

# MAYFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back everyone, I hope that the half term break has been enjoyed by all. We officially are in the second half of the year. This half term may be interrupted by several strike action days. I will share information with you about the proposed action on the 1 March and additional dates as early as possible.

It is such a pleasure to see the levels of creativity and skills demonstrated by students in so many different curriculum areas. In an ever changing technical world creativity and the arts are areas our young people need to embrace as they are such positive additions to character building.

I was not at all surprised when approached and asked whether we could help with the Turkey Syria appeal. Our students are extremely aware of what is happening around the globe and keen to help all those struggling in the two countries.

*Ms J Williams  
Headteacher*



## Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Workshop

On Monday 23rd January, 26 Year 10 students participated in the 'Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' workshop. This the first stage of a national competition, with regional finals taking place in April 2023. Students spent the day with the facilitator, Theresa Dukes, from Jack Petchey, learning how to devise, structure and deliver a speech to their peers. Students played games and worked in teams to developed their skills. All of the students did incredibly well and it was fantastic to see their confidence developing throughout the day. Congratulations to Henry Gilbert, Penny Knight, Amelia Rogers, Frank Thornton and Jemma Hawkes who were selected to go forward to the next stage of the competition. They will be speaking in an assembly at some point over the next few weeks, after which we will then choose a student to represent Mayflower High School at the regional finals which will take place on 18 April at De La Salle School in Basildon.

## STEM Careers and Women in STEM

A huge thank you to Emily (an ex Mayflower Student) & Megan for delivering a talk on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) careers and women in STEM where they discussed their respective degree studies in Biomedical Science & Aerospace engineering.

Year 11 students were provided with an invaluable insight into what it is like studying a STEM based subject. The talk focused on the myriad of careers available and the transferable skills developed though a STEM degree course or apprenticeship, as well as breaking down barriers in the field especially for girls.

Our speakers were very candid about the challenges of university life and I believe this event will help students think about their future including subjects to opt for at A Level and beyond. A special thanks to Mr. Banger for arranging the visit.

**Mr. Griffiths**  
Head of Science Faculty



## Estrella des mes

Each month the Spanish department awards a Star of the Month – Estrella del mes- from each form. Here are the winners for the month of January. The winners receive a certificate and merits. ¡Sigue con el buen trabajo! - Keep up the good work!

Olivia Johnson-Marns & Luke Wheaton 7B1

Aine O'Reilly 7B2

Josh Smith 7F2

Raisa Ursu 7M1

Olivia Garnett 7M2

Archie Cushing 8B1

Tilly Porter 8B2

Benedict Guthrie-Blunkell 8F1

Mia Pearson 8F2

Olivia Cross 8L1

James Harman & Tilly Walsh 8L2

Edward Ames 8M1

Isabelle Lee 9B1

Phoenix Hill 9B2

Elizabeth Salvatore 9F1

Ben Mesnard 9F2

Sonny Bowerman 9L1

Joe Dendle 9L2

Jamie Eyres-Gill 9M1

David Ciorogar 9M2

Jenna Phillips 9R1

Emma Humphrey 10R1

Henry Gilbert 10L2

Lewis Cory 10B1

Isobelle Simmons 10L1

Charlotte Cousins 10M2

Chloe Callis 10F2

Sonny Long 11F1

Owen Hasler 11R1 and Luke Siegfried 11F2

Callum Brown 11B2

Lucy Wiltshire 11R1

Joe Smith 11R1

Evangeline Pierce 11R1

Charlie Nicel 11F2

Thomas Casey 11M2



## Turkey Earthquake Appeal

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated items to be sent to Turkey.

Before the half term break, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. Thousands of people have died in this horrific natural disaster. As a community we reached out to ask for any items of food and clothing to be donated to be sent over. The kindness and generosity of the Mayflower and Billiercay community has been overwhelming and greatly received.

The items were taken to a local drop off point to be sent over in a container this week.

*Miss McDowell*



## LGBT+ History Month and History Club

LGBT+ History Month is celebrated in the UK in February each year. It started as an initiative on marking the abolition of Section 28.

Section 28 was part of the Local Government Act 1988, which stated that a local authority:

- "shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality"
- "promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship "

The effect of this was teachers and other school staff became fearful of doing what they knew and felt to be the right thing. This fear was further aggravated by some sections of society and the media misrepresenting the LGBT+ community.

