

# OUR PEOPLE

NEWHOUSE ACADEMY  
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## WELCOME BACK

MR BURNHAM DISCUSSES  
OUR FIRST HALF TERM OF  
THE ACADEMIC YEAR

## OPEN EVENING

WELCOMING FUTURE  
STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO  
LEARN WHAT MAKES US  
NEWHOUSE

## MACMILLAN COFFEE

HOW OUR STAFF  
CAME TOGETHER TO  
RAISE MONEY AND  
EAT CAKE

Photo by Miguel Declan

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As we come to the end of term, and the end of 2022, we can reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few months at Newhouse Academy.

We returned in September after celebrating GCSE results, where students achieving a 5+ in English and maths increased by 12%, and students achieving a 5+ in science increased by 11%. We also saw a pass rate at 5+ of 93% in GCSE physical education, and a 73% in photography. Music, dance and performing arts saw a 100% pass rate. This year group worked through some very challenging and unique times as the Covid 19 pandemic took hold and changed the way we worked, studied and lived. We are very proud of them and their achievements and wish them well with the next phase of their education.

The current Year 11 cohort has been working hard in preparation for their GCSE exams next year, and recently completed their mock examinations. There will be many opportunities, as they move through Year 11, to get involved in revision workshops and prepare for their final exams.

We launched our new after school activities programme this term, and have had lots of students attend the many groups and clubs on offer, including; guitar group, photography club, painting club, Muay Thai, geography club, history club, book club, debate club, basketball, rugby, trampolining and volleyball to name but a few.

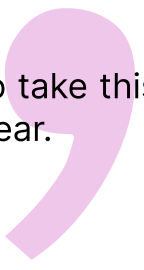
This term, we've also celebrated the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and a number of students took on the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We've also celebrated Black History Month and raised money for Macmillan with a coffee morning.

In October, we welcomed Year 6 children from local primary schools to our annual Open Evening. It was lovely to meet and work with our prospective new students. We enjoyed meeting lots of families and showing them what Newhouse is all about. We also had an unprecedented number of students wanting to help out at the event, proud of their academy and what it has to offer.

This term we elected 'Our People' representatives from Years 8 to 11. They form our new student council and are instrumental at Newhouse Academy as the 'voice' of the student body. Year 7 held their ballot recently and 'Our People' representatives will be elected in the coming weeks.

As the 'Our People' initiative continues to embed itself, we introduced the 'Our People' badge. Being awarded this badge is the very pinnacle of achievement at Newhouse Academy and I look forward to presenting this to deserving students in the months to come.

There have been many more successes this term, far too many to mention! I hope you enjoy this edition of our 'student-led' magazine and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. With my best wishes,



Mr A Burnham, Headteacher.







In memory of

Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022

On Thursday the 8th of September 2022 history was made the world over, the Queen of England had peacefully passed away at the age of 96 years old in the afternoon at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. The Queen's death triggered a 10 day mourning period and activated a protocol known as Operation London Bridge. The mourning period consisted of the moving of the Queen's coffin from Balmoral Castle to Edinburgh Scotland and then taken to Westminster Abbey in London awaiting the funeral processions to happen in Windsor Castle. People from all over the world flocked to London to pay their respects to our late monarch with the queue reaching up to 10 miles long and people waiting up to 14 hours to see the coffin in the few days before the funeral. Churches all over the country rang in respect for the mourning by muffling their bells, making them quieter, with most of the towers ringing on Friday the 9th at 1:00 to symbolise the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

But now we have a new King, His Majesty King Charles III. And with a new monarch means lots changes such as the police crest; it will change from EIIR (Elizabeth II Regina) to CIIR (Charles III Rex), also how all currency will have the new Kings head on, looking to the left as opposed to Elizabeth who faced towards the right- but not to worry as you will have plenty of notice before coins and notes with the Queen's head on will not be accepted at shops and supermarkets.

# Our People Representatives

photo by Li Zhang



With the new school year came along a new council at the school the 'Our People Representatives'. The reps are a pair of people from every form in each year group and will act as the voice of all in their form. This council of people was formed to adhere to the new Our People qualities at the school that every student and staff member should strive towards. The representatives have already started meeting and discussing some exciting and important things for or school community.

