO. AGAIN! Let's go for a hattrick of House Championships!

Mr Whorriskey

#TeamBolt

Never quit, be fearless



TEAM ATTENBOROUGH

What a fantastic year for #TeamAttenborough! We had amazing participation in the various sporting activities, including House Football (fielding two teams!), as well as the more academic pursuits including the History research competitions and fun Christmas Bake-Off!

I was incredibly impressed with the involvement of Year 7, particularly Rushali M who has entered every house competition this year! In KS4, many Artists of the Month, Geographers of the Half Term and Historians of the Month have represented Attenborough House. In the house debates, Attenborough had an excellent showing, especially the Year 8 Attenborough Team of Shyla, Ariadne, and Ella.

Additionally, I was especially proud during our Sports Days where so many of Team Attenborough got involved.

Well done for an amazing 2022, and let's top the leader board next year! Go #TeamAttenborough!

Miss Reynolds

#TeamAttenborough

Explore, discover, enjoy.



TEAM CURIE

It has been another exciting year of house events with members of team Curie representing the house in competitions across a wide array of disciplines including sport, philosophy, debating, design, literature, and the arts. As Head of Curie house, I would like to mention some house stars from this year including the Year 8 football team that won on penalties in the final; Kalyani H and Corey A who won the respective house debate competitions and Chloe B who designed an excellent birdhouse. Some individuals have also contributed a lot through their excellent academic work, effort and behaviour in school which has led to over 20 members of Curie attaining over 100 house points. Let's keep aiming for that house cup; remember every point counts!!!

Mr Mackie

#TeamCurie

Understand more, fear less.



TEAM RODDICK

#TeamRoddick have had another fantastic year with lots of achievements, competition entries and team spirit. We have had large volumes of entries to competitions this year, and this is something that I hope continues next year. Some of our house highlights this year have been the poetry competition, the history art competition, the MFL baking competition, the house oracy debates, and the house sport events. A particularly *huge* well done to our Team Roddick competition winners this year: Florence A, Natalia B, Lucy W and Maria F. Let's really push the amount of house points we get next year... I would love for us to be on top spot! I am really looking forward to some more brilliant competition entries next year – if there are any competitions you would like to see then please speak to me or drop me an email.

Miss Avery

#TeamRoddick

Be daring, be first, be different, be just.



TEAM YOUSAFZAI

Wow, what an excellent year!

We may not be the house point champions but I have been so impressed with your engagement and determination; we will come back fighting in 2022-23!



My personal highlights include learning more about your recent reads for World Book Day, hearing about the successes of the chess tournament, viewing your beautiful Rangoli patterns and having been made to think *extremely* hard when reading the Philosophical Thinking competition responses! We have also had many successes in competitions. For example, the girls team rose as champions of house basketball, Sindhu R and Zaynah A achieved first place in the History house and artwork competitions, Maira S came third in house poetry and Eva F also achieved third place in the MFL Christmas bake-off.

A particular mention must go to Thomas G (8E2) who has taken part in the highest number of house competitions for Yousafzai this year! The second highest achievers for participation were Sindhu R (7E4) and Arjun S (7E4), and in joint third we have Abigail G (8E2), Adam L (7M4), Andrew J (7M4) and Eva F (7M1). Amazing work!

A massive well done everyone! I cannot wait to see even more engagement with house events next year and to welcome our newest members of Team Yousafzai in September! Have a lovely summer

Miss Borthwick

#TeamYousafzai

One pen can change the world

TEAM WILDE

What a fantastic year for #TeamWilde! We had amazing participation in the various sporting activities, including House Music, as well as the more academic pursuits including the Philosophical Thinking research competitions and fun Christmas Bake-Off!



I was especially impressed with the involvement of Year 7, particularly Tristan I and Saffoora R who has entered every house event this year! This year saw a dramatic rise in participation across all events as well as those who have represented the house in performing arts and PE in and outside of school. Academically students from Wilde have made us proud by being selected as Geographers of the Half Term, Historians of the month and You Rock/You Star in performing arts.

In the house debates, Wilde had an excellent showing, especially the Year 8 Wilde Team that saw Nolan C as one of the winners. I was especially proud during our Sports Days where so many of Team Wilde got involved.

Well done for an amazing 2022, and let's top the leader board next year! Go #TeamWilde!

Mr Bell

#TeamWilde

Be Yourself, Everybody Else is Taken

A message from the House System Lead, Miss Jones - WELL DONE ALL!

