



InHouse

26th June 2020



A message from Ian Davies, Headmaster

Dear Parents,

All our students, whether at school or at home, continue to work with serious intent, and it was a privilege to be able to reward those in school for their efforts with ice cream on Wednesday lunchtime. This provided welcome relief from the intense heat this week, which we hope will continue throughout the weekend.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students for their Induction afternoon on Monday. Mrs Sarah Richardson, our new Head will be able to join us for that meeting, and I am delighted that Mrs Richardson has been able to spend a day every week at Mount House since half term. This has enabled her to be part of the planning process for next year, so that in September our staff and our students will hit the ground running.

We have incorporated into our programme for the beginning of next term a series of "Introductory Meetings" at which parents in every year group in the school will be able to meet Mrs Richardson. The purpose of the meeting is to inform and explain to parents the outline and structure of the school year as it pertains to students in that year. Parents will be able to meet their son or daughter's Form Tutor and other key staff at the school. We hope that this innovation will lead to better communication between school and home and vice versa in the years to come.

The dates of the Introductory meetings are as follows. All meetings will start promptly at 1800 and finish at 1900.

Year 7 Friday 4th September

Year 8 Thursday 10th September

Year 9 Thursday 10th September

Year 10 Monday 7th September

Year 11 Tuesday 8th September

Year 12 Wednesday 9th September

Mrs Richardson will be available to meet Year 13 parents on request

With kindest regards,

Ian Davies
Headmaster



Year 10 Morrisby Profiling at Mount House

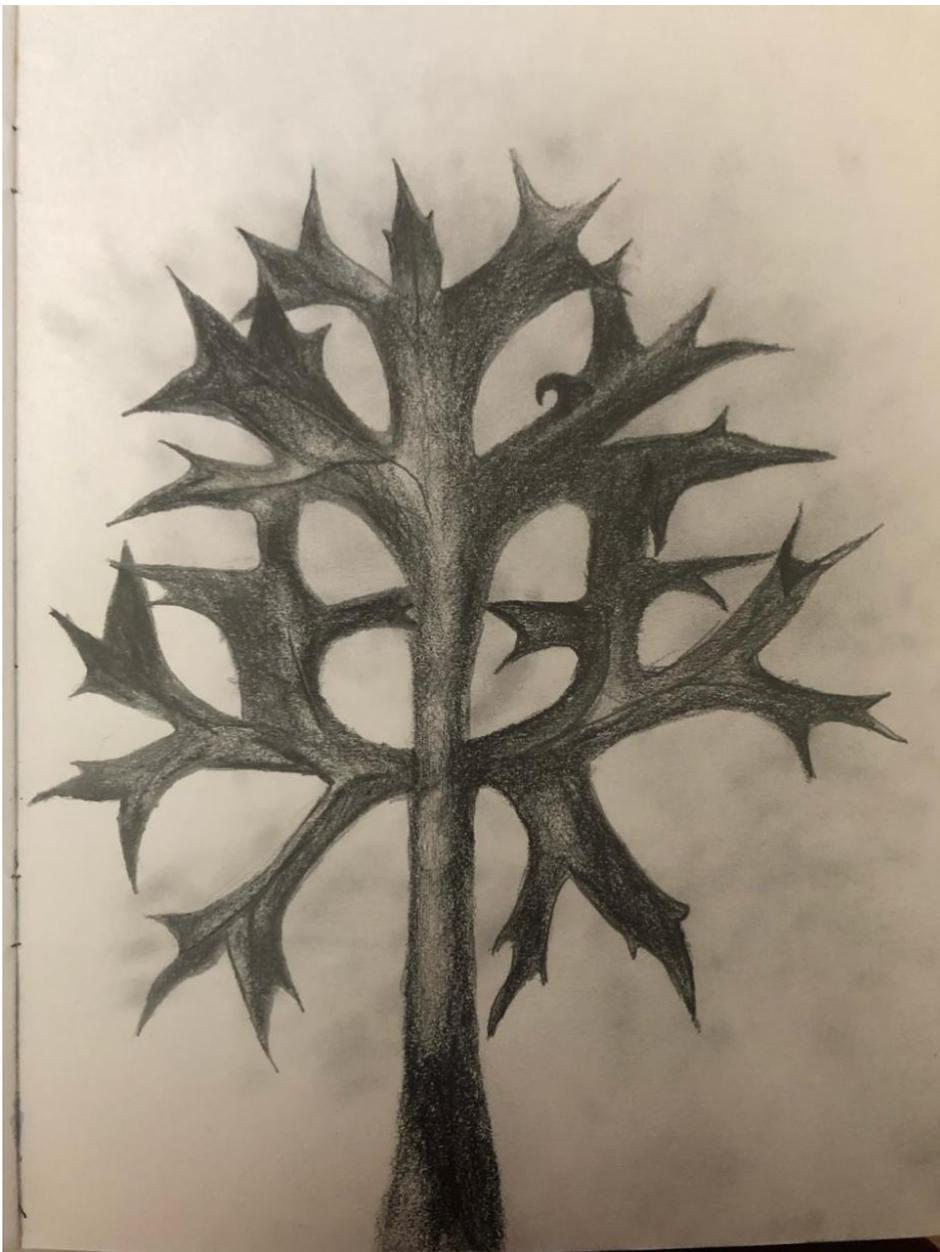
Due to our school closure because of Covid-19, our Year 10 profiling has now been rescheduled.