**Oliver V. Y9**



# Our People Badge Competition

Following the announcement of the new Our People Agenda the Art department ran a competition where students could design the new Our People badge. Staff and students voted from the selected top 12. The winners are (from 600 entries) Brooke H, Melissa B. Emily W and Senthamil A. Brooke won the competition with 40% of the votes from students and staff, and will receive an art pack, a £50 gift card and her winning design will be made. The 3 runners up will receive the Art pack (Folder, sketchbook, sketching pencils, water colours, paint brushes, pencil crayons). A very big thank you and well done to all students that submitted their designs and worked incredibly hard.

## OUR CORE VALUES

ASPIRATION

INTEGRITY

RESPECT





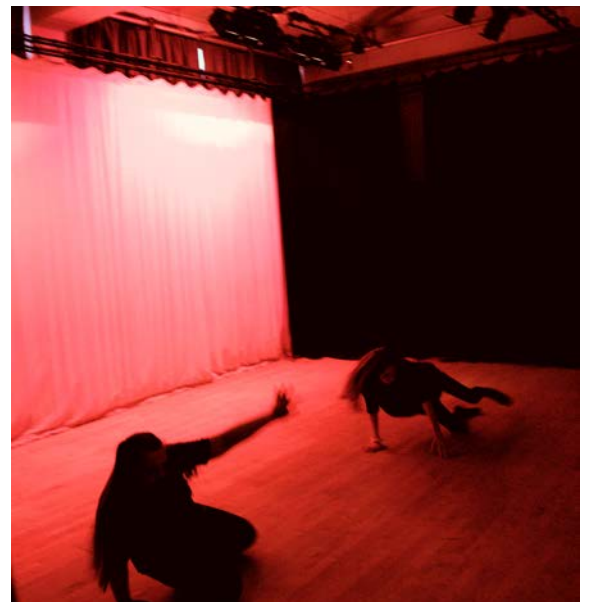
# Open Evening



After many hours of preparation the school held its yearly Open Evening event on the 6th of October from 6pm to 8pm. Many students volunteered their time to allow the night to go as smoothly as possible. Each department had their own activities for parents and children alike to enjoy. Whether it be guessing the character in English, creating prints in Art, getting to touch animal organs in Science, or seeing our humanities department dressed up as Manchester icons and legends (including a loaf of Warbuton's bread) there was something for everyone to experience. Subject teachers were on hand to provide information about our varied and engaging curriculums, to answer questions and to welcome students and families to our school. The night was well attended and the whole school community enjoyed the opportunity to show future students and parents what Newhouse is all about and to give them a glimpse of who Our People really are.

**Oliver V. Y9**





# Language

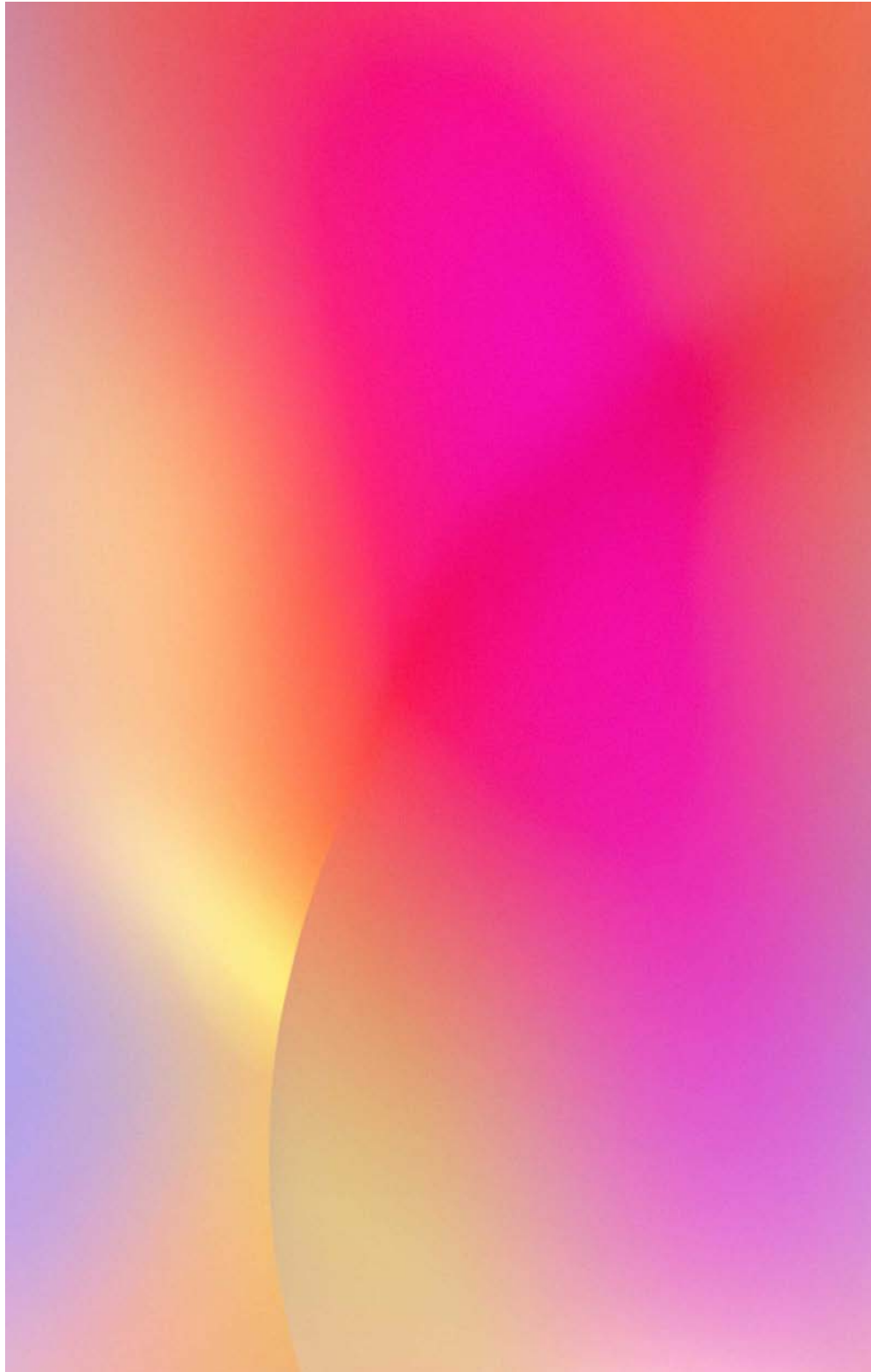
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# Ambassadors

