



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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RAD NEWS

Issue 3 – February 2019

Our History A Level students achieved results that are in the top 10% of schools nationally in 2017/18.

Think you know about The Radcliffe School Sixth Form?

Once again the Sport students in The Radcliffe School 6th Form achieved in the top 10% of schools with students achieving Distinctions and Distinction*. The 6th Form offers The BTEC level 3 Foundation Diploma which equates to 1.5 A Levels

In 2017/18 Product Design A Level achieved in the top 25% of schools nationally.

Mathematics in The Radcliffe School 6th Form goes from strength to strength, achieving in the top 10% of schools nationally for A Level in 2017/18.

In 2017/18 The Radcliffe School 6th Form achieved in the top 17% of school for Vocational Qualifications.

The Radcliffe School 6th Form achieved in the top 25% of schools nationally for Biology!

Applied Science L3 BTEC students achieved in the top 10% of schools in 2017/18 continuing to deliver successful outcomes for our students.

The Radcliffe School 6th Form performed significantly above the school national averages in 2017/18 for English and Maths GCSE resits. Our aim is for all Sixth Form students to leave, in Year 13, with at least a Grade 4 in Maths and English if they joined our Sixth Form with previous grades below this benchmark.

In 2017/18 students at the Radcliffe School 6th Form achieved significantly Above National Averages for Students achieving AAB or Higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects.

Film Studies A Level students achieved their best results ever in 2017/18. Their performance put them in the top 25% of schools nationally.

Did you know that our A Level Physics students achieved in the top 25% of schools nationally in 2017/18. With a planned trip to CERN next year it really is an exciting time for Science.

Congratulations to the A Level English Literature students who achieved in the top 25% of schools nationally in 2017/18.

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Headteacher's update ...

Yet again, this has been an extraordinarily busy half term, Christmas feels a very long time ago now. Our Year 10 students have just completed very successful Work Experience placements and have worked very hard throughout the 2 week placements. The feedback we have received from so many of the employers has been excellent and we are looking forward to seeing the written reports we receive on their return.



Whilst the Year 10s are completing Work Experience, the Senior Team and I take the opportunity to meet with all of our Year 11 students to find out what their plans are for next year and to offer any support they might need. Thank you to all of our parents who also attended the meetings, we really value the time we have with Year 11s during these meetings. The Year 11s are working very hard to realise their aspirations and it is good to hear how many students want to build on their success with us going into our 6th Form.

I have had a number of parents also ask, about the options process for Year 8, over the past few weeks. We plan to start the process in a March, which is slightly later than in previous years. This way, our Year 8 students have a little longer to make decisions and maximise the experience they gain from their different subjects. Options booklets and subject talks will start about 3 weeks before Easter, with students and parent interviews with the Senior Team, taking place in the week following the Easter holidays. Mrs Delderfield and Mrs Baxter will be writing to parents at the end of this term to invite parents to a meeting.

As we get to the end of February and look forward to spring, I hope the improved weather will continue. However, the snow that we did have a few weeks back, highlighted some potential issues with how many students are appearing on site before 7.30am in the morning. There are an increasing number of students who are coming on site before staff arrive, which is a real safety concern. Can I remind parents that students should not be on site before 8.00am as staff are not expected to be on site until this time and children will not be supervised. Breakfast is available to purchase in the canteen from 8.00am and we welcome students from that time.

So many of our students have yet again been involved in the many varied activities on offer. You may have seen the Formula 1 Challenge video on our Facebook page. I had the pleasure of meeting with the group and Mr Patel following the test day in London. The group came back to school with 2 trophies and a long list of ideas for how to improve their car's performance. Alongside our future engineers, we also had a number of our students involved in the MK Futures 2050 project. Mr Stilton accompanied a group of students to the session so they could share ideas and have an input into shaping the future of Milton Keynes for the next 30 years.

In January, we also welcomed new staff to our ever expanding team, Mr Mobbs the new CTL for Science; Mr Mallet, Science Teacher; Ms Cunningham, Social Sciences Teacher; Mrs Barber, Humanities Teacher; Amy Overall, Parent Ambassador and Ms Taylor, Science TA. More information about the new Parent Ambassador role is in this newsletter.