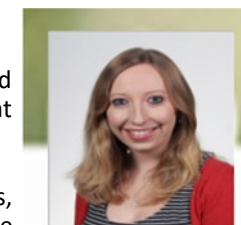
The participation and engagement with the House System this year has been phenomenal! You have achieved more house points and have taken part in more house events than ever before. We should all be so proud of what we have achieved as a school.

Thank you to your teachers, who have hosted brand new events this year such as the Chess tournaments, two History Creative Artwork Competitions, the 'Convince Me' competition, our Rangoli competition, the Philosophical thinking challenge, and an Eco club Birdhouse competition. All of which were highly successful and helped to show off the range of talented students we have in our school. There will be even more opportunities for you to get involved next year.

Collectively, #TEAMMAIDENERLEGH have gained over 73,000 house points. To every student who participated in a House event this year or gained house points in lessons for your hard work, thank you for doing your house and school proud!

On Friday 8 July we also enjoyed our big celebration House Assemblies, which enabled staff and students to all come together to say a massive WELL DONE to those of you who have earned the most house points in your year and to share our successes of this year.

Massive Congratulations to Team Bolt, who are House Champions 2021-22 for the second year running! Also, huge congratulations to Team Attenborough, who were 6th place in 2020-21 but this year have moved right up to 2nd place! Well done to everyone who got involved this year. Have a wonderful summer.



House Shout Outs

House Certificates:

Congratulations to all students who have been awarded house certificates this academic year. These were distributed in tutor, just before our House Assemblies.

House Point Certificates:

Gold- Students who have gained 100 house points or more

Silver- Students who gained 80 house points or more

Bronze- Students who gained 60 house points or more

House Participation Certificates:

Gold- Students who have taken part in 5 or more events

Silver- Students who have taken part in 4 or more events

Bronze- Students who have taken part in 2 or more events

GOLD AWARD WINNERS FOR HOUSE POINTS!

WILDE	CURIE	BOLT	ATTENBOROUGH	YOUSAFZAI	RODDICK
Ava D	Aziz Ali A	Aaryan S	Abi O	Abi G	Aayan A
Ayesha M	Ben D	Adam M	Abia K	Adam L	Abbie O
Devangi B	Ceyda A	Ahmad J	Dylan M	Emily S	Antonia P
Hannah M	Chloe B	Amber S	Emily E	Evangeline F	Dev T
Henry C	Daniel G	Anabel L	Eshal H	Harry J	Eryka K
Konstantinos S	Hannah B	Aziz K	Isla P	Louisa W	Florence A
Louise R	Haris A	Damian W	Joseph H	Maisie A	Hrshika H
Nolan C	Heshini A	Emma T	Kevin X	Milly B	Isabelle H
Sophie H	Jack V	George B	Layla A	Mustafa K	Jessica S
	Jacob P	Himmat G	Oliver W	Naomi F	Kassius C
	James C-P	Ines C Z	Osao F	Rahul M	Laima D
	Jenson F	Isabel N	Rebecca M	Razan S	Maria F
	Joshua B	Isla N	Rushali M	Safa N	Noah H
	Jude W	James T	Sam M	Sindhu R	Patricia K
	Justin C	Kyle C	Sue W	Tomi A	Salah M
	Kalyani H	Lewis U	Vainavi D		
	Lucy G	Manasvi D	Veer B		
	Muhammed-Munam I	Nehir F	Yusuf A		
	Rico S				
	Shreeya A				
	Viktor O				

SCORES ON THE DOORS Final scores for 2021/2022

Congratulations Team Bolt!

1st place- Team Bolt with 13,488 points

2nd place- Team Attenborough with 12,545 points

3rd place- Team Curie with 12,248 points

4th place- Team Wilde with 12,081 points

5th place- Team Roddick with 11,809 points

6th place- Team Yousafzai with 11,567 points



Thank you for all your support with the House System. Please do follow us:

Just for reference, these were the final totals in 2020-21:

