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# MARSHALLS PARK ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

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We would like to wish our MPA Community a restful break over the holiday period and very Happy New Year

## OAP CHRISTMAS DINNER

In the final week before our Christmas break the Dance, music and food departments worked together to create an afternoon of Christmas festivities for our local community. On Wednesday 13th December local care home residents were welcomed to MPA for an afternoon tea prepared and served by our KS4 food students and entertained through music and dance in a cabaret of song, classical music and dance from contemporary to jazz! It was a wonderful afternoon and all that attended enjoyed themselves and praised the work of our students.



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

## Silver Practice Expedition

What a way to start the school year; by walking 30 miles with a rucksack through the Essex Countryside, sleeping in a tent and cooking your dinner on a Trangia (camping stove).

Mr Dowsey was delighted with how many Year 10s decided to continue with their D of E journey by enrolling in the Silver Award. The weather forecast for the weekend was hot and this formed a big part of the planning for the expedition, students were briefed on how to manage the heat over the course of the three days. Mr Dowsey and the rest of the D of E team were really impressed with how sensible the students were, they listened to the advice that they were given and rose to the challenge. A Duke of Edinburgh expedition is a physical and mental challenge, good teamwork is required if each group is going to get through the 30 mile course, and there were so many students that displayed co-operation and resilience. Although exhausted at the end they had smiles on their faces as a result of their achievements!

The qualifying expedition will be in the Ashdown Forest at the start of May (3rd-5th), letters will be out after February half term confirming the details of the expedition.

The aim for all Silver D of E students is that they will complete their Silver Award by the end of Year 10, leaving them free to concentrate on their GCSE exams in Year 11.

## Bronze and Silver Presentation evenings

On the 10th and 12th October, we presented students with their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Mr Dowsey would like to thank the parents/carers for their support in helping the students achieve their award; it was such a heart-warming experience watching the students collect their certificates. Their sense of achievement will last long after they leave Marshalls Park and, it has been nice seeing students wear their badges on their blazers as they walk around the school. We are additionally proud of the students who gave speeches on both evenings, and I would like to thank the students who performed in the D of E band.

## Bronze cohort 2023/24

On the 20th September Mr Dowsey held a launch assembly to Year 9 regarding the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Students were encouraged to enrol on the programme and, it is looking like it could be our biggest year for D of E! There was also an excellent turnout for the parents' information evening on the 5th October. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading youth achievement award; The D of E award gives students recognition for activities that they do outside of curriculum time, it is an impressive additional to college application forms, CVs and personal statements when applying for university. The award develops all the skills that students require to be successful in the world of work and gives them something interesting to discuss during a job interview.

***If you have, any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh Award then please feel free to email Mr Dowsey***

***DowseyB@mpa.swecet.org***







# POLAND TRIP

Before half term Miss McGuire, Miss Bowles and Mr Tumber had the pleasure of taking 31 Year 11 students to Krakow, Poland for four days. With quite an eventful start to the trip the group made it to the accommodation and spent the afternoon in Krakow Old Town square where they had an orientation tour, had dinner and got settled. The next day they went to Kazimierz and Podgorze, both former Jewish districts where they visited an old Jewish cemetery, Rehmu synagogue, a former Jewish ghetto and Schindler's factory. They then went to Galicia museum where they met an Holocaust survivor who told them about her personal experiences of Auschwitz.



Then the following day they got the unique opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and had a guided tour, the students found it powerful and led to lots of great discussions for the rest of the day. The group headed back to the hotel, where the delayed suitcases finally arrived, and had some free time before having a game of bowling after dinner. On the final day they went to Wawel Hill where they looked around the castle grounds, in the cathedral and climbed up to the bell tower to make a wish on the wishing bell. They then got a final bit of shopping in, brought some last souvenirs before heading home and arriving back at school Wednesday night.



It was an excellent trip, and in spite of the few mishaps the students demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout. They were respectful, thoughtful and just an absolute credit to the school! A special mention the lovely students who made our tour guide feel so welcome and even chose to name their souvenir toy pigeon after her!



"I found the trip a real eye-opener especially to visit Auschwitz and found it really interesting to see the history of Krakow. It made it better that we got to have free time every day and explore with our friends" – Megan

"It was a really interesting trip, saw lots and did so much in the short time we were there, I really enjoyed it!" Bobby





## RPA Event

On Wednesday 18th October we took just under a 100 Year 11 students to Coventry University Campus in Dagenham for the Borough annual RPA "moving on" event. Students rotated around four areas where they could talk to school sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeship providers, universities and employers. The students were engaged, discussing their options with the various providers, collecting information about open events and course options. This event would have helped lots of them decide what path they wish to follow when they leave Marshalls Park. Students that were not selected to attend during the day were invited to attend after school until 6pm.