And finally, you may have noticed that there have been some changes to our website. We are currently updating the website to make it easier to find information, but you will also notice that there is also a new Facebook feed on the Home Page. This means you no longer need to have a Facebook account to see our daily news posts and my weekly 'Heads Up' post, just simply open our website page. However, if you do have a Facebook account and wish to receive regular news updates and information, please Follow The Radcliffe School.

Mrs Lawson

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English

In English, earlier this year, 9EN2 participated in the Young Writers poetry competition where they submitted individual pieces of 'Escape Poetry'. I'm pleased to announce that out of 8,000 entries across the country, 23 students have been selected for publication. The students have worked incredibly hard to craft and refine their writing and, as their teacher, I would like to congratulate these students on this achievement. I can't wait to see what the rest of this academic year brings.

Miss Oliveri

Congratulations to our Big Bang Scientist

Andrew Hutchinson (Year 13 Biology/Chemistry/Maths) has been awarded a place as a finalist in The Big Bang Competition to be held at the NEC, Birmingham in March. This is a great achievement and testament to the hard work of Andrew alongside the support he has received from the Nuffield Foundation in which he undertook a placement over the summer researching how nanoparticles could be used to treat cancer.

Further information on the Big Bang Fair can be found on their website – www.thebigbangfair.co.uk.



The Maths Department couldn't be prouder of our Year 9 and 11 students who entered the Intermediate UKMT challenge last half term.

We have received phenomenal results with:

5 Gold certificates

13 Silver certificates

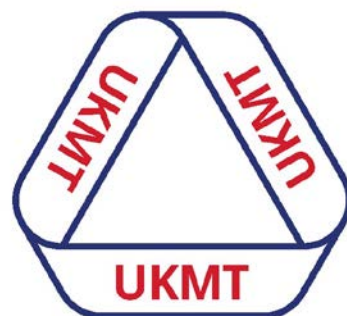
12 Bronze certificates

3 Grey Kangaroo challenge entries,

1 Pink Kangaroo challenge entry, and

1 Maclaurin Olympiad entry (highest competition).

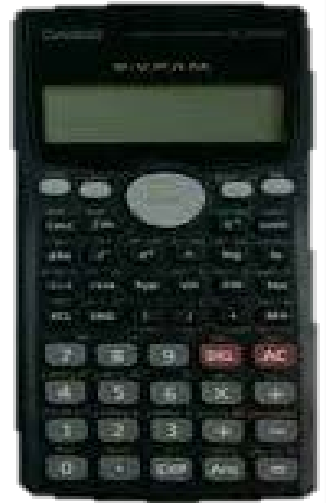
Congratulations to all involved!



Equipment check ...

Can parents please make sure all students come to school with the necessary equipment for lessons. The minimum they should have is their planner, a clear pencil case to store their equipment, 2 black pens, a sharpened pencil, ruler, red pen, rubber, calculator, protractor and compass.

Thank you.



Harry Potter Quiz

As part of the worldwide Harry Potter Book Night Celebrations The Radcliffe school Library held a special Harry Potter Quiz. The library was bursting with excitable Witches and Wizards pitting their knowledge of JK Rowling's famous books against each other and against a team of Radcliffe Professors.

The winners had a very impressive score of 1020 points, beating their closest rivals by 260 points! It was a lively and fun event enjoyed by all who attended. Special thanks go to the Sixth formers who helped at the event and marked our quiz papers so efficiently.



Modern Foreign Languages

****Remember: Languages Club is on every Tuesday lunchtime in room 32****

Linguists of the Half Term

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for their hard work and effort in their Languages lessons.

French

KS3 – Leah Ashley-Laws

KS4 – Molly-Anne Clarke

German

KS3 – Robin Tate

KS4 – Joe Smith

Year 11 – Key Dates

GERMAN: Monday 18th March – the DEADLINE to have completed your speaking booklet answers. Please hand to **Mrs Barr** by this deadline.