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Following the start of the new school year the 'Language Ambassadors' have begun their work. The ambassadors were chosen towards the end of the final half term last year. The ambassadors get together every Wednesday and discuss future plans for the raffles, events, bake sales etc. The ambassadors work with Miss Stubbart and the rest of the Modern Foreign Languages department. The students also go in depth with foreign cultures and traditions to improve their knowledge of other countries and their ways of life.

**Oliver V. Y9**





# Year 7 & Year 9 Families' Evenings

## Year 7

On the 29th of September, Year 7's and their parents had their first Families' Evening with their form tutors. They talked about behaviour, achievements and attendance. It was a great opportunity for parents to discuss with form tutors how their children have been settling in to Newhouse and to get to meet their child's form tutor face to face.

**Ashleigh N. Y7**

## Year 9

On the evening of Thursday 20th of October the Year 9's and their families were invited into school to find out how well the students were getting along in each of their lessons. As this was their first face to face families evening at Newhouse there was a little confusion in the air as families entered but this soon cleared thanks to the help of the Senior Prefects and the various staff members stationed around the building. The night started at 4:00pm and finished at just after 7:00pm. It was fantastic for teachers and families alike to be able to meet and discuss the progress that Year 9 have already made this year and for families and pupils to start the process of choosing their GCSE options. Once again a thank you to all staff and students who helped out and well done to everyone on an amazing start to the new school year.

**Oliver V. Y9**



**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT  
**COFFEE MORNING**

On Tuesday the 27th September the staff came together to host a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon that was held in the atrium after school had finished for the students. Cakes were baked with care in the hopes that they would be bought and enjoyed by the other members of staff and raise some money for the Macmillan Cancer Care Charity Fundraiser Event. As a whole the afternoon was a huge success and as a team the staff raised £311.92. Mr Walmsley (head of Year 10) won the Bake Off competition with a Lotus Biscoff cheesecake. A well done for the staff is in order and a thank you also.

