

# MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Christmas and New Year do seem like distant memories now however I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

This week's newsletter is very brief as the community returns to routines. We have started the week holding year assemblies each day and I have managed to speak to many of our students about using time wisely and effectively, as this is a short half term. In my address to them I also touched on our values and the importance of being respectful, safe learners.

I am happy to say that we have had a positive start to the new term and am proud to see so many students quickly settling back into routines again.

Staff and student attendance has been high this week with a small number of absences, and we will continue to monitor both very carefully on a daily basis. Thank you for the high level of support regarding testing and the wearing of face coverings. It is appreciated.

*Ms J Williams*  
*Interim Headteacher*



## Asymptomatic Testing

On Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 January, in line with the requirements of the Department for Education, we offered all our students, on their return after the Christmas holidays, an on-site lateral flow test. This worked fantastically well, thanks in no small part to the sterling efforts of the Science Technicians and a number of our Year 11 prefects, who volunteered to help out. The prefects were an absolute credit to the school.

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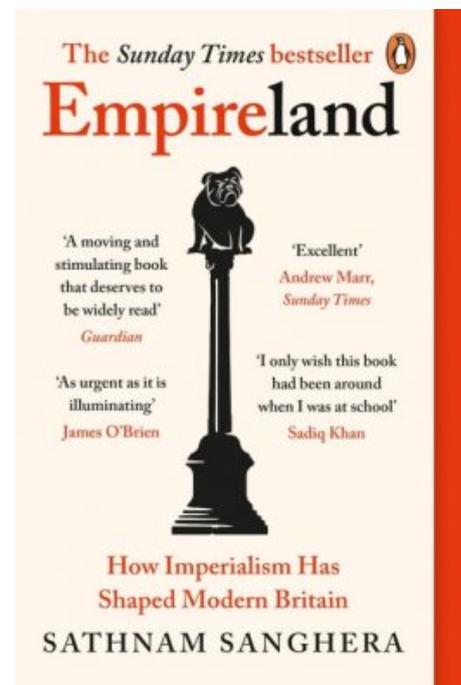
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## Staff Book Club

A book club is an excellent way to find new authors or genres and share opinions on those books with others. It is also an excellent way to increase the amount of books we read, something that has an excellent impact on our wellbeing. We have successfully run a staff book club at Mayflower High School for many years now, reading books such as *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens and *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mendel.

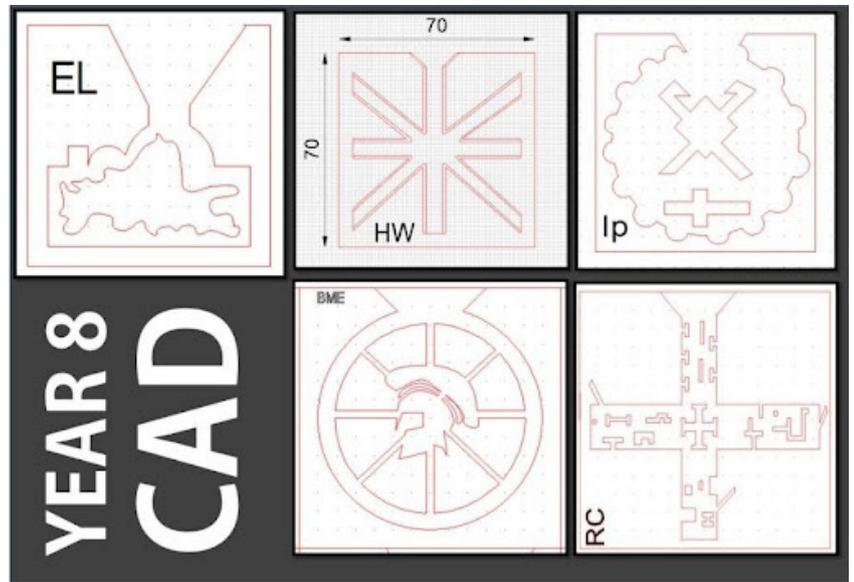
As you may have seen in a recent edition of our newsletter, the school has recently won a selection of 100 books from publishing company, Penguin. The competition centred around ensuring that schools have books from a range of diverse authors. As a result of this, we have chosen to select *Empireland* by Santham Sanghera as our latest read. This book focuses upon the Asian author's experience of growing up in the UK and the impact that race and the empire has on Britain today. This is something we will reflect upon in our next meeting, looking at ways that we can ensure themes present within the book are reflected within our curriculum. We would love for you to read this too or to simply encourage you to read more books in 2022!

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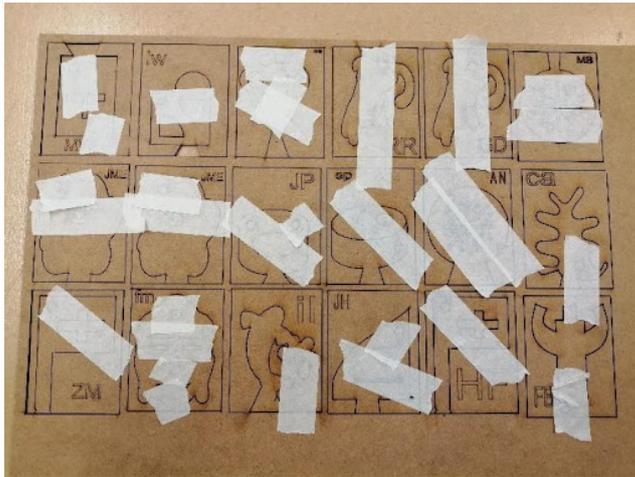


## Design & Technology

In Year 8 with Mrs Cox, students have been developing their technical drawing skills for their pewter casting project using CAD (Computer Aided Design). These skills can be seen in these examples of work where the students have worked hard to replicate their hand drawn designs on a CAD programme displaying excellent technical drawing skills. Very well done!