## Year 11 RICS Careers Visit

We have recently started working with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and were privileged enough to take a group of Year 11 Geography students to the RICS. The RICS building is opposite the Houses of Parliament and, students were taken to the roof terrace so that they could experience a view of the famous landmarks surrounding the area.



During the careers workshop students were given a presentation about what a surveyor does, the different types of surveyor, the importance of being a chartered surveyor and what students could expect to earn after qualification.

Students were then given a surveying task where they had to imagine they were re-designing Hornchurch High street. We were really impressed with their work, it showed that they were passionate about surveying and they had listened to the information that they had been given. We hope to run several visits to RICS this year with another group of Year 11 students and those who have taken Geography in Year 10. RICS are also coming in to talk to Year 9 about employability skills on Drop Down Day.







# GEOGRAPHY

## Geography Field Trip

The Geography department took around 150 Year 11 students to Epping Forest over the course of two days to complete their physical geography fieldwork for their Unit 2 exam. The students had the opportunity for some classroom learning at the Epping Field Studies Centre, and then the experience of getting in to the Debden Brook's river to take a variety of measurements and see how the characteristics of the river changes as it flows downstream. Whilst there they measured factors such as the depth, width, velocity and sediment size along the different courses of the river. The students showed maturity and thankfully did not complain too much about being in a river in November! They also loved seeing the field centre pet albino salamander, named Archie. Overall, they were able to get some good primary data, which will then help them for their GCSE exams. Well done to the students!



## Year 7 - Weather and Climate

With Year 7 we have started the topic of weather and climate. We have been looking at how we can measure weather, and for homework students were given the task of creating and designing their own equipment to measure the weather. We have two particularly inventive models created by Zack and Logan in 7A, so we thought we would share their designs with you, well done to them both!



# FOOD TECHNOLOGY

## Mighty Mussels

Marshalls Park Academy were chosen as one of only 250 schools in the country to be part of the 'Fish in School Hero' programme organised by the Food Teacher Centre. We received some of the rope-grown mussels being donated by Offshore Shell.

Did you know that most children don't eat enough fish? Not here! We've been cooking and tasting mussels.



## Children in Need Bake Sale

The Year 10 and 11 students worked hard to produce over 300 cakes to sell in order to raise money for Children in Need.

**They raised an incredible £85!**



## FutureChef Competition

Once again this year our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the FutureChef competition. Students have one hour to design, prepare and cook a main course for two people. Our school winner Armaan Mhatey represented Marshalls Park Academy in the local final. Armaan worked incredibly hard and came first in the local competition. He will now represent the school in the FutureChef semi-final in February.







# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 8 Netball Team

The Year 8 Netball team have been training really hard this term and Mr Aylett is buzzing!

Over 13 girls are consistently attending the club and we have our first points on the board with a win over Bower Park.

Although the team has lost the two other group games they have played, the girls have shown resilience and progress in each of the fixtures.

MPA 12 - 6 Bower Park

MPA 8 - 25 Sacred Heart

MPA 5 - 26 Harris

MPA 4— 16 Emerson



## District Cross Country

It was District Cross Country on the 17th and 18th November and the teams performed very well.

Poppy Vines came an incredible 4th place on the Havering Team in her age category. An excellent run at Stubbers for Poppy!

She will now represent Havering in the Essex Championships.



## Cricket

The Year 8 cricket team played a competition at the Essex County Cricket ground and came 4th in the tournament. It was a great experience for all and a special mention goes out to Charlie Edmond-Jeffries for his leadership and some brilliant bowling.



## Table Tennis

Table tennis club has become a student favourite recently with lots attending after school club. It has been great seeing so many learn and try a new sport. Students are busy practising for the borough competition next year. Well done to all.





# SPORTS NEWS

## Girls Football Tournament

The girls have been training and working very hard this year culminating in a 7-a-side tournament at Bower Park. They played some really good football and had smiles on their faces the whole time.

They Played 7, won 3, drew 3, lost 1, but most importantly... they only let in 1 goal!

Mr Bezant is very proud of how they have performed and how much improvement they have shown.



## Year 9 Football

The boys have had a very good start to the season. The big talking point is the run they are having in the Essex Cup. They have played and won all three games so far, with a very good win against Woodbridge HS 3-2. They also had a good win in the National Cup, before sadly being knocked out and have won their only Havering Cup game so far with a 3-2 victory over Hornchurch High.

Let's hope the rest of the season is as successful.



## Year 10 Football

The Year 10 football team have been very successful so far in the Havering League. They are undefeated and have won four out of six games since September, the two losses being in cup competitions. The boys are really progressing and it has been great to see.