Mock Speaking Exams

Mr Palmieri's class – Monday 11th March

Mrs Barr's class – Tuesday 12th March

Miss Trochu's class – Friday 15th March

Official Speaking Exams

Mrs Barr's class – Tuesday 30th April & Wednesday 1st May

Miss Trochu's class – Friday 3rd May

Mr Palmieri's class – Friday 3rd May

Please see your teacher if you have any questions about the exams.

Reminder: Mon-Weds

Year 11 German lunch drop-in



MK Futures 2050

On Wednesday 6th February we had the pleasure of taking a group of Geography students to an exciting MK Schools event that was held at Denbigh School. Our students had the opportunity to listen to several presentations from MK planners and then take part in community decision making exercises before presenting their ideas on the future of Milton Keynes. Megan and Polly wrote the following review of the trip:-

“We were given the task to design the land use of a new town within Milton Keynes. We worked in groups and it was very insightful to work with students from other schools and hear other peoples’ ideas about the future of Milton Keynes. We also learnt a lot about the past of Milton Keynes and all the people that helped to design and built it. It was actually very interesting because we had never thought about Milton Keynes’ past or future before!”

The students were carefully selected as ambassadors for Radcliffe School Geography as they always perform exceptionally well in their lessons. We are immensely proud of their performance as they shone throughout the event! Well done to; James, Lucy, Giselle and Robin (Year 7). Megan, Polly and Danny (Year 9). Ryan, Jacques and Max (Year 12). We are all looking forward to the next event that will take place later this school year.

Mr Stilton

Head of Geography



Youth Issues Ballot 2019



Election Information

MK Youth Issues Ballot 2019

This month saw every student at The Radcliffe School vote in the MK Youth Issues Ballot. This was an opportunity for all students to have their voices heard by voting for one of eight local issues that affect young people in Milton Keynes.

The subjects were:

- Feeling safe in MK
- Reduce our Environmental Impact
- Child Exploitation
- Anti-bullying
- Affordable things to do
- First Aid
- Life Skills
- Personal Health



To provide a realistic environment, students were issued official ballot papers and used the ballot booths to select their choices, before placing their vote in the ballot boxes.

YCAB will work on the two top issues selected by students across Milton Keynes and create a campaign that will impact on our young people's future.

Results will be announced in March 2019



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ALL STRINGING; NO DANCING

STRING ORCHESTRA



WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES A7

The Radcliffe School is proud to advertise one of its brand new music opportunities for all students.

Our amazing new string teacher Jenny Glass now runs a string ensemble every Wednesday lunch for any string players.

The aim is to provide opportunities for these students to perform at school Open Days and community events

Huge congratulations to the year 11 drama students who had their GCSE practical exam this week.

The months of learning lines, plotting lights and designing costumes really paid off as there were some mesmerising performances.

Well done !!





Following the successful launch of Insight at the start of term, we are pleased to report that we have had over 300 parents already using the application.

Insight can be accessed via the school website in the Quick Links area or alternatively through the TASC application that is available for most portable devices. A brief guide is available for Insight on our website that includes details on setting up the Mobile application.

Your son or daughters termly reports are available on line through Insight, including the most recent report sent home at the end of December (Autumn 2) for you to view or print.

If you have more than one student at The Radcliffe School and have received different Insight login details for each student, then please let us know as we are able to merge the logins so that you can see both students through the one account. Also if you have not received login details please let us know.

Email insight@radcliffeschool.org.uk

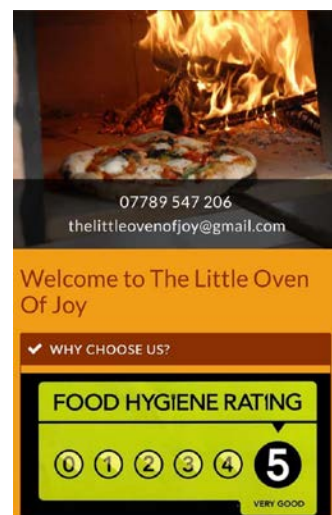
Year 9 Subject Evening – 7 March

Another community partnership first for us and exciting news for all Year 9 parents ..

The Radcliffe School would like to remind you that we have our year 9 subject evening on Thursday 7 March in our main hall.

The event begins at 4:30pm and concludes at 8.00pm.