A new date will be set in the Autumn term.

Mrs Christou

Art at Mount House

A beautiful drawing with great observation and shading skills by Daniel Jackson



Mount House Summer Literacy School - The Literacy Lounger



Dear Parents

As we all know, literacy – the ability to read and write well, is central to all learning. Over the last few difficult months in lockdown, we know that our children’s literacy skills may have slipped a little. To get them back on track for the new academic year in September, I will be running an online Teams Literacy Summer Schools for Years 7, 8 and 9. Each week I will cover a discrete aspect of literacy, as set out below. Each session will be 30 minutes long. Students will not be set homework or expected to do any additional work outside each session, though I will encourage them to make notes and provide them with resources for some sessions. Students will have the opportunity in the sessions to ask questions and to ask for help with any aspect of literacy they may find difficult.

Your child will be added to each year group on Teams and be invited to attend. Whilst it would be ideal for students to attend in person, if that is not possible the sessions will also be recorded on Teams to review at a later date.

If your child is in Year 9 going into 10, I would very much encourage them to attend as we will be looking at key aspects of GCSE English and other subjects with a high literacy content. If you do have any questions, then please email me at the school nancarrowp@MountHouse.org.uk

Mr Nancarrow

Week	Date (week of)	Year 7 and 8 Mon 9am	Year 9 Wed 9am
1	13 July	Apostrophes: possessive and omissive	Complex sentences and subordinate clauses: structuring ideas in sentences
2	20 July	Plurals: ies, s, ves	Argument structure in sentences 1: statements (sentences) explanation/expansion (compound)
3	27 July	Homophones/common spelling errors: there/their/ they’re, alot etc	Argument structure in sentences 2: integrated quotes/evidence
4	3 August	Word Class/Function: know your nouns from your adverbs	Word Class/Function: embellishing sentences
5	10 August	Verbs and Tense	Varied sentence openers: verb, adjectives, prepositions etc
6	17 August	Simple and compound sentences	Building paragraphs and sentence cohesion
7	24 August	Complex sentences and subordinate clauses	Literary Terms for Literary Study



Virtual Open Day Filming

Filming took place yesterday to create video content for the first Mount House 'Virtual Open Morning' which will be held on July 9th. Thank you to all the parents, pupils and teachers who took part to create the films which will allow future parents and pupils to discover Mount House School. If anyone you know would like to attend, then please forward this link to register for the event <https://www.mounthouse.org.uk/register/>



Mount House Student Head of Houses

Hi! I'm Olivia, Head of Everest House. I hope everyone is happy with how their exams went and are pleased with their grades. If not, do not worry, it is not too late to start working hard and improve your grades. If you find yourself in this position, make sure before the summer break you approach your teachers and ask for extra help to improve over summer- make sure you take a well-deserved break though!

In regards to House events, I'm sure you are all aware of our new Green Team Bingo House event. The Green Team has worked hard to put together a fantastic bingo sheet that involves activities to better yourself and the environment. All you have to do is complete as many tasks on the sheet as you can and take a picture or video as evidence then send it to your Head of House in order for your entry to count.

Good luck and I hope you all have fun participating and completing the Green Team bingo!

Olivia George - Year 12

PE at Mount House

Sports Day

On Friday 3rd July, we were due to take the whole school to Wodson Park in Ware to take part in our annual Sports Day, which would have seen our students taking part in a number of track and field events whilst competing against each other in their houses. However, due to the current circumstances Wodson Park remains closed and following government guidance a number of year groups in schools throughout the country remain at home, which means that this event cannot take place in the format that we would have liked. However, as a PE Department (and the competitive and determined individuals that we are) we do not want students to miss out on the opportunity to work in their houses whilst taking part in a healthy competition. Therefore, we are proposing that students take part in a Sports Afternoon during the following Games sessions;

Thursday 2nd July 2020 – Years 9, 10 & 12

Tuesday 7th July 2020 – Years 7 & 8

(This does mean that students will carry out their scheduled lessons on the afternoon of Friday 3rd July).

We encourage all students to complete a number of activities which will be shared with students via SMH and Teams on Monday 29th June 2020. Students will be able to download a record sheet, in order to record their results and submit to the PE Department. Full details will be located on SMH and Teams.

This is a great opportunity for students to support their houses in the final house competition of the year.

All Sports Club Summer Camp at Bryanston School

One of the options during our Activities Week Programme was to take part in a Sports and Geography trip to Dorset which had been planned by the PE and Geography Departments. I am delighted to announce that All Sports Club who organise the Sports Camp have changed their course dates and are now running their courses in August and have invited Mount House students to join them on the following dates;

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August 2020

This trip is being offered as an external opportunity and not as a school trip. However, members of the PE Department will accompany students on the trip so that they have familiar faces during their week away.