# REWARDS AT MPA

## Golden Tickets

Since September **153** students have been recognised for their ongoing hard work in lessons and have been awarded our Golden Ticket keyring:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Skye D - 7A Eleonora D - 7A Zachary I - 7A Max J - 7A Logan O - 7A Kya P - 7A Fabian S - 7A Finley B - 7B Ruby C - 7B Lily D - 7B Aayan N - 7B Samiul A - 7C Natalia C - 7C Alex F - 7C Gabriel M - 7C Kirill P - 7C Muhammad-Ibrahim R - 7C Joel B - 7D Jaimini B - 7D Jack G - 7D Cezara M - 7D Muhammad U - 7D Sophie W - 7D Maizy B - 7E Ra'ya B - 7E Stephen H - 7E Fatimah M - 7E Ellas R - 7E Riley W - 7E Ruby C - 7F Melin K - 7F Ema N - 7F Preyas P - 7F Jack S - 7F Poppy B - 7G Philippa S - 7G Tan D - 7H Nisa I - 7H	Victoria A - 8A Harley D - 8A Maisie G - 8A Ellie-May K - 8A Anna K - 8A Bonnie M - 8A Rocco S - 8A Teddy T - 8A Isra F - 8B Joe H - 8B D'Shawn S - 8B Ayda A - 8C Fabian B - 8C Yasmina B - 8C Emin K - 8C Stefan B - 8D Layla M - 8D Harley M - 8D Juliet R - 8D Megan W - 8D Darcie G - 8E Ilyas G - 8E Rosie S - 8E Andreea T - 8E Valeriu V - 8E Stefan V - 8E Filip B - 8F Alyssa H - 8F Robert I - 8F Tomas M - 8F Zain R - 8F Vlad V - 8F Lexi - O 8G Franklin P - 8G Liyana S - 8G Mariyan Y - 8G Miruna G - 8H Ella M - 8H Katie N - 8H Swaley R - 8H	Daniel B - 9A Lily B - 9A Amber-Rose C - 9A Alfie G - 9A Jake G - 9A Tilly J - 9A Alfie K - 9A Oula Y - 9A Jenna G - 9B Abbie R - 9B Urte Z - 9B Shaq A - 9C Isabella D - 9C Layla E - 9C Charley G - 9C Bailey T - 9C Ari-Joshua D - 9D Aliyah D - 9D Kyla L - 9D Anna R - 9D Rebecca T - 9D Goshen A - 9E William C - 9F Callum L - 9F Eva N - 9F Chloe P - 9F Jessie C - 9G David P - 9G Zoe S - 9G Jessica L - 9H Ka-Shar P - 9H	Faidan B - 10A Nicoleta B - 10A Sara P - 10A Florence C - 10B Alexander H - 10B Bader M - 10B Jake W - 10C Harry A - 10D Oliver H - 10D Jack C - 10E Kieran D - 10E Sohaib I - 10E Alexandru G - 10F Afsheen H - 10F Toma M - 10F Sienna T - 10F Damilare T - 10F Daria V - 10F Alexander A - 10G Gabriel D - 10G Gideon E - 10G Alex G - 10G Savannah G - 10G Vasile T - 10G Layla P - 10H	Sophie O - 11A Alfie H - 11B Yasmin L - 11B Angelina P - 11B D'Ante S - 11B Anastasia B - 11D Amma-Amore G - 11D Jack H - 11E Tapasi S - 11E Chrystal W - 11E Daniel K - 11F Connor W - 11F Cameron D - 11G Dyaln G - 11G Monique J - 11G Aiden O - 11G Ben O - 11G Lewis K - 11H Vinnie K - 11H

Special mention to the students who have managed to earn more than one Golden Ticket this term:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Muhammad-Ibrahim R - 7C Joel B - 7D Sophie W - 7D Maizy B - 7D Stephen H - 7E Riley W - 7E	Maisie G - 8A Juliet R - 8D Alyssa H - 8F Tomas M - 8F	Oula Y - 9A Jenna G - 9B	Faidan B - 10A Sienna T - 10F Alex G - 10G Vasile T - 10G	Chrystal W - 11E Lewis K - 11H



# REWARDS AT MPA

## Commendation Awards

This term we have 240 who have earned their Bronze Award for 100 merits.

We look forward to rewarding many more students when they earn this award next term.