Students in school, who identified with the LGBT+ community, felt consistently isolated and alienated from the 'norm'. Section 28 prohibited them from seeing any of the LGBT+ community reflected in their education or the world around them.

Despite Section 28 having been abolished in 2003, education still needs to continue to strive to ensure diversity and positivity of the LGBT+ community can be found in our curriculums. Instead of feeling isolated and alienated, they are able to see themselves reflected in their curriculum and the freedom to explore who they are.

This year's theme pays homage to the people 'behind the lens', which gives us the opportunity to celebrate the lives of the LGBT+ community who have contributed to the fields of photography, film and fashion.

Over the course of February, History Club will explore some of these industries. We will look at positive individuals, such as Kay Tobin, as well as laws that have negatively affected the community, like New York's Masquerade Laws.

As a club we hope to use this month as an opportunity to engage with the all too hidden history of the LGBT+ community.

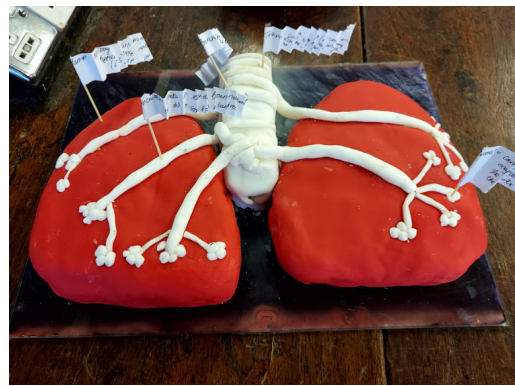
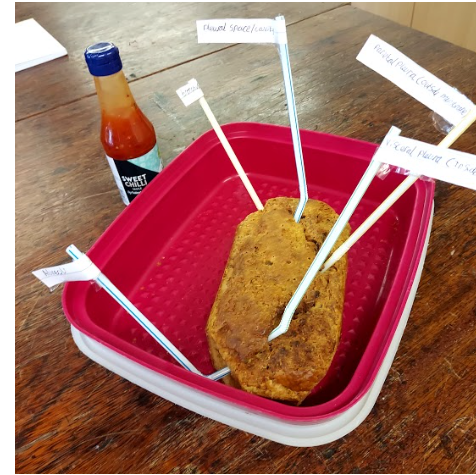


# A Level Biologist

A level biologists in Year 12 have been learning about the respiratory system structure and function. In order to introduce the topic and get their creative juices flowing they were set a homework to make a model of the lungs. They all went for an edible model which made the lesson even more interesting as we all got involved in judging for Scientific accuracy and taste! It was impossible for me to pick a winner as all entries had something which made them stand out.

Which one do you think should win?

Mrs Poole



## Design & Technology

In Design and Technology students are busy finishing their current projects.

In Year 7 students have been learning about the basic cam mechanism and types of motion. They have then been applying this knowledge to make a simple automata toy.

These are some of the first to have been made.