We are delighted to be able to welcome the support of our community partner, The Little Oven of Joy who will be open to all parents and children, cooking their wonderful wood fired pizzas and other produce. They will remain open until approximately 7.00pm.



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PARENTS OF RADCLIFFE



Hello, my name is Amy Overall and I have recently taken on the role of Ambassador for Parents here at The Radcliffe School. Part of my role is to become a main point of contact for any parents that feel they could benefit with additional support or signposting to external support. I hope to help in overcoming any barriers and increase confidence in all aspects of parental engagement, identifying key areas that we can improve upon to best support you and your child(ren).

At The Radcliffe School, we welcome all contact from parents and we are eager to develop this further so that we can quickly and efficiently address any concerns and that ideas or suggestions you may have can help form an action plan for us to build upon. I want to encourage you, as our parents to feel confident in supporting your child(ren) at home and also to be able to come to us during those times when you may need that extra helping hand.

It has been proven that improved home to school links create potential for greater successes and achievements of the student.

I look forward to hearing from you and to building successful relationships.

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Options – Year 8

It's that time of the year where we turn our attentions to Options for Year 8 students to study when they move to Year 9 in September 2019. As this process takes place over a number of weeks, we thought it would be useful to set out a list of key dates for the process.

- Week beginning 18th March 2019 – Letters to students/parents regarding Year 8 Options process. The letter will invite parents and students in to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team or Head of House to discuss the options process.
- Week beginning 1st April 2019– Students will take part in a series of taster sessions in all GCSE/BTEC option subjects.
- 4th April 2019 – Tutor Evening.
- 24th – 26th April 2019 – Y8 Options Interviews.
- 3rd May 2019 – Option forms to be returned to school at the Curriculum Office.
- Summer term – Confirmation of options to parents.

[A copy of this information is also available on the school website.](#)



Year 11 Prom Night

We are pleased to be able to outline details for the Year 11 end of year prom 2019.



The event will take place at Abbey Hill Golf Club, Two Mile Ash on Thursday 4th July 2019. The prom will start at 7.00pm and finish at 11.30pm. This is a change to the original date and venue due to Wilton Hall closing as a venue and not being unable to fulfil our booking.

Entry will be by ticket only and these must be purchased in advance. Tickets are £25 and include a disco and finger buffet. Tickets are pre-order only and will NOT be available on the door. A deposit of £15 to secure a place is required by Friday 15th March 2019, along with the completed permission slip that was issued to all Year 11 students. Alternatively full payment can be made via Wisepay, where you will also find a copy of the permission slip.

Only students from the current Year 11 of The Radcliffe School will be able to attend.

The evening is a very special night for Year 11s to remember, as it is likely to be their final opportunity to meet socially as a complete group.

If students require any further information please see Ms Palmer or Mr Southwell.

Year 11 Group Photo

The Year 11 group photo is now available to view on the Tempest website. You can login to see the photo prior to ordering on the following website:

www.tempest-groups.co.uk

Enter the school name in the search box and the password 131182 when prompted.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies are now available to order.

They cost £25.00 each and an order form has been issued to all students.

Payment can be made via cash or cheque to the school and should be returned with the order form.

Alternatively, payment can be made via Wisepay where a copy of the order form is also available for you to print and return. The deadline for orders is 24h May 2019.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact Mr Southwell.



Hayes News



Hello again everyone. Well done to the year 10 students who have been out into the real world and have represented the school and themselves with extremely high standards and been a credit to us all! I want to also take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their hard work this half term, and hope everyone is able to have a restful break and ready to start back with vigour and continue on our road to success!

House results for Table Tennis and Badminton

Year 7

Boys – 1st

Girls – 2nd

Year 8

Boys – tbc

Girls – tbc

Year 9

Boys – tbc

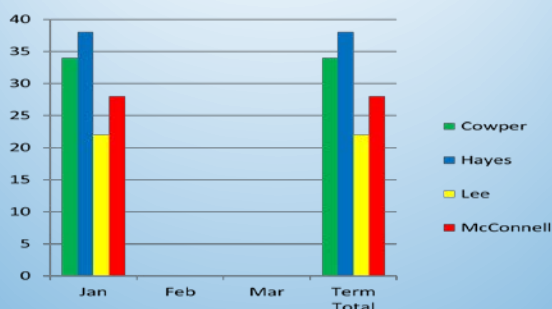
Girls – 4th

Year 10/11

Boys – 1st

Girls – 1st

**High Standard =
High Achievers!**



From your Head Girl and Head Boy...