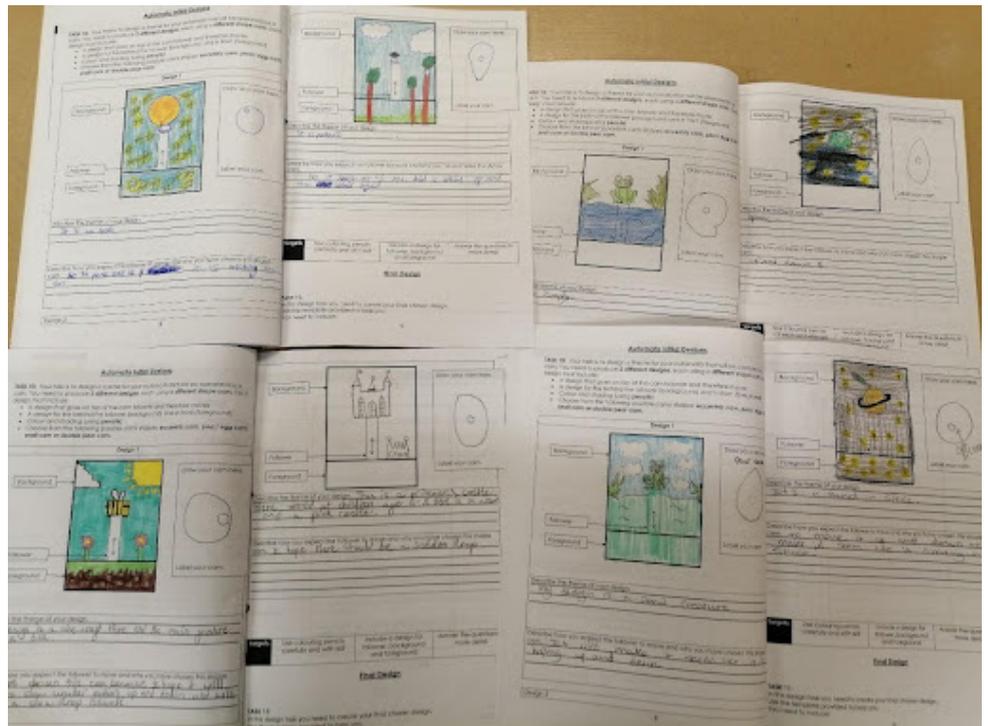


In Miss Miles' Year 8 casting project class, students have also created their moulds on CAD and in the below pictures you can see all of them in the laser cutter and after. After the moulds have been cut in MDF using the laser cutter, the teacher then uses masking tape to secure all the vital small pieces that are used in the moulding process. Excellent work, well done.



Meanwhile in Miss Miles' Year 7 classes, we have been designing and starting to make our automata toys. Some of the designs are excellent and we are making good progress with making the toy. Well done everyone!

Miss J Miles



## Food Preparation and Nutrition

In Miss Miles' Year 8 class this week, the students made scone based pizzas. They all looked and smelt so delicious and everyone worked so hard to make them. I hope you all enjoyed making them and eating them.

A special shout out to the top for pizzas made by Scarlett Lobb, George Fairburn, Shay Coughlan and Naomi Clements. It was really difficult to decide the best as they all looked so delicious.

Miss J Miles



## Religious Studies

Last term, students in Year 8 were learning about different religious festivals. Students learnt about festivals such as Diwali, Wesak, Vaishaki, Hanukkah, Eid, Samhain and Día de los Muertos. Here are some examples of Calaveras that students have when learning about Día de los Muertos.

Mrs C Davis



## Alumni: Benjamin Western

Benjamin is a former head boy at Mayflower. Since leaving Mayflower in 2002, Benjamin has gone on to be part of founding several businesses and charities. His current work is centered on building a National Community Service, which you can learn about by watching his TEDx Talk titled, *Let's Build a National Community Service*. Alongside this, he runs a company named Gaggle which works to make businesses more ethical and responsible.

Ben would love you to find out more by following any or all (!) of the following links:

Mr J Rowlands

National Community Service: <https://www.ncs.community/>

Gaggle: <https://www.jointhegaggle.org/>

TEDx Talk, *Let's Build a National Community Service*:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cForgy1Z6g>



## Eco Club

In December, Eco Club did their last litter pick of 2021, completing the pick in their Christmas outfits. We ran a Christmas outfit competition, with Thomas Williams, Jessica Elsdon and Jenna Phillips winning joint first place.

We're now looking forward to our plans to make Mayflower more eco-friendly in 2022!

Mrs C Davis