**Oliver V. Y9**

# The Wellbeing Café

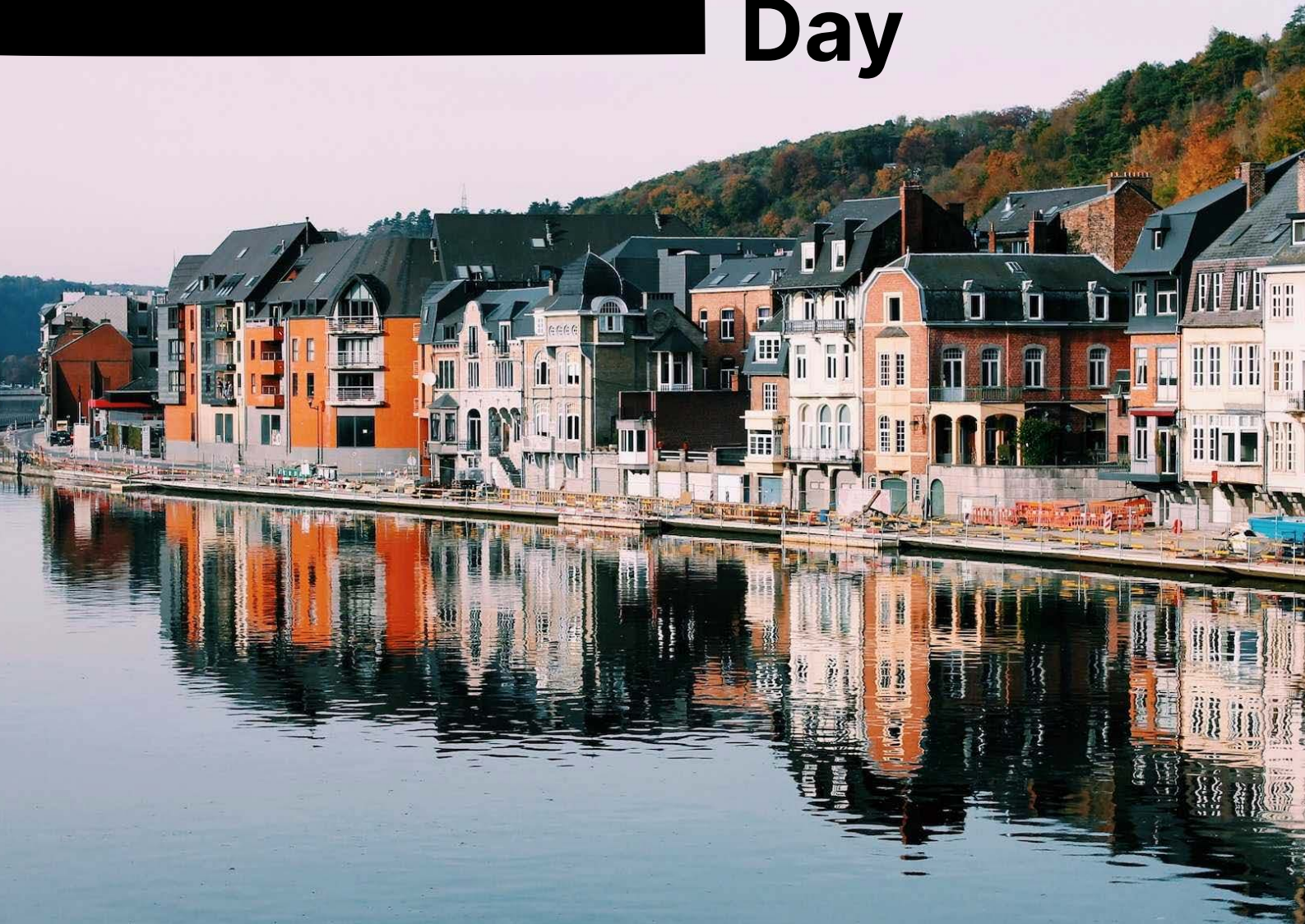


The wellbeing Café is an opportunity for staff to get-together and socialise with colleagues and have a mental and physical reset. It happens every other Tuesday in the atrium's new wellbeing space and is run by the Wellbeing Committee. This event includes sweet treats such as biscuits, chocolates and crisps it also offers the staff cups of tea and coffee and soft drinks. Everyone needs a bit of time to unwind outside of classrooms and offices and this has proved a fantastic way of achieving this.

**Oliver V. Y9**



# European Languages Day



On European Languages' Day there were lots of things going on around school. We had a cupcake sale that was on to raise money for the Little Monkeys charity in Heywood. It was the perfect opportunity to raise money to help children and families who are facing poverty in our community. We also had food from different European countries served at lunch time, flags and banners were put up around school and students also took part in a form time activity involving a quiz. All in all it was a fantastic day and we all enjoyed learning about the many different languages and cultures of Europe. **Kobe T. Y7**