As you can see, the chart says it all. Every Hayes student who has taken part in house events has done outstandingly. Currently, we as a House are 1st for Punctuality 1st for Focus in Lesson and 2nd for Attendance, which are all very paramount awards. However when we come back after half term, we need to boost our merits, so make sure to get your merits to Head of House!

We also want to wish good luck to all the Year 11s in the House as we approach the final set of mocks, we know how hard everyone has been working so keep up all your amazing efforts!

Katie Thompson and Joe Smith



STAR OF THE TERM

HAM



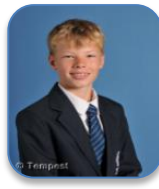
For always being kind and supportive to others in the form group.

HAT



Behaviour, attitude and manners are impeccable. He makes the most of the opportunities offered to him and get involved in the school life.

HLC



Takes part in tutor activities, gets involved with school life and has even represented the school in sport! He is polite, has good attendance and I can not wait to see him develop into a role model in September for the new year 7s!

KLJ



She is polite, hardworking and has excellent attendance. She has settled in really well. She is resilient and continues to try hard even if she is finding a task difficult.

HLT



An optimistic student who lightens up everyone's morning. I have been impressed with all of his hard work and progress since September

HMP



For his contribution to form time activities, especially Numeracy.. he saves my embarrassment! His sense of humour is greatly appreciated first thing in the morning

HMR



A friendly and sensible member of the tutor group. Developing a strong sense of responsibility- working hard in her lessons and participates for the house and form in activities. Welcoming to new students and old alike. Basically does everything we expect of a mature Hayes House and Radcliffe student

HMT



Positive attitude and very supportive of others. Always helpful and willing to give challenges a go.

HNC



He has worked hard and made an effort to involve himself more. His behaviour has improved and he is taking a rather more active and positive role in form.

HTO



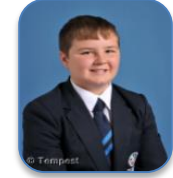
This student has shown herself to be a very friendly, polite, competitive and enthusiastic member of the form group and regularly shares her opinions and views on what every is being discussed. She does all of this with a smile on her face and always has a storey to tell!

HTB



Once again showing her hard work and commitment by coming in 1st in the under 16 rock and roll competition at Thame and for being part of the winning team in the library's recent Harry Potter quiz.

KYK



Exceptional contribution to the school with sporting achievements and excellent attitude to learning.





STAR OF THE TERM



Mr Palmieri

For his commitment to his form, and showing that it is okay to not get it right first time (numeracy!!)

PRIDE OF HAYES



High standards = high achievers



Cowper News



The first half to the Spring Term is behind us now and I'm am pleased to say that once again our House has performed exceptionally well. It is evident that our students have accepted the challenges from the three other houses. I would also like to thank our tutors and students for supporting each other and Miss Fenemore in my absence. I am sure you are aware that our Year 11 students are sitting their "mock" exams after half term and we wish them all the best for the coming weeks. Our Year 10 students are currently on their two weeks work experience and it has been a pleasure hearing how brilliantly they are doing. As you can see from the House performance table below our focus will be improving our attendance and our Attitude towards Learning and I ask parents to support us in achieving this. Finally, congratulations to CBA for winning the Tutor Attendance League this half term and all our Star of the Term and Pride of Cowper nominations. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. I look forward to seeing our House continuing to excel over this next half term.