Well done to: Liza Podsvirova, Lily Norman, Alfie Millen and Zack Briggs

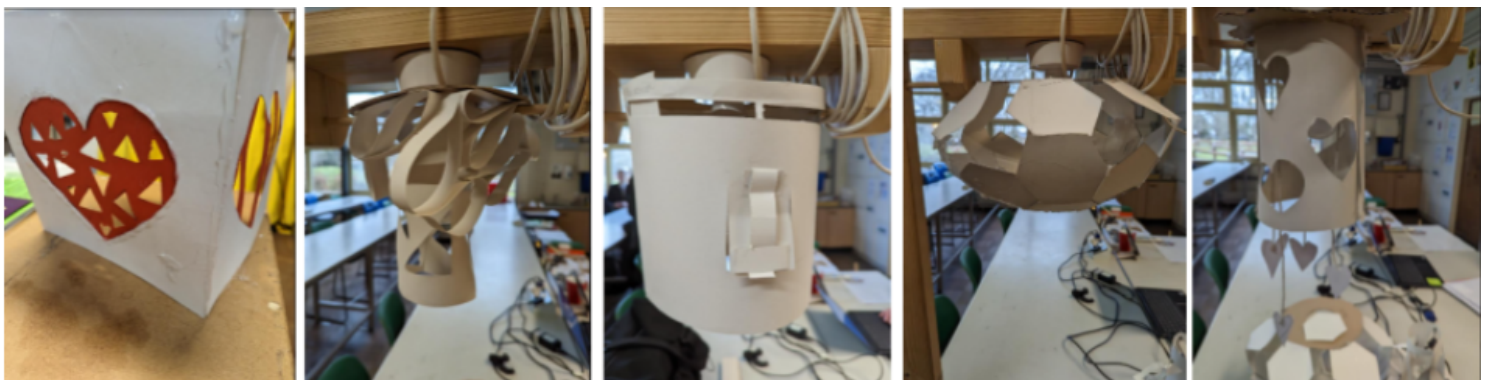


In Year 8 students have been learning about working with metals and their properties. This has then been applied to make a pewter cast keyring. Students have had to learn how to use 2D design in order to create and design their mould for casting their keyring. Keyrings have then been cast and polished to a high finish.

These are just some of the keyrings that have been made, these ones have been created by: Eleanor Chaplin, Mia Wilson, Matilda Mein Pareshay Khan, Alexandra Knight and Ava Parker.

In Year 9 students have been exploring card modelling techniques, they have then applied these skills in order to create a card lamp model. Here are just a few of the first finished design ideas.

A huge well done to: Bolajoko Akinde, Charlotte Dowson, Ben Mesnard, Jamie Gregory and Alice Rich.



A huge well done to the students who made it into the newsletter this time. We are still making and finishing off projects more amazing work will be shown next time. Keep up the amazing work in KS3.

## Food

In Year 7 students have been planning their pasta salad practical lesson and made their very own version of a pasta salad for an assessment. This gave teachers the opportunity to see the knife skills that students had learnt over the first half of the year. A huge well done to those of you who have already made yours. Can you spot it in the newsletter here?



In Year 9 students have been making their calzone over two lessons with their choice of filling. Students have had to learn how to make and prepare the dough before combining flavours to create a tasty treat for dinner. A huge well done Year 9.

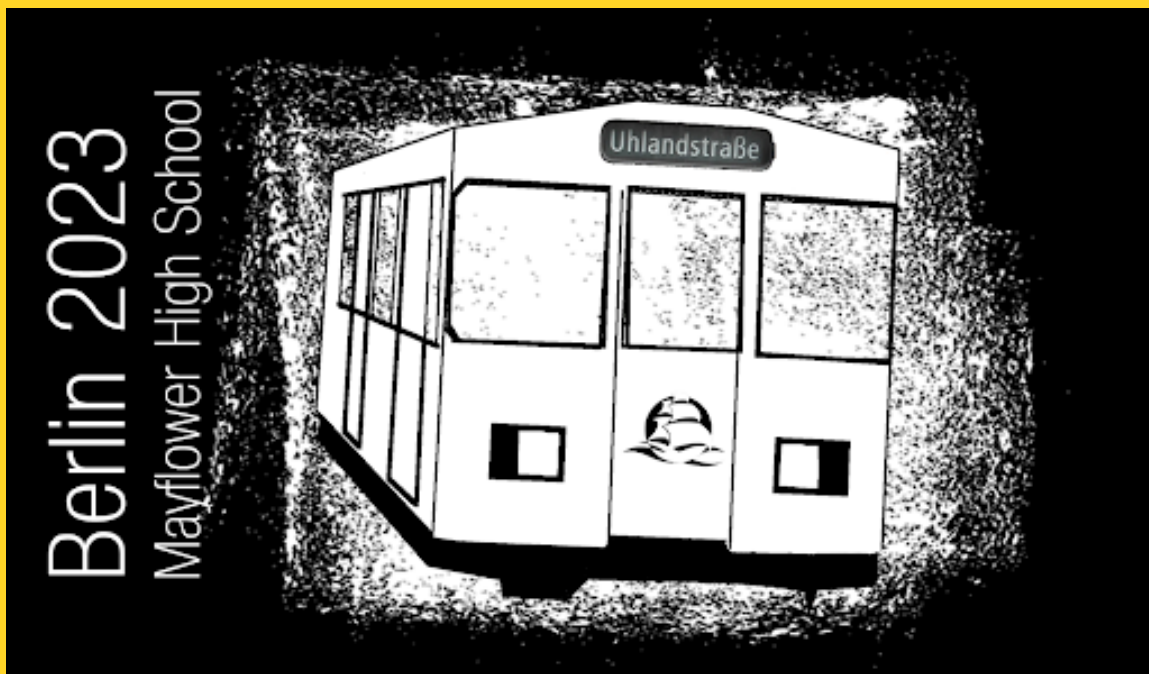


## History: Berlin Trip T-Shirt Winner

Congratulations to Mihaela Karapeneva (Year 11) who created the winning design for the t-shirt which will be worn by all students on the History trip to Berlin in April.