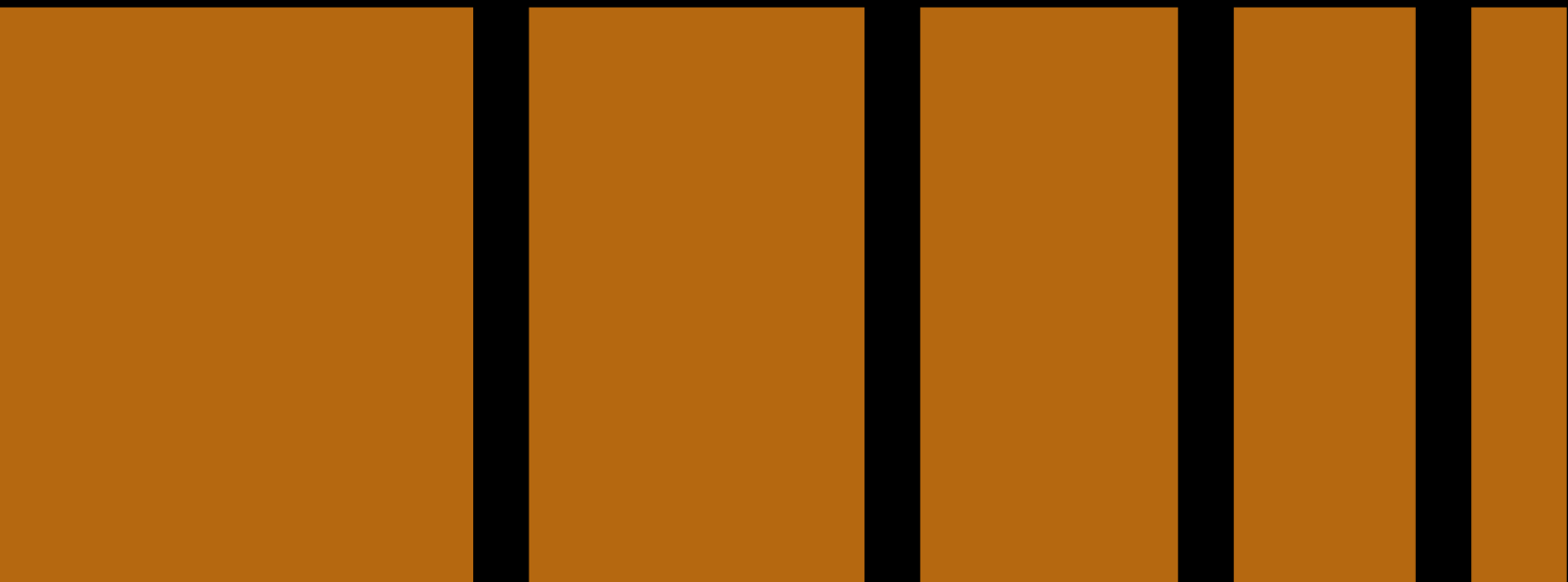


# Black History Month

photo by Jackson David

Each year in the month of October we celebrate Black History Month both in school and around the world. Each year there is a different theme for the month to follow and the UK Black History Month 2022 theme is 'Time for Change: Action, Not Words.' To commemorate the month the History Department set up a display to bring the month to the whole school's attention. All students also had one of their weekly assemblies dedicated to the cause so that everyone has an equal opportunity to understand how and why the UK's Black History Month came to be and the importance of it. Students were also given the opportunity to learn more about some key figures in black history and even make a badge to represent them.

**Oliver V. Y9**







# Duke of Edinburgh



As the school day of Friday 30th of October drew to a wet and stormy close, staff and pupils braved the wind and the rain to head to the shelter and warmth of home. But in an upstairs classroom, twelve year 11's, Mr Jeffrey, Miss Willis, Miss Johnston and Mrs Zebedee were completing final bag checks and safety briefings for their Duke of Edinburgh practice weekend. Not phased (mostly) by the inclement weather raging outside they were ready and excited to get going.





Upon arriving at Bibby's Farm Scout Camp, Mr Jeffrey and Miss Johnston took advantage of the now significantly improved weather and took the students on a short practice walk to allow them to get used to the bags, maps and compasses that they would use the following day. Miss Willis and Mrs Zebedee, having drawn the short straw by needing to make a detour to Go Outdoors for camping chairs, were left in charge of putting up the gazebo. They completed their feat of engineering just in time for the others to return back to camp and inspect (and judge) their handiwork.