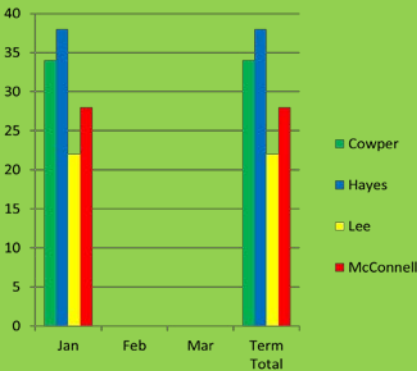
Star of the term

CAP: Maria Akhtar
CBA: Nyah Gungaloo
CCC: Destiny Robertson
CES: Chelsea Corner
CGT: Harriet Wickenden
CHB: Zak Ilyas
CJM: Hanad Omar-Afrax
CKR: Jasmine Cooper
CMB: Isaac Pawson
CSD: Charlotte Brown
CSH: Ewan Waterston
CSM: Summer Edgar

**DEDICATION + MOTIVATION
=
SUCCESS**

"Success grows in the Green House"

House Performance – January



January Competition Results

Attendance	3 rd
Punctuality	2 nd
Attitude Towards learning	2 nd
Merits	1 st
Sport	TBC
House Competitions	TBC

Pride of Cowper

Lily Thomas	– East Bucks Rugby Trials
Maria Kuimba	– First Aid and Safeguarding Certificate
Imogen Myrie	– Student voice
Miss Harris	– Qualified Teacher Status
Miss Fenemore	– Support and Mentoring

Lee News



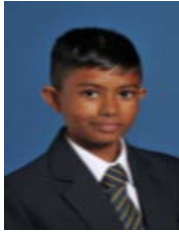
A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt: “Another busy half term has flown past with lots of successful events across the House. Year 10 were fantastic on their work experience and represented both the House and school in a mature and positive way with lots of feedback coming back from employers about the credit the students are to the school. There are lots of events coming up over the next half term so please keep an eye out on the school website as year 8 options are upcoming and Year 11 Mocks are going to be in full swing. “

Lee House Attendance League Table		
	Tutor Group	Percentage attendance end of Spring 1
1	LPL	96.5
2	LGR	95.8
3	LKD	95.8
4	LGS	95.5
5	LJR	95
6	LCR	94.8
7	LJG	94.4
8	LJB	94.3
9	LMC	94.1
10	LCF	93.3
11	LCA	92
12	LAW	91.3

Stars of the Term



LAW



LCA



LCF



LCR



LGR



LGS



LJB



LJG



LJR



LKD



LMC



LPL

Pride of LEE



Year 7



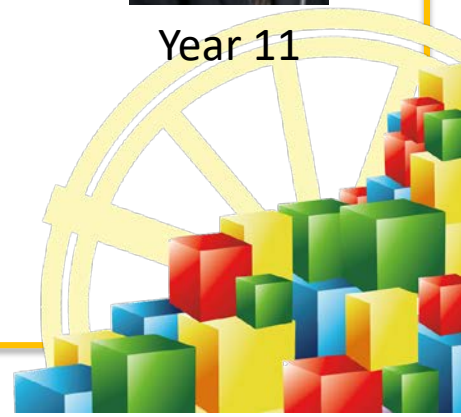
Year 8



Year 9



Year 11



McConnell News



A word from Head of McConnell House, Mr Partington:

It has been an extremely busy term so far in McConnell house, not least for our year 10 and 11 students. Year 10 are currently undertaking a two week period of work experience, and I have received many compliments from form tutors upon visiting their tutees on the commitment shown by our students. Employers were also providing glowing references of students that have represented our house, and school community with distinction. In addition to this, our year 11 students are about to embark on sitting their second round of mock exams this year, the final mocks before their GCSE exams, and their tireless effort will pay off, I'm convinced of that. The very best of luck to all.

Stars of the Term

Congratulations to this half term's Stars of the Term for each of our tutor groups in McConnell house. This award is a massive achievement, as it is nominated by the tutors who see the hard work our students put in each day. The winners for this half term are:

MCB: Amy Barraclough
MDM: Amy Wedderburn
MGO: Mitchell O'Shiel
MGS: Niamh Lambert
MHL: Annie Humphreys
MJP: Brooke Smith
MKJ: Patrycja Martyka
MLC: Lucas Magier
MMF: Lorna Ferdinando
MNK: Natasha Kamran
MPD: Frankie Leahy
MTT: Harry Yeo

Current House Points- Spring Term