Year 7		Year 8	Year 9		Year 10
Zachary I - 7A	Erin Y - 7C	Victoria A - 8A	Oula Y - 9A	Freya R - 9E	Archie D - 10A
Fabian S - 7A	Ion M - 7C	Maisie G - 8A	Jake G - 9A	Goshen A - 9E	Nicoleta B - 10A
Logan O - 7A	Jensen R - 7C	Anna K - 8A	Tilly J - 9A	Malika T - 9E	Grady E - 10B
Max J - 7A	Mason F - 7C	Muhammad A - 8A	Amber-Rose C - 9A	Riley W - 9E	Louise B - 10B
Rich-Evan M - 7A	Huseyin G - 7C	Olivia D - 8A	Daniel B - 9A	Archie R - 9E	Bader M - 10B
Eleanora D - 7A	Mollie A - 7D	Ellie-May K - 8A	Ebonae P - 9A	Noah D - 9E	Kha-Re P - 10C
Skye D - 7A	Cezara M - 7D	Bonnie M - 8A	Alfie K - 9A	Caiden M - 9E	Orla G - 10C
Heidi A - 7B	Francesca D - 7D	Nhi T - 8A	Demi S - 9A	Ella D - 9E	Savannah W - 10C
Aayan N - 7B	Shehzeen B - 7D	Luwa S - 8B	Alejandro O - 9A	William C - 9F	Vedika P - 10C
Molly C - 7B	Jaimini B - 7D	Ano I - 8B	Kyra-Jo B - 9A	Elena B - 9F	Lois Y - 10C
Finley B - 7B	Nathan G - 7D	Alexandru S - 8B	Bobby R - 9A	Chloe P - 9F	Inaaya R - 10C
India M - 7B	Dilia B - 7D	Aliza A - 8C	Jaydon B - 9A	Jessica W - 9F	Stephanie A - 10D
Elmira U - 7B	Medeea M - 7D	Yasmina B - 8C	Jenna G - 9B	Eva N - 9F	Roberta C - 10D
Abdul R - 7B	Sophie W - 7D	Ayda A - 8C	Abbie R - 9B	Marsilda P - 9F	Kylan T - 10D
Nimrit D - 7B	Tilly M - 7D	Tala A - 8C	Rhys G - 9B	Valentin S - 9F	Zia A - 10D
Milukshan S - 7B	Stephen H - 7E	Mosa F - 8C	Dylan K - 9B	Rosie P - 9F	Felicity T - 10D
Marcus M - 7B	Ra'ya B - 7E	Jack M - 8C	Mitchell C - 9B	Zoe S - 9G	Jack C - 10E
Ruby C - 7B	Maizy B - 7E	Emin K - 8C	Oliver S - 9B	Marius T - 9G	Sohaib I - 10E
Emilia P - 7B	Taylor H - 7E	Hamna J - 8C	Isabella D - 9C	Sameera A - 9H	Danya N - 10E
Jonel B - 7B	Taylor S - 7E	Fabian B - 8C	Armaan M - 9C	Jessica L - 9H	Toma M - 10F
William P - 7B	Annabel S - 7E	Nela U - 8C	Lucas L - 9C	Chloe W - 9H	Afsheen H - 10F
Harrison C - 7B	Fatimah M - 7E	Juliet R - 8D	Layla E - 9C	Tristan W - 9H	Noelle C - 10F
Saeed J - 7B	Daisy-Mae G - 7E	Stefan B - 8D	Charley G - 9C	Tianna F - 9H	Alex G - 10G
Tate J - 7B	Daisy-Mae K - 7E	Sadie M - 8D	Annabelle W - 9C	Elsie S - 9H	Alexander A - 10G
Gabriel M - 7C	Joel S - 7E	Hira S - 8D	Alfie M - 9C	Rosie J - 9H	Forkuo G - 10G
Mumin S - 7C	Eden S - 7E	Harley M - 8D	Jenisha S - 9C	Laurentiu B - 9H	Vasile - 10G
Kirill P - 7C	Ellas R - 7E	Andreea T - 8E	Rebecca T - 9D	Ayaan T - 9H	Grace - 10G
Maria S - 7C	Natchaya K - 7E	Amelia K - 8E	Kyla L - 9D	Ellie-Mai D - 9H	Madalin F - 10G
Muhammad-Ibrahim R - 7C	Himmat S - 7F	Rakiba Y - 8E	Anna R - 9D		Akkanna S - 10G
Natalia C - 7C	Ema N - 7F	Wenjia H - 8E	Ksusha B - 9D		Lucian P - 10G
Sophie M - 7C	Melin K - 7F	Bianca T - 8E	Aliyah D - 9D		Dima A - 10G
Jorgie F - 7C	Maya V - 7F	Darcie G - 8E	Ari-Joshua D - 9D		Savannah L - 10G
Finley R - 7C	Nathan K - 7F	Beatrice L - 8E	Nancy K - 9D		Gabriel D - 10G
Evie-Hope W - 7C	Jack S - 7F	Robert J - 8F	Edward M - 9D		Max A - 10G
Kaya J - 7C	Ruby C - 7F	Tomas M - 8F	Jad S - 9E		Junelle N - 10G
Sara B - 7C	Olivia D - 7F	Mariyan Y - 8G	Ameilia S - 9E		Elisha D - 10H
Anna B - 7C	Alex N - 7F	Theo C - 8G	Kye V - 9E		
Alex F - 7C	George S - 7F	Theo F - 8H	Hamza A - 9E		
George D - 7C	Poppy B - 7G	Ella M - 8H	Phoebe U - 9E		
Kristine G - 7C	Jack W - 7G	Miruna G - 8H	Harry J - 9E		
Samiul A - 7C	Chloe W - 7G	Cali-Rose N - 8H	Olla A - 9E		
Gabriel P - 7C	Missie H - 7G				
Sviatoslav P - 7C	Philippa S - 7G				
Jessica P - 7C	Jacob P - 7G				
Ceejay C - 7C	Savannah J - 7H				
Jax P - 7C	Tan D - 7H				
	Nisa I - 7H				