As the light began to fade, it was time to put up the tents. With a little competition (and varying degrees of success) most of the tents were completed and kit moved in before it got dark leaving the final matter of business; dinner. The traditional Duke of Edinburgh experience involves huddling over a Trangia stove stirring something from a can, something dehydrated, something with the nutritional value of cardboard, or a combination of the three. However, after approximately 0.5 seconds of deliberation the team decided unanimously that Domino's would be the best option. After enjoying their delivered pizza all students and staff alike indulged in some campfire roasted marshmallows before finally deciding to call it a night at around 11pm.

After getting up early our teams packed the site away making sure to leave it just as they found it. Setting off at 9 the group of girls, led by Mrs Zebedee and Miss Willis, returned back to camp first, after walking 13.5KM, thanks to a shortcut despite starting after the other group, the boys, led by Mr Jeffery and Miss Johnston. All students took turns navigating the way with just a map and compass. After a quick headcount everyone set off back home at around 1:30pm.

**Oliver V. Y9**

# AT THE CINEMA

GET LOST IN THE BIG SCREEN



## MATILDA THE MUSICAL



Matilda, an extraordinary girl armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand against her oppressive parents and head teacher to change her story with miraculous results.

Released: 25 Nov 2022



## WAKANDA FOREVER



Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death.

Released: 11 Nov 2022



## AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER



Jake Sully and Ney'tiri have formed a family and are doing everything to stay together. However, they must leave their home and explore the regions of Pandora. When an ancient threat resurfaces, Jake must fight a difficult war against the humans.

Released: 16 Dec 2022





## THE MENU

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A couple (Anya Taylor-Joy and Nicholas Hoult) travels to a coastal island to eat at an exclusive restaurant where the chef (Ralph Fiennes) has prepared a lavish menu, with some shocking surprises.

Released: 18 Nov 2022



## PREY FOR THE DEVIL

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The Roman Catholic Church combats a global rise in demonic possessions by reopening schools to train priests to perform exorcisms. Sister Ann is thrust onto the spiritual frontline, fighting for the soul of a young girl.

Released: 28 Oct 2022



## VIOLENT NIGHT

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From 87North, the bare-knuckle producers of Nobody, John Wick, Atomic Blonde, Deadpool 2 and Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw comes a coal-dark holiday thriller that says you should always bet on red.

Released: 2 Dec 2022

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AT THE CINEMA By Miguel Declan - GET LOST IN THE BIG SCREEN



Miss Wilson and Mrs Butterworth are excited to be leading the school through the Rainbow Flag award, a national quality assurance framework for all schools, focusing on positive LGBT+ inclusion and visibility.

Mental health problems such as depression, self-harm, alcohol and drug abuse along with suicidal thoughts can affect anyone, but they're more common among people who are LGBT+.

Being LGBT+ doesn't cause these problems. But some things LGBT+ people go through can affect their mental health, such as discrimination, homophobia or transphobia, social isolation, rejection, and difficult experiences of coming out.

A recent study by Stonewall found that over the previous year:

- half of LGBT+ people had experienced depression, and three in five had experienced anxiety
- one in eight LGBT+ people aged 18 to 24 had attempted to end their life
- almost half of trans people had thought about taking their life

As a school we want to embrace a whole organisation approach to LGBT+ inclusion through a process of action and reflection to ensure that we are supporting our young people, aiming to avoid any future mental health concerns related to LGBT+, by being a LGBT+ inclusive school.





Staff will be accessing LGBT+ training in the new year to support with LGBT+ inclusion and visibility throughout school.

If you are supporting a young person who has questions about their gender and / or sexuality The Proud Trust <https://www.theproudtrust.org/> have invaluable resources for parents, carers and young people.

Parents, carers and young people can connect through an online chat with an LGBT+ Youth Worker and young people can access supportive resources and they can also find details to their local LGBT+ group on the website.

Parents and Carers can contact The Proud Trust on 0161 6603347 or email at [youthgroups@theproudtrust.org](mailto:youthgroups@theproudtrust.org)

Over the next 12 months we will be highlighting and monitoring how staff are using LGBT+ positive language, situations and information in our lessons as well as across school daily.

We must ensure that our young people feel safe to present in their chosen identity and relationship preference. Any instances of LGBT+ phobia should be documented and dealt with under our behaviour policy.

For further information please see the link below for a short video from The Rainbow Flag Award <https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk/>

Please also see the link below for any FAQ and do not hesitate to ask Miss Wilson or Mrs Butterworth any questions about the process.

<https://www.rainbowflagaward.co.uk/faq/>

Thanks,  
Miss Wilson and Mrs Butterworth

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