1st place- Team Bolt with 11,568 points

2nd place- Team Wilde with 11,100 points

3rd place- Team Roddick with 10,726 points

4th place- Team Curie with 10,588 points

5th place- Team Yousafzai with 10,062 points

6th place- Team Attenborough with 9,535 points



Work of Art - Artist of the Month - June

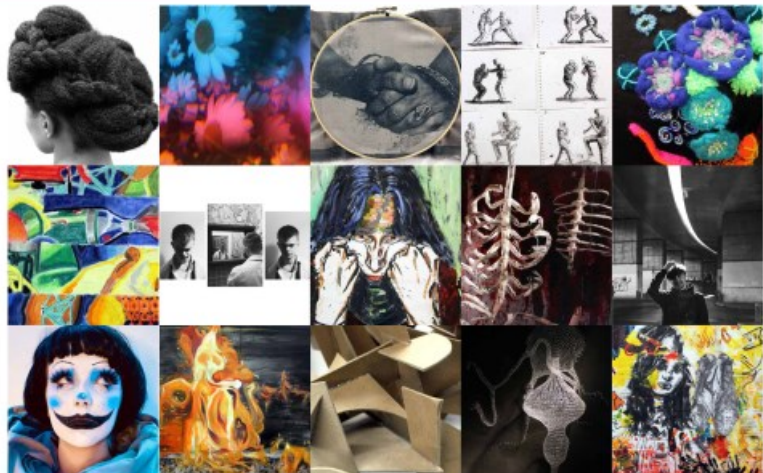
Artist of the Month - June

Congratulations to our Year 13 Art students, Amelia A, Polly B, Simeon B, Eric C, Pharrell D, Anushri G, Ciara H, Zuwayna H, Zsombor H, Katie J, Robert McA, Ali McG, Laura S and Bella S for being awarded Artist of the Month for June.
Your work is AMAZING!

2022




A-Level

Art,
Design &
Photography



Exhibition open 25 - 30 June

www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk Community Arts



The Peacock Gallery
Maiden Erlegh School
Silverdale Road
Earley, Reading
RG6 7HS. 0118 926 2467

Follow @MES_ComArts

10am - 12pm



Careers, Work Experience, Work Related Learning and STEAM Provision

As we approach the end of this academic, we would like to share with you some of the activities which have been taking place as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School.

YEAR 9 – Careers Inspiration Day

What a fantastic day was had by our Year 9 students on Friday 17 June when employers from Covea Insurance, Microsoft, Red10, Thales, and Thames Water visited our school. Representatives from the companies shared their career journeys and about the work they do, as well as supporting students as they created some fantastic career presentations using powerpoint. Students also enjoyed taking part in an enterprise activity in which they devised plans for as a business to create and run a prom event. As students worked in teams, shared and pitched ideas and presented their business model teachers and employer representatives observed. Well done Year 9 students! A big thank you to all the employer representatives, Miss Bateman who organised the day, Mr Buck and all teachers who supported this successful day.

Year 12 Future Pathways Day

On Friday 24 June, our Year 12 students took part in a Future Pathways event, which was designed to help our students make informed choices and decisions about their future at post 18. The day involved a carousel of workshops and presentations from Barclays, Reading University, Henley Business School, and our UCAS coordinator and tutors on writing a personal statement for University applications. Students experienced a 'Skills for Life' session, delivered by Barclays to give them an insight into what employers are looking for and advice on how to enhance their current skillset. In addition, we were fortunate to have academics from the University of Reading and Henley Business school deliver degree level subject specific presentations to our students. Current Reading University students also delivered a 'Day in the life of University Student' session, which shared with our students the challenges of university life, and included a myth busting session, as well as a 'what I wish I knew then' section, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. The day was very successful, and we are very grateful to our guest speakers for their time, support, and sharing their expertise, as well as Mr Gomm and Year 12 tutors who were an invaluable support throughout the whole day.

YEAR 7 – S.T.E.A.M. Day

On Friday 1 July Students in Year 7 participated in 4 STEAM-related activities run by representatives from Thales, Covea Insurance and Thames Water. Activities included an 'escape room' and a 'bin it, don't block it' session. More details to follow in the Spotlight newsletter.

UNIFROG Careers Platform – Coming Soon!

We are excitedly waiting for the point at which students will be able to login to their personal UNIFROG Profile and begin to explore and utilise this fantastic careers platform.

Students will be able to learn more about themselves through Interests, Personality and Work environments profile questionnaires. They will also be able to explore school subjects and careers, as well as future destination options within Further Education, Higher Education, and Apprenticeship opportunities. Another great feature is a list of MOOCs (free online courses) and webinars students can sign up to attend and complete. We can't wait for every student to experience UNIFROG soon!