Well done Mihaela!

Mrs Cumber



## Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievement Points

The first half of the Spring term was a relatively short term, however the number of students named below and in our previous editions certainly is a credit to our students demonstrating our core values of our school. The number of students who were awarded a fast pass into the canteen for their 100% attendance and also our 1 day to 5 day fast passes for positive signatures in their planner demonstrating them being respectful, being a learner and being safe is fantastic to see every lunchtime. Since the 16th January staff have given out 14,554 merits, as of the 10th February Year 8 had the highest merit totals closely followed by Year 7 and Year 9. Year 9 had the most merits for showing excellent effort in class, Year 10 for their excellent homework, Year 7 for showing resilience and Year 8 for their contributions to the lesson. Year 11 achieved the most merits for showing progress within the lesson and also for having the least negative points. We will hold our celebration assemblies at the end of this term to continue to celebrate our students' achievements.

### Achievement award (25 conduct points).

<b>Year 7</b>	Thomas Waide
Isabelle Bond	Laila Walton
Leila-Grace Crossman	
Bobbie Foley	<b>Year 11</b>
Stephanie Karr	Owen Andrews
Leon Knight	Taylor Barker
Sophie Lee	Esmee Bausor
Lillie Moss	Samuel Behn
	Rosie Dearlove
<b>Year 8</b>	Tom Dodd
Charlie Collings	Harry Dunlop
Oliver Cusack	Ruby Edwards
Harrison Dempsie	Harry Fuller
Olly Kiteley	Isabel Hale
Marcus Slater	Oliver Hall
Lewis Watts	Harry Harper
	Elliot Hawkins
<b>Year 8</b>	Leon Hook
Zack Beales	Callum Lill
Freya Clark	Kaitlyn Maloney
Frankie Viner	Harvey Morgan
<b>Year 10</b>	Florence Porter
Archie Anson	Ruth Powell
Katie Bryan	Dylan Quirk
Charlie Faulks	Luke Siegfried
Will Gaffney	Harrison Thomas
Ryan Hills	Olivia Tremble
James McCrow	
Sam Moore	
Thomas O'Reilly	
Baxter Poulter	
Harrison Purnell	
Josh Wagstaff	



### Bronze Award (50 Conduct Points).

<b>Year 7</b>	Harry Smith
Annabel Bowden	Elliot Stephens
Finlay Cannon	Katie Walsh
James Clarke	Isaac Westell
Thomas Cripps	
Finley Darroch	<b>Year 9</b>
Riley Evans-Doyle	Alexander Borg
Holly Farrow	Tony Bowers
Thomas Fox	Ava Coughlan
Thomas Gibbins	Freddy Crooks
Thomas Hall	Charlie Doman
Stenil Herbert	Jessica Elsdon
Alex Hill	Freya Flanagan
Emily Jones	Holly Fox
Nathan Leavitt	Kaysen Grigg
Denisa Podaru	Elsa Hopwood
Isabella Prior	Scarlett Lobb
Rylan Qema	Albert Longlade
Heidi Taylor	Alfie Lowrie
Jude Wells	Saxon Minto
	Molly Wright
<b>Year 8</b>	
Charlie Dean	<b>Year 10</b>
Larissa Fabb-Bourne	Mary Alston
Lennon Harris	Sam Bowden
Luca Hernandez	Rebecca Brown
William King	Louis Burrige
Erin Miller	Neve Burton
Alfie Moorcroft	Freya Bushell
Alexander Mulcahy	Leila Cable
Felix Naman	Amy Carter
Ethan Omogbai	Anais Chaproniere
Harry Showell	Summer Childs