# MPA PREFECT TEAM

## Introducing our MPA Prefect Team 2023-24

### DICTIONARY DEFINITION:

**PREFECT** (noun) In some British schools a prefect is a mature student with some authority over other students and some other responsibilities and advantages.

As you most of you are aware last year saw the reintroduction of a highly effective Year 11 Prefect Team. Students are invited to apply by submitting a formal letter to their Year Leader (this year, this is of course Mrs Cusack), outlining their commitment to the school, demonstrating the personal qualities they would bring to the role and providing evidence of how you they for an active part of the MPA community.

Our newly appointed Prefect team will consist of 23 students and will involve the following areas of responsibility:

Literacy Prefects	Lissy Neal Sophie O'Meara Trishpal Kundi Nicholas Trayanov
Homework Prefects	Zainab Rahman Amy Ellis Chrystal Wilson Anna Arif
Peer Prefects	Mollie Mennear Faye Newman Safa Farooq Adrija Petrutyte Nes Metin Morgan-Mae Pratt Keeley Grange Daniel Firth
Subject Prefects	<b>PE:</b> Lottie Lambert & Zak Knapman <b>Perf Arts:</b> Elijah White & Rachel Ajayi <b>DT:</b> Amna Mirza & Hana Richardson

These students are quickly assuming an important and visible part of life at MPA.

Students can expect to see them on duty at break times, helping to lead clubs, popping into assemblies and registrations.



# MPA PREFECT TEAM

## The 2023-24 Senior Prefect Team

Above our Prefect team will be the Senior Prefect Team. This team is made up of ten pupils, who each have different roles and responsibilities.

<b>Head Pupils</b>	Angelina Pozdnii Vinnie Kidner
<b>Deputy Head Pupils</b>	Maisie Smith Jaden Berry Yasmin Lewis Dylan Gardner
<b>KS3 Prefect Leaders</b>	Abdullah Mohammad Georgia Ward Nura Aboubakari Anastais Brunsnika



In addition to the work of the other Prefects, these 10 students will lead the work of the newly established School Council.



# MPA SCHOOL COUNCIL

## MPA School Council

The purpose of any school council is to provide a mechanism for students to share ideas, interests, and concerns with teachers and school leaders. Where school councils run effectively they often also help raise funds for school wide activities, including social events, community projects, helping people in need and school reform.

Our School Council is made up of the Senior Prefects who meet fortnightly with Mr Frost, Mrs Aylett and other SLT as appropriate, to represent the views of the students at Marshalls Park.

The School Council is supported by Year Group Councils, which are made up of a group of elected students from Years 7 – 11 who also meet fortnightly to discuss important aspects of school life.

Congratulations to the following students, who were elected by their peers, to be an integral part of our school community:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Nura Aboubakari</b>	<b>Abdullah Mohammad</b>	<b>Yasmin Lewis</b>	<b>Maisie Smith</b>	<b>Agelina Pozdnii</b>
<b>Anastasia Brusnika</b>	<b>Georgia Ward</b>	<b>Dylan Gardner</b>	<b>Jaden Berry</b>	<b>Vinnie Kidner</b>
Mia-Rose Williams	Olivia Daugela	Jake Gould	Stivan Mangushev	Rolland Biro
Tate Johnson	Ano Ismail	Kotryna Poluchina	Alex Hutson	Tapaswini Samantara
Kristine Grzekiewicz	Eloise Eva	Poppy Vines	Georgi Baturov	Abena Pim-Wusu
Mollie Anderson	Alfie Barham	Alexia-Lee Seth	Lexi Jochun	Amma-Amore Galea
David Calin	Matei Maniuc	Olly Brady	Archie Cooke	Billy Lincoln
Emma Navickaite	Oliver Francis	Rosie Pickard	Toma Mikutyte	Connor Wickings
Oliver Richardson	Mitchell Williamson	Leia Smith	Alexander Abbott	Aiden Ohemeng
Savanaah James	Theo Finlayson-Clarke	Mahdi Miah	Shay Awan	Morgan-Mae Pratt

Each form representative has now received training on how to record and champion the ideas raised by the peers about life at MPA.

