



NEWSLETTER – 26TH NOVEMBER

Message from Mrs Hillcoat-Hyde, Assistant Head

This week the PE Department addressed the theme of failure and how it can lead to success during the whole school assembly. As individuals and, particularly as teachers we love talking about and celebrating success and are much less comfortable when it comes to talking about failure. However, it is important to know and understand that failure can lead to success.

Have you ever tried? Have you ever failed? No matter. Try again and fail better. This is a very clever proverb which has been quoted by Samuel Beckett, an Irish novelist. There are numerous people who have failed thousands of times before succeeding and as said by many “failure is the pillar to success”. Some of the greatest inventors have failed numerous times before inventing something new, for example;



*Thomas Alva Edison - As an inventor, Edison made **1,000** unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. ... The light bulb became an invention with 1,000 steps.*

Henry Ford failed numerous times before he ultimately succeeded in business. He actually burned through all the money from his first group of investors without producing a single car.

Bill Gates, the man behind Microsoft, dropped out of Harvard university in 1975 so that he could start his business ‘Microsoft.’ Gates did eventually return to Harvard in 2007 to pick up an honorary Law degree.

There are no big secrets to a successful life. Success is the consequence of hard work, patience and will power. There are many people who are afraid of failing. It is, however, important to know that failure is requirement to succeed in life. Michael Jordan recently opened up about his failures during a Nike commercial. ‘I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I have been trusted to take the games winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.’

Like Michael Jordan, most successful people will have tried and failed many times. It is how they responded to failures, setbacks, obstacles and challenges that kept them going.

Success as well as failure are key ingredients to life. Do not let failure prevent you from trying out something new in life, as Michael Jordan once said “I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can’t accept not trying.” And finally choose to learn from your mistakes and next time, try and be successful but never let success go to your head and never let failure go to your heart.



Art

Christmas Card Competition Winners

We are delighted to announce the finalists of the Christmas Card competition who are: Roshan (Year 7); Emily (Year 9); Nancy (Year 10) and Evie (Year 10). These students' Christmas card designs will be printed and made available to purchase by the whole school community: parents, pupils, staff, family and friends. All proceeds will go towards the charity 'Noah's Ark Children's Hospice'.



<https://www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk/contact-us/>

This year we are selling a mixed pack of 8 cards at £5 each or a mixed pack of 20 cards at £10 each. If you would like to order Mount House Christmas Cards to support this great cause, please place an order with Fiona Coope by emailing schooladminofficer@mounthouse.org.uk by Wednesday 1st December. You will be able to collect them from reception from Friday 3rd December. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair on the 8th December from 4pm to 6pm.



Reindeer and Robins by Evie



Christmas Bauble by Emily



Pride, Hope and Joy by Roshan



Merry Christmas by Nancy

Congratulations also go to the runners up Florence (Year 7), Wako (Year 7) and Leo (Year 7) and all the students who entered the competition. Thank you for taking part and well done to all!

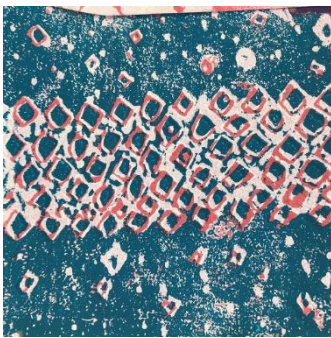


Staying on the Christmas theme, congratulations to Krrish in Year 9 who is currently appearing in the TK Maxx Christmas commercial. If you haven't seen it yet, you can view it on the link below. It has been aired on ITV and other Channels so do look out for it.

https://www.tkmaxx.com/uk/en/christmas/tv-advert?utm_source=loyaty&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TREASUREBAU_WK040_WEDNESDAY_XMASAD_NONTARGET_LOYALTY_NA

Art continued...

Year 7 have been exploring the formal elements of line and pattern. They have investigated various artists and created prints inspired by animal patterns.



FLORENCE



MILO



EDIE



WAKO

Sport

This week students in Years 7–9 have taken part in flag football during the PE lessons. The focus has been basic passing and the rules of the quarterback. Students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part and learning the skills and rules. We look forward to further progress being made in the forthcoming weeks.

Students in Years 7–10 have continued to take part in their rotation of activities (netball/basketball/badminton) and have applied their learning and skills from previous weeks in matches during Games sessions. Next week students will take part in a different sport (their second rotation).

Students in Year 11 took part in netball with the key focus being ‘intercepting’ and the Sixth Form went to Bartram’s Lane to take part in football with Mr Kerr.

Netball Match report by Anne Banda and Tara Porter (Year 8)

On the afternoon of Wednesday the 24th November the U13 netball players were up against The King’s School at 2:15pm. Our game started off strong but we sadly lost by two goals and the score was 3-1 to King’s. The first quarter was a draw 0-0. In the second quarter we were drawing 1-1, with the goal being scored by Tara Porter and this is what she had to say about the match. “Even though we didn’t win, I believe that we all improved our netball skills and have learnt a lot from the outcome.” Grace Gakhar added “The match was a good learning experience for us and helped improve our skills. Sadly, in the third and last quarter they scored two goals.” The King’s School had chosen Sofie Bartek as the MVP and we also thought she really shined in the match. Anne Banda, Amelia Murty, Tara Porter, Ava Adams, Sofie Bartek, Alicia Ormrod, Alice Westmore, Lilly Manzi, Paris Terziu, Grace Gakhar, Dharmani Joshi, Talya Djafer, Sophia Sarkoob and Georgie Georgiou. Well done to everyone who played.