# Key Stage 3 and 4 Achievement Points

Freddie Coleman  
George Cook  
Charlotte Cousins  
Charlie Garlick  
George Hampton  
Omar Haroon  
Emily Harvey  
Grace Hopwood  
Emma Humphrey  
Aurora Hysa  
Oscar Larter  
Zachary Liggins  
Isabelle Lowry  
Kyla Moffat  
Oscar Naman  
Tyler Owen  
Luca Poloni  
Preston Rivers  
Libby Seaman-Young  
Lily Slater  
Elliott Smith  
Issy Smith  
Flynn Southwood  
Jack Sumner  
Finlay Trott  
Abi Turner  
Sophie West  
Jacob Westell  
Tali Wittridge-Shaw  
Libby Wright

## Year 11

Sophie Abraham  
Jenessie Avila  
Vie Beadle  
Elsie Crooks  
Caitlyn De Kok  
Oscar Eagle  
Sophie Foulkes  
James Guy  
Harrison Harlow  
Owen Hasler  
Hope Henderson  
Teddy Hoffman  
Florence Jennings  
Louisa Knight  
Mia Lowe  
Nicole Morrish  
Christian Santos  
Samira Shams

Lewie Tear  
Lucy Wiltshire  
Cameron Wood

## Silver Award (100 conduct points)

### Year 7

Darasimi Adefemiwa  
Willow Baggott  
Sophie Bragg  
Jessica Coldicott  
Hudson Daly  
Jessica Dowson  
Bella Ehrlich  
Olivia Garnett  
Skye Greenan  
Amber Harbrow  
Freya Hardy-Wallace

### Aurora Hill

Emily Horncastle  
Emily Jackson  
Tiffany Jones  
Donovan Knowles  
Njilla Kouani  
Darcey Lister  
Matthew Love  
Zoe Manly  
Eavlyn Mariya Jaison  
Flora Noble  
Aine O'Reilly  
Elizabeth Pater  
Esme Pearson  
Betsi Plenty  
Liza Podsvirova  
Arubah Saif  
Russell Salvatore  
Jowan Sam  
Josh Smith  
Thomas Trevallion  
Finley Walker  
Millie Warren  
Stephen Watts  
Luke Wheaton

### Year 8

Edward Ames  
Callum Bainbridge  
Lenny Batchelor  
Charlotte Bilby

Bella Bleakley  
David Brace  
Edward Brown  
Eleanor Chaplin  
Olivia Cross  
Archie Cushing  
Gracie Gold  
Harris Henton  
Chloe Locke-Sinclair  
Conor Mint  
Athena Mitchell  
Mia Pearson  
Honey Phillips  
Patrick Richardson  
Aiden Trunks  
Henry Tune  
Esmee Turner  
Theo Wakerly

### Year 9

George Andrews  
Fae Bailey  
Cameron Ball  
Izzy Cheesman  
Ellen Hood  
Samuel Hughes  
Amelia Humphreys  
Isabelle Lee  
Jack Masser  
Lara McKenzie  
Will Middleton  
Jenna Phillips  
Elizabeth Salvatore  
William Stansfield  
Dakota Styles  
Abigail Towler  
Millie Wiseman

### Year 10

Owen Anderson  
Samuel Anderson  
Fred Belcher  
Beatrice Bleakley  
Lauren Carter  
Lani Coughlan  
Joshua Edwards  
Lila Eve  
Henry Gilbert  
Amber Gooch

Amelia Gothard  
Bella Henderson  
Elena Humphreys  
Emily Joshi  
Erin Lambe  
Toby Paige  
Sophia Rekasheva  
Maisie Rowling  
Isobelle Simmons  
Frank Thornton  
Nicole Tidder  
Erinne Turk  
Ruby Walsh  
Darcy Westell

### Year 11

Eloise Dodd  
Maia Lynn  
Sophie Vaidya

## Gold Award (150 conduct points)

A special congratulations to the following people

### Year 8

Poppy Groves  
Annie Jerreat  
Sophie Thomas

### Year 9

Lily Manly  
Anya Mistry  
Chris Reid  
Ava Turner

### Year 10

Thomas Williams

Congratulations to all our students. Conduct points are calculated by achievement points - behaviour points. *Points were calculated on the 10th February.*

*Mrs Cooke and Mrs Ball*