# MPA SCHOOL COUNCIL

## School Council Initiatives

1. Litter conscious students requested **bins** to be placed outside the **front of the school** and in the **Year 7 area** for breaktime.
2. Year 7 and 8 students suggested we add **more benches to the Quiet Area**, for use at break and lunchtime.
3. Year 10 pupils asked if it would be possible to order revision guides this year, instead of at the start of Year 11. On the advice of curriculum and subject leaders the school has purchased, paid for and distributed **revision guides for the following subjects - Science, French, Geography, PE, RE, English & History.**
4. School Council also drew our attention to the **broken pianos** in the music department and Mr Frost authorised Mr Riches to spend the money and get the instruments fixed.
5. Year 10 and 11 girls raised the issue that it was unfair that their A Block toilets were the only ones not to have mirrors. **The site team have now ordered some suitable mirrors and will put these up and replace all missing door hooks.**
6. School council also asked us to improve **advanced communication about whole school events** like European Language Days, charity initiatives, End of Term arrangements etc. These are now discussed at fortnightly Year Council meetings.
7. School Council also requested greater **clarity around Gluten Free and Halal options** in the school canteen. The following was shared with reps at our last meeting:

### GLUTEN

All sauces and gravy are made fresh and onsite and nothing contains gluten. Alternative gluten free pasta, flatbreads and wraps are always available. Students just need to speak to canteen staff who will get these for them. Students who are coeliac do this on a regular basis.



### HALAL

All meat that is sold in the canteen (except the sausage rolls) is Halal. This now includes all chicken in the 'Chicken Shack' and all sausages that are sold as they are all made from either Halal chicken or Halal beef. The canteen does not serve pork sausages, aside from the pastry sausage rolls.





# ENRICHMENT EVENTS

## Year 7 Workshop—Streetwise

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November Year 7 students were treated to a Theatre in Education performance by the visiting company 'Streetwise'.

The performance highlighted the ever-important issue of road safety, with each of the characters having a near miss experience and one tragically being hit by a car at the end.

We remain conscious that Marshalls Park is located with a series of very busy roads, so do not under-appreciate the value of this session.

Feedback from students included:

- "Interesting presentation about road safety"
- "Was actually really good"
- Good they got us involved. It really made me think"
- "I liked how they explained it and showed us the message"
- "Lots of movement with characters which kept a difficult topic very engaging"
- "I've definitely learnt to pay more attention when crossing the road"
- "The statistics were quite shocking"
- " This was very relatable. It's quite scary actually"



## Skills London

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November the Year 11 team took students to Skills London, the capital's biggest careers event.

A one stop shop with advice, tips and contemporary information to help the students with their future plans.

The students had the chance to meet with colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers who provided them with lots of useful information and advice about their future career plans. It was an excellent day and the vast majority of students found it informative and motivating. The students attitude was excellent, it was lovely to see them engaging with the providers and asking thoughtful questions.





# DIVERSITY EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

## Clothing Drive



This term the Diversity Equality and Inclusion team organised a charity clothing drive for TRAID charity.

We were able to donate many bags of clothing to help with development in continents such as Africa and Asia to help with the environment and more gender equality in different industries such as agriculture. Every aspect of TRAID's work aims to minimise, improve and transform the impacts of clothes – from stopping clothes being thrown away, to extending the life of clothes in TRAID charity shops, to delivering sustainable education, to the international development projects TRAID fund to improve environmental and working practices in the fashion industry.

We therefore want to thank everyone that helped and donated bags of clothing.



## Show Racism the Red Card

SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD

The Diversity Equality and Inclusion team have launched the Show Racism the Red Card competition for the second time this year following 2022's success where a group of four students won the national competition!

We would love lots of students to participate in this competition to promote anti-racism in our world. Students can do any of the following for their entry: **artwork, songs, creative writing, film, music, football boots and t-shirt designs**

### Prizes include:

- Vouchers
- Footballs
- The opportunity for your top or boot design to be featured in a popular football computer game
- Being invited to a premiership football club stadium, (the club has not been decided yet), to attend a celebration ceremony
- A meet and greet with past and present professional football players
- A football shirt from your favourite team
- A music workshop for your school including beat boxing, dj skills and music production





## Theatre Trip

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October Miss Fulbrook, Ms Jackson & Miss Woodhead accompanied the Year 11 GCSE Drama cohort on a trip to see touring production of 'The Woman in Black' which was playing in Southend.