The U13 boys A and B teams played football against The Kings School at Bartram’s Lane Playing Field in a triangular. The scores were; Mount House School A Team 4 – 3 The King’s School (goals were scored by: Santiago Scicchitano x 2, Santino Vasquez Williams and Harvey Thomas). Mount House School B Team 1 – 8 The King’s School (goal scored by Aaran Gudka). Mount House A Team 1 – 0 Mount House B Team (goal scored by Eisa Salam). A huge well done to everyone who took part.

New fitness sessions starting next Thursday 2nd December

HIT SESSIONS

THURSDAYS 4.15pm – 5pm

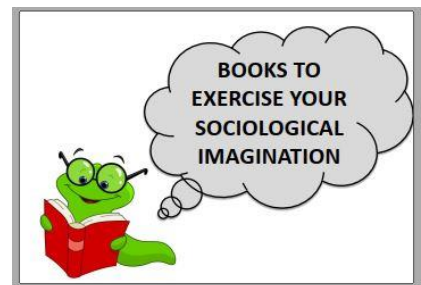
GET READY TO SWEAT!

Please see Mrs Wiltshire if you are interested in signing up for this fitness session

Sociology Reading!

Please find a list attached of sociology books that we recommend you put onto your Christmas gift list for your parents!

Mrs Allman



Co-curricular

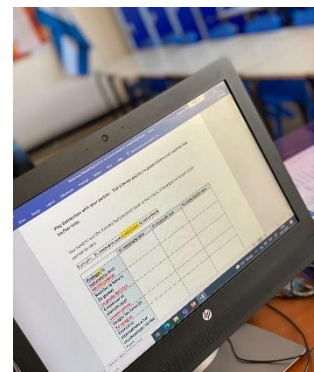
House of Equality Clubs Exciting News!

There will be a Form quiz competition coming up on the 14th of December. The winning form will receive a Christmas-themed prize!

Mrs Allman and Mrs Da Rocha

Languages- Spanish Battleships

This week Year 11 played Spanish battleships to practice the present subjunctive linked with the topic 'environment and global' issues.



Events

Year 11 Revision Strategies Conference – Tuesday 11th January 6.00 – 7.30pm at MHS

Having consulted parents, students and teachers, we have taken the decision to arrange a Revision Strategies Conference for our Year 11 students AND THEIR PARENTS.

Parents often ask how they can best support their children to prepare for the examination period. Therefore, it would be a good idea for parents to attend this conference and make themselves aware of revision strategies that can be used for all subject areas.

The Conference represents a wonderful opportunity to promote the Mount House principle of a student, teacher, parent partnership.

The Conference will be held at Mount House School and the above date is just before the mock examinations!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 8th December** Carol Service at St Mary the Virgin Church (further details will follow)
- Wednesday 8th December** MHS Christmas Fair 4pm to 6pm
- Monday 13th December** Sixth Form Open Morning (External) 11am to 1pm
- Wednesday 15th December** MHS Pantomime – A Christmas Carol
- Saturday 8th January 2022** Assessment Day for Year 7 entry in 2022
- Thursday 20th January 2022** Sixth Form Transition Evening 4pm – 6.30pm
(for internal Year 11s and external applicants)
- Friday 4th March 2022** General Open Day

Music

We have a team of peripatetic music teachers who have spaces at lunchtimes and after school to teach the following instruments:

- Piano
- Double Bass
- Woodwind (flute, saxophone, clarinet)
- Guitar
- Cello

There's information (and a booking form) on the [website here](#) and in school on the music lessons board near The Hive about all of these teachers. Please ask Mr Whitehouse if there is another instrument you would like to learn that's not on the list.

Drum Lessons at Mount House School

Callum is the new drum teacher at Mount House School. He has over 15 years of drumming experience across all styles of music from Rock, Pop, Jazz to Blues and Soul. He teaches technique, reading, drum kit grades or you can even learn your favourite song. Callum is looking forward to providing fun and exciting lessons within the music department.

As well as teaching, Callum plays all over the UK and sometimes overseas, with many different pop, function, jazz band's and spoken word acts.





Callum holds a Music Degree (popular music) from BIMM London, and an Artist Masters (Jazz performance) from The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, which saw him gain two of the schools' scholarships towards his studies. Please get in touch with the music department to sign up for lessons. See you behind the Drums!



Black Friday Uniform Sale



Friends of
MOUNT HOUSE



Christmas Raffle Prizes
*To be drawn at the Christmas Fair
on December 8th at 5:30 at Mount House School
£2 a ticket*

1. Macbook Air M1 13"
2. Apple Airpods with charging case
3. Gourmet dining Experience for 2
4. Bed and Breakfast Getaway for 2
5. Sculpd Pottery Starter Kit
6. JWesty Design Gift Set including Mug, Coaster and Notebook
7. £50 Amazon Gift Card
8. £35 Amazon Gift Card
9. £25 Amazon Gift Card
10. Mixed Case of Italian Wine/Prosecco (6 bottles)
11. Family pass for 4 at Aldenham Country Park
12. £40 Gift Card at Everyman Cinemas Barnet
13. £25 Gift Certificate to Legends Kitchen of Cockfosters
14. £25 Gift Certificate to Barnet Art Gallery
15. £25 Costa Gift Card
16. Gift Voucher for 6 weeks class for 2 at Footworks Dance Academy
17. Gift Voucher for 1 Class at North London Yoga Centre
18. Gift Voucher for 1 Class at North London Yoga Centre
19. Kew Candle



Thank you to all the families who have bought raffle tickets that were sent home with the students last Friday. Please only buy what you can and return the unsold books to Reception in an envelope so that we may keep selling. We have added more wonderful prizes this week. All sold Raffle tickets must be returned to the school by December 7th in order to be included in the draw. There are additional tickets available and they can be bought at the Christmas Fair at 4pm after the Carol Service.

We are still collecting Chocolate and Bottles for the Tombolas and would like to thank all those who have already sent in their contributions.