If you would like to find out more and/or reserve a place for your child, please follow the link below;

<https://forms.gle/dFw3GZ88T5fiVnRL8>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde or Miss Smyth;

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde: hillcoat-hyden@mounthouse.org.uk

Miss Smyth: smythp@mounthouse.org.uk

Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde



Green Team

This week, the Green Team explored COVID-19's impact to the environment. Please send any question you might have to thegreenteam@mounthouse.org.uk

Many people have been talking about the effect of Covid-19 on the environment and although at first thought it might seem beneficial to our climate, there are two sides of the story.



In the last few months of quarantine, due to global production, consumption and employment levels dropping, there has been a significant decrease in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides which are produced in large quantities in factories and from road traffic are decreasing by around 25%. In addition, global air traffic has been reduced by 60%. Also, during lockdown people are preferring to travel by car instead of using public transport or eradicate all travelling by working from home. This surge in working from home may lead to changes in people's long-term habits or a loss of services in some cleaner forms of transport.

However, these changes will be short lived and the negative effects on the environment already caused by this lockdown are ongoing.



Due to the concerns around this virus, the amount of single use plastics and unrecyclable waste has risen. Many local stores have decided to stop people from using reusable mugs and containers for their products and have instead re-introduced single use packaging alternatives. While this can reduce the risk of the virus spreading, it has meant that more single use plastic is going into the environment and potentially, the UK's water systems.

Many of us may have seen single use gloves and masks throw around our streets. We could try to use reusable fabric face masks as a way to avoid littering our local areas with plastic masks.

Mia and Rachael

How can I be eco-friendlier with my PPE?

A: One way you can stay safe and eco-friendly is by switching from disposable masks to reusables. Masks made from bandanas, cotton or lined pieces of fabric can be just as safe and easy to make (a tutorial will be linked at bottom of this response). If you are unable to make a mask at home, you can order a reusable one from a local business or websites such as Depop or Etsy instead of Amazon. When you support a local business, you are supporting a local family and preventing them from losing their jobs and buying local is much better for the environment as services like Amazon tend to produce lots of CO2 emissions and large amounts of plastic.

A good alternative to latex and nitrile gloves is SHOWA biodegradable gloves. SHOWA uses Eco friendly technology that allows nitrile and other synthetic fibres to biodegrade in landfills.

Lola, Katie, Ailsa and Tinuade

Mask tutorial:

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/amp.theguardian.com/world/2020/jun/24/coronavirus-what-kind-of-face-mask-gives-the-best-protection-against-covid-19>

Bio degradable gloves:

<https://m.justworkgloves.co.uk/#!/Rubber-Gloves/Showa-Biodegradable-731-Nitrile-Gauntlet>

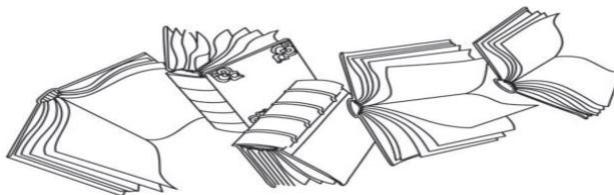


Photography Club at Mount House

Our beautiful cover photo was taken by **Benecia Odugu** in Year 9 for the Photography Club's A-Z Scavenger Hunt.
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Mrs Baird

Mount House Summer English Club - The Full English



Dear Year 7 Parents

As you will have read above, I am running a Literacy Summer School for Year 7, 8 and 9 students on Teams over the summer holidays. In addition, I will run a **Year 7 English Club – 'The Full-English'**, on **Thursday mornings at 9.00am** to complement the more generic Literacy Summer School for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Our Year 7 have faced extra challenges in their first year of Mount House due to lockdown restrictions, and although they have been working hard at home and adapted well, they may benefit from some additional support with their English work over the summer which would be beneficial in preparing them for return to school in September.



'The Full English' will focus on reading and writing skills as set out in the programme below. Each session will be 30 minutes long. Students will be set a short task after each session to consolidate their learning – this will not amount to more than 20 to 30 minutes independent work. They keep their work in a folder and on return to school in September pass their work to me for assessment.

If you wish your child to join the club, then please email me at the school: nancarrowp@MountHouse.org.uk and I will then add their name to the Teams Group.

Whilst it would be ideal for pupils to attend every session, they will also be recorded on Teams and pupils may choose to view the sessions at a later date.

If you do have any questions, then please email me at the school on the above email.

Mr Nancarrow
English Teacher and Literacy Lead

Week	Date (week of)	Year 7 English Club Programme Thursday 9am
1	13 July	Reading 1: information retrieval from texts
2	20 July	Reading 2: inferring from texts
3	27 July	Reading 3: understanding similes, metaphors and personification
4	3 August	Writing 1: showing what we know about what we read - using quotes
5	10 August	Writing 2: describing using simple and complex sentences
6	17 August	Writing 3: describing using adverbs and adjectives
7	24 August	Writing 4: describing using similes, metaphors and personification