YEAR 10 – Work Shadow Placement Day

After much preparation, on Friday 24 June, our Year 10 students went to a wide and exciting variety of companies and organisations, to experience what the workplace is like first hand.

We have received great reports from a number of the employers - who very kindly gave of their time - that the students were excellent ambassadors for the school and themselves!

We are very grateful to every employer who provided a placement. Well done Year 10 students!

Careers Drop-in Sessions

Tuesdays After School

Students are welcome to attend the Careers Drop In on a Tuesday after school from 3-4pm in the office next to B2. Mrs Finlason will be on hand to assist students seeking information, guidance and advice they may need on future careers.

MES Careers Drop-In



Religion and Philosophy

What is life like as a Buddhist?

During the week beginning Monday 27 June 2022, our Year 8 students had a very exciting Religion & Philosophy lesson where Robert Harrap, the director of SGI in the UK, came to talk to them about his Buddhist philosophy. Soka Gakkai International, is a form of Nichiren Buddhism which is focused on action to make the world a better place, such as by campaigning against climate change and supporting war torn countries. Throughout the session, Robert shared the core beliefs and practices behind Buddhism, and then students were given the chance to ask him questions about his worldview.



Robert taught us that in Nichiren Buddhism they believe that we all already have positive attributes such as courage, compassion, wisdom, and creativity within us, and the aim of this religious practice is to enable a person to reveal these traits so they can flourish. He said members of SGI will use the Lotus Sutra and chant 'Nam Myoho Renge Kyo' in order dispel the cloud of doubt, greed, ignorance, and hatred, so that they can recognise and reveal all the good traits we have. He explored the lovely imagery of the Lotus Flower to illustrate this idea. He said much like a lotus flower, which is so beautiful and ornate, can grow out of the mud and dirty water, humans can flourish despite our challenges and our suffering, if they recognise that those good traits are already within us.

During the session we had the pleasure of hearing him chant and subsequently, he was asked by a student how frequently he chants and whether at any point he has doubted his practice. He replied, everyone has waves of enthusiasm for everything they do but I have never doubted my practice. He said though chanting takes time out of your day, I find it always adds benefit. I loved his use of an arrow analogy to explain this. He taught, just like when you are firing an arrow, you pull the bowstring back to propel the arrow forwards, even though that seems counter intuitive. The more you pull the bowstring back, the further the arrow will go. He said that's just like chanting. The more you do, though it seems counter intuitive as it is time consuming, the more impact it will have on your life.

A massive thank you to Robert for taking the time to talk to our Year 8 students, giving us all a first-hand insight into his tradition's beliefs and practices.

Shikshak Vandan Diwas Celebration

On Friday 1 July, Miss Borthwick, Ms Aziz and I had the honour of attending Shikshak Vandan Diwas, translated as 'Teachers' Appreciation Day' which was held at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading by our local Hindu community. In Sanskrit, 'Shikshak' means teacher and 'Vandana' means utmost praise. Shikshak Vandan Divas is a Hindu celebration, where students are given the opportunity to offer respect and gratitude to their teachers. The Advayataraka Upanishads states 'A Guru is the highest wealth, greater than all else.' Therefore, within the Hindu tradition, a 'guru' or teacher has been highly revered and admired for centuries, and the local Hindu community wanted to show their thanks to teachers through a delightful evening of music, dancing and wonderful food.



HSS (UK) (<https://hssuk.org/>) is a registered charity founded on the ethos of the Hindu values of Sewa (selfless service), Sanskar (life values & learning) and Sangathan (community spirit). In our local community, Hindu children of all ages attend weekly activities to develop soft skills like teamwork, leadership and confidence building, all leading to personal development, good citizenship and strong cultural values. As Miss Borthwick and I were the first to arrive, we were given the honour of lighting candles to start the celebration event. During the evening we were taught about how our local Hindu community helped during the pandemic and have recently supported those affected by the war in Ukraine. We also had the pleasure of watching a play performed by Primary School children who told the story of Shivaji Maharaj who showed loyalty and devotion to his Guru, Samarth Ramdas Swami. Finally, we were given delightful gifts by Maiden Erlegh student Devangi B in Year 7, as appreciation for the work we do. This included a plant in a hand painted plant pot, as a symbol of the role teachers play in nurturing and helping young people to grow and thrive. Teachers were then invited to speak, so I was honoured to be able to share a few words with those at the celebration. I hope I spoke for all the teachers present when I said that we are so grateful that this community has invited us to this special event and though this evening was to thank us, we really are the lucky ones. It is a privilege to be a teacher, to be given the responsibility of helping our young people grow

up to be respectful, kind, knowledgeable and compassionate young adults, so the honour really lies with us. After the celebration concluded, we were shown an outstanding series of exhibition work created by University students, showing the history of the Hindu community within the UK and all the contributions they have made to society. We also were treated to some homemade Indian cuisine, made by many of the women in the community. It was a fantastic evening and a special thank you to Hanuman Shakha and Ramesh Mepa for our invitation.