The play, which has been running continuously for nearly 30 years never fails to disappoint ... particularly for the staff who get to enjoy watching students jump out of their skins, forgetting that they are *super cool and very grown up* 15 and 16 year olds!

As always the students have come away with lots of detailed notes to help them complete their written exam for GCSE Drama in May.



## Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Marshalls Park Academy hosted our annual Dance Showcase, this year titled 'A World of Emotions'. This showcase comprised of students from Year 7 all the way through to Year 11. All students performed work that had been rehearsed during lessons, clubs and also some dances choreographed by the students themselves! The night was a lovely example of all the hard work that students put in to dance and showcased the talents of our dancers.

Further dance opportunities will be available during the school year for any students wishing to take part. Our next Performance will be 'Hairspray' the musical!

### School Production Hairspray

Tuesday 16 January &  
Thursday 18 January

Tickets are £5 adults and  
£3 concessions and will  
be available to buy on  
ParentPay from Monday  
8th January



## Christmas Card Competition

The Art department held its annual KS3 'Season's Greetings' card competition again this year and we saw a huge uptake in the number of students who took part.

We delivered a 'Scandi' themed brief for students to follow initially in our extra-curricular workshop but we encouraged students to then work independently on their ideas. The Art Department were really impressed by the number of entries and the range of responses, students were confident in their use of media.

The competition was judged in year groups and after much deliberation; the winner for Year 9 is Abbie Ramsey, Year 8 is Mariyan Yorsanov and in Year 7 Kaya Jukonis.

MPA has sent the designs of our three winners to a professional printing company to be reproduced for the school to use as their official Seasonal Greetings cards.

These students will also receive a voucher as a prize for their efforts.

Ha en god ferie! (Happy Holidays!)



**Kaya Jukonis**  
**Year 7 Winner**



**Mariyan Yorsanov**  
**Year 8 Winner**



**Abbie Ramsey**  
**Year 9 Winner**





# CANTEEN NEWS

## Catering at MPA

As I'm sure you will be aware from our posts on social media, our canteen staff have been as busy as ever this year creating fun themed days for our students, in order to add variety to an already comprehensive lunchtime offer. These have included special menus for European Languages Week and National Census Day. We thought we would take this opportunity to give you an insight into the offer to students on these days.

## Spooky Servings in our Creepy Canteen

One of the most popular days, with staff and students alike this term, was the special Halloween themed menus served by our canteen before we broke for the October half term. Although these images can't capture the sounds of 'Thriller' and 'The Monster Mash', they can showcase some of the creative treats and incredibly inspired dishes that were on offer to our students on that day.



## Festive Feast

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December saw Christmas arrive early for students and staff at MPA and everyone was encouraged to get into the Christmas spirit with carols booming and a classic roast turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, enjoyed by all.





Last Day of Term	Wednesday 20 December
<b>Christmas School Holidays</b>	<b>Thursday 21 December to Friday 5th December</b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>	
Return to school	Monday 8 January 2024
School Production—Hairspray	Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 January 2024
Year 8 – HPV Vaccinations	Monday 5 February
Drop Down Day	Friday 16 February
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February 2024</b>
National Careers Week	Monday 4 March to Friday 8th March 2024
Year 8 Pathways Evening	Thursday 14 March 2023
Last day of Spring Term	28 March 2023

## Extra Curriculum Clubs!

At Marshall's Park Academy participation in extra-curricular activities is strongly encouraged.

We pride ourselves on developing confident and resilient individuals who are well rounded and able to meet the challenges of life in the 21st century. Our extra-curricular programme is designed to provide opportunities for students to explore various activities, develop new skills and nurture existing interests. Students are encouraged to commit to regularly attending at least one extracurricular activity each half term.

This term alone our staff have run 70 weekly clubs, which are free to attend for pupils:

Take a look at the table on the page overleaf, how many has your child attended?

Please continue to monitor our website and social media channels to see which clubs will be offered to our students in the Spring Term.