Can God Exist Alongside Evil?

On Tuesday 14 June, our Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics class was visited by RE Inspired, to give us a more detailed explanation surrounding the problem of evil from a Christian perspective. We welcomed Carrie King (RE Inspired leader), Revd Dr Philip Hobday (St Peter's Church) and Revd Stephen Ansa-Addo (Park United Reformed Church) who gave their unique perspectives on how to tackle the issue of God existing alongside evil. This felt like an even more pertinent discussion this year, in light of the suffering the pandemic has caused.

During the session, students were asked to interpret Christian, Muslim, and Jewish scriptures to determine beliefs about God. Then in light of these beliefs, students investigated theodicies (theories that attempt to solve the problem of evil), to try to determine that if God does exist, why God might have allowed evil and whether God could meaningfully hold these qualities alongside the existence of evil. A lovely debate was had in groups and our visitors were delighted by the academic way our students could express their range of beliefs, in light of the evidence discussed earlier in the session.

Later in the session, Revd. Dr Philip Hobday, a graduate of Theology from the University of Cambridge, explored Irenaean and Augustinian theodicies with the group. He explained how both these ancient theologians justified a belief in God alongside the existence of evil. We discussed the merits and flaws of both explanations and the session finished with a Q&A session.

Thank you to RE Inspired, Carrie, Philip and Stephen for taking their time to enrich our A level students' learning.

By Miss Jones – Head of Religion and Philosophy

MAIDEN ERLEGH

Book Group

Our staff/sixth form book group met for the second time this year to discuss 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens.

The book proved very popular with readers reticent to start 'picking it to pieces' through discussion. However, some great conversations ensued, and the number of attendees demonstrated a clear desire amongst our staff community for more opportunities to share reading experiences.

We look forward to broadening our book group offer next year so that some of our younger students can get involved.

The next staff/sixth form book group will meet in the autumn term to discuss 'The Secret History' by Donna Tartt.

Mrs Clements and Miss Roberts, and the book group participants, would like to extend our special thanks to Miss Bew for her work in getting this group up and running during her time here at Maiden Erlegh. We wish you many happy reading encounters in your new school.

Happy summer reading to all!



Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term

Monday 5 Sept - Friday 21 Oct

****Half Term****

Monday 31 Oct - Friday 16 Dec

Professional Development Day
(school closed to students) -
Thursday 1 September
Friday 2 September
Monday 14 November

Spring Term

Tuesday 3 Jan - Thursday 9 Feb

****Half Term****

Monday 20 Feb - Friday 31 March

Professional Development Day
Friday 10 February

Summer Term

Monday 17 Apr - Friday 26 May

****Half Term****

Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July

Professional Development Day
Friday 30 June

Violet College

The geography department has held several fieldtrips this term to Milford-on-Sea, Lyndhurst, and Oxford. Year 12 visited Oxford and Milford-on-Sea whilst Year 10 have visited Lyndhurst and Milford-on-Sea. A variety of fieldwork techniques were utilised including bipolar surveys, EQI's, field sketches, emoji questionnaires, groyne surveys, global links survey, mood mapping and beach profiles amongst others. The students have found these trips beneficial to both their GCSE and A-Level course and enjoyed them. Well done to staff and students involved!



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Autumn 2022



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FOR CHILDREN

Saturday Mornings

Ages 8 - 11
9:30-11:00

Ages 12 - 14
11:30-13:00

Evening Classes

Adult Silver Jewellery Classes

Mondays 18:45-21:15

Tues 18:45-21:15

Weds 18:45-21:15

Adult Saturday Classes

24 Sept - Creative colour

15 Oct - Bookbinding
French link with padded cover

22 Oct - Mixed Media
A little book of tea

29 Oct, 5 & 12 Nov -
Experimental monoprinting
3 week course

19 Nov - Printing - stamp and layer

Open Access Printmaking.

3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec

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