# Extra Curriculum Clubs!

## After School Clubs

2023 - 24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Yr 10, 11 Music Rehearsal Space BF06 (TRI) 7.45am – 8.25am	Music Club for all BF06 (TRI) 7.45am – 8.25am	Yr 7 Boys Basketball Sports Hall (PAY) 7.45 – 8.25am	Yr 8, 9 Boys Basketball Sports Hall (ABE) 7.45 – 8.25am	KS4 Boys Basketball Sports Hall (PAY) 7.45 – 8.25am
	KS4 Business Studies Support	KS4 Business Studies Support	KS4 Business Studies Support	KS4 Business Studies Support	KS4 Business Studies Support
					Yr 10, 11 Music Rehearsal BF06 (TRI) 7.45am – 8.25am
					Handball Sports Hall (ABE) 7.45am – 8.25am
Break	Music for all AF06 (TRI)	Music for all AF06 (TRI)	Music for all AF06 (TRI)		Music for all AF06 (TRI)
Lunch	KS3 Music Practice BF06 (TRI) 12.15pm-12.45pm	KS4 Music Practice BF06 (TRI)	KS3 Music Practice BF06	Yr 7, 8, 9 Dance Rehearsal AG04 (CBR) 12.15pm – 12.45pm	KS4 Music Practice BF06
		Y11 Music Intervention BF06 (TRI)	Diversity & Allies Club AG01 (NSM & CEV)		Y11 Music Intervention BF06 (TRI)
		Yr 7, 8, 9 Dance Rehearsal AG04 (CBR) 12.15pm – 12.45pm			
After School	Yr 7 Netball Courts or SH (NSM & GQU) 3.30 – 4.30pm	Yr 7, 8, 9 Football Field (PAY, LBM, ABE) 3.05 – 4.30pm	KS4 Volleyball Sports Hall (PAY) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Badminton Sports Hall (LBM) 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Yr 10, 11 Boys Football Field (LBM/PAY) 3.05 – 4.30pm
	Table Tennis Sports Hall (LBM) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Girls Rugby Field (NSM/GQU) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Year 9 Girls Netball Netball Courts (NSM) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Lacrosse Field (MCH) 3.30pm – 4.30pm	KS3 Volleyball Sports Hall (ABE/GQU) 3.05 – 4.30pm
	Year 9 GCSE Dance Rehearsal AG04 (CBR) 3.00 – 4.00pm	Y10, 11 Girls Football Field (LWH) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Music Individual Practice BF06 (TRI) 3.05 – 4.15pm	Yr 7, 8, 9 Chess Club CG03 (RME) 3.15pm – 4.30pm	Training Band BF06 (TRI) 3.05 – 4.15pm
	Year 8, 9 Science Challenge Club BF09 (RBA) 3.00 – 4.00pm	Week A Y10F Spanish W/S CF02 (AKI) 3.15 – 4.00pm	KS4 Science Revision CF07 (All Science Staff) 3.00 – 4.00pm	Yr 8 Girls Netball 3.30pm – 4.30pm (PAY) Yr 10, 11 Girls Netball 3.05pm – 4.30pm (LWH) Netball Courts/SH	BTEC Dance (Year 11) AG04 (VRO) 3.00 – 4.00pm
	Music Individual Practice BF06 (TRI) 3.05 – 4.15pm	Week B Italian Club CF03 (BBA) 3.15 – 4.00pm	Yr 10 Dance Rehearsal AG04 (CBR/VRO) 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Yr 7, 8, 9 Boys Rugby Field (ABE) 3.05 – 4.30pm	Music Individual Practice BF06 (TRI) 3.00pm – 4.00pm
	Music Tech Club BF06 (TRI) 3.05pm – 4.15pm	Week A Y11 French W/S CF04 (ESI) 3.15 – 4.00pm	Yr 10, 11 Music Composition BF06 (TRI) 3.05pm – 4.15pm	German Club CF03 (BBA) 3.15 – 4.00pm	
		Dance Company Yr 7 AG04 – Yr 8 CG01 3.00 – 4.00pm	Show Rehearsal BF06 (TRI/DHE) 3.05pm – 4.15pm	Film Club Week A CF04 (ESI) Week B CF02 (AKI) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
		KS4 History Catch-up Club BF06/BF01 (AMA/CBO) 3.15 – 4.30pm		Yr 11H French W/S AF06 (NEA) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
		Y11 D&D Club Starts November 3.00 – 4.00pm		Week A EAL AF07 (NGA) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
		Music Individual Practice BF06 (TRI) 3.05 – 4.15pm		Wk B Yr 10H French W/S CF01 (CPR) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
		Music Show Band BF06 (TRI/DHE) 3.05pm – 4.15pm		Week B Yr 11F French W/S CF04 (ESI) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
				Week B Yr 10H Spanish W/S AF07 (NGA) 3.15pm – 4.00pm	
				Music Rehearsals AG04 (CBR/VRO) 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
				KS3 History Club AG09 (BCA) 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
				Yr 7 Science Club BF07 (ANA/RBA/SHO) 3.00pm – 4.00pm	
				Choir BF06 (TRI) 3.00pm – 4.00pm	