



NEWSLETTER – 28TH JANUARY

Message from Mr Kerr, Deputy Head

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY – 27TH JANUARY

On 27th January 2000, world leaders gathered in Stockholm, Sweden and declared this one day to be Holocaust Memorial Day.

It is a day when we remember the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered during the evil of the Holocaust. In doing so, we grieve one of the darkest chapters in human history.

It is a day when we remember the Roma, Sinti, Slavs, the disabled, those from the LGBT+ community, and political prisoners - all victims of the Nazi atrocities.

It is a day when we remember those murdered in the more recent genocides committed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

It is a day when we pledge ourselves to the continued fight against racism in all its forms.

It is a day when we light our candles to remember those who perished during those years of darkness.

This week, and every week, we have a moral obligation to remember the victims, learn from the survivors and carry forth the lessons of the most hideous crime of the 20th century. We must teach accurately about the Holocaust and oppose any attempt to ignore, deny, distort or revise history. To this end, history students at Mount House learn about the Holocaust every year and in every key stage of their education. Some Year 9 Historians have engaged in lessons about the genocide at Srebrenica in 1995.

Ivan Shaw (né Buchwald) will also be helping pupils to develop a more personal connection to the Holocaust by presenting a virtual meeting on Wednesday 23rd February with Mount House Students to talk about his own experiences during the Second World War. Mr Shaw was just five-years-old when the Nazis began deporting Jews from his home town of Novi Sad in the former Yugoslavia. His parents were just two of the many Jews in the area who were told to go to an assembly point where they were transported to Nazi concentration camps. In their absence, Ivan was cared for by an aunt until his concealment was given away by a neighbour. At just five years old, he was taken away by the Gestapo to a prison cell where he stayed overnight, alone and afraid. He was taken to a transit camp where he was found by friends and family who helped to care for him. After 10 days, all the inmates were marched to Novi Sad train station to be transported to a further camp. One of Ivan's aunts, who had been following his movements from outside, used the opportunity to stage a daring rescue where she snatched him from the line. She then bravely took him to her home and managed to conceal him for the remainder of the war. Ivan later learned the tragic news that both his parents had died in Nazi concentration camps – his father in Buchenwald and his mother in Bergen Belsen just days after liberation.



LEADERS OF THE MONTH – Message from Miss Smyth

Leaders of the month are Joba and Stella in Year 10. As part of a sub committee of Student Councillors they helped conduct a whole school food survey. They presented their findings to Mrs Richardson in a mature and passionate manner. They listened and reflected on suggestions made and displayed many of our ASPIRE values. Student leadership at Mount House is based on 3 fundamental principles of developing myself, working with others and contributing to my community. As I listened to our student leaders presenting their findings Thursday afternoon, all three principles were evidenced and all students were, more importantly, connected to their school community.



All our students are capable of leadership and have the opportunity to develop all three of these principles daily. But they must be courageous and take the opportunities available to them. I look forward to sharing with you each month examples of what our student leaders are up to and indeed the “Leader of the month.”

Well done Stella and Joba, please come to the café Tuesday brektime for your reward.

Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example. — **Donald McGannon.**



MUSIC – Mr Whitehouse

For Monday morning assembly, my talented year 9 music class treated the school to a rendition of the Beatles classic 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. The class had enjoyed studying the innovative song writing and unprecedented recording techniques of the Fab Four last term and it was great to show off their skill with a well-rehearsed performance, which went down so well with MHS.

Mona Vaseghi - vocals and flute

Meric Duymaz – piano

Carys Jeevani – Synth

Joel Robinson – Bass

Lorenzo Theodoulou – guitar

Maria Ferreira – guitar

Francesco Borgese – drums

Deni Izakhov – synth

(Semi Kampanella - violin and Aaron Buna - drums, were both absent, but missed!)

CAREERS

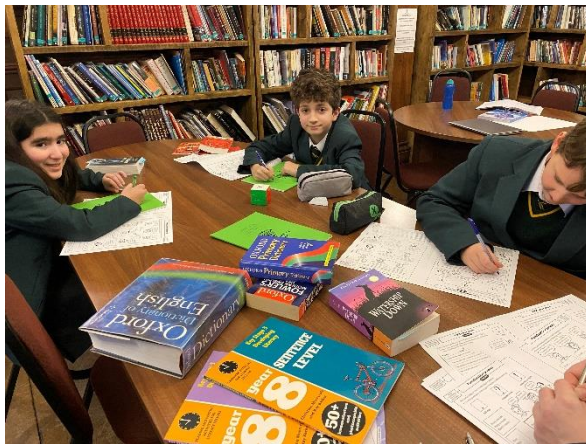
On Tuesday 25th January our guest speaker Mythily Katsaris, who is a partner at one of the UK's top 100 law firms Fladgate LLP, delivered an inspiring speech to Years 10, 11 and the 6th form. We would like to thank her for coming in to speak to our students and answer all their questions on how to become a lawyer.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

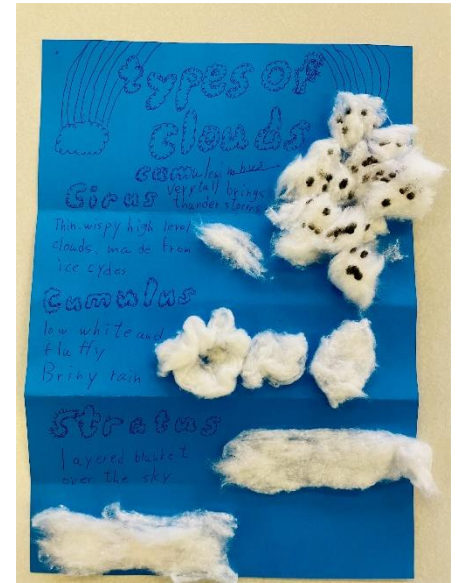
The Little Inklings English Club is going well, with students attending after school in the school library to improve their English with Mr Nancarrow. Here we see three Year 7 students: Esme, Luca and Fred working hard on their writing and reading.

The club runs every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the school library and all years are invited to attend to receive extra small group and one to one support with their English.



Geography

In the Year 7 Geography classes this term, we are learning about the differences between climate and weather. We have started to learn about how clouds are formed, and recreated this process by creating a cloud in a jar! We then learnt about different types of clouds and the weather that they bring. We represented these clouds in posters using our creative sides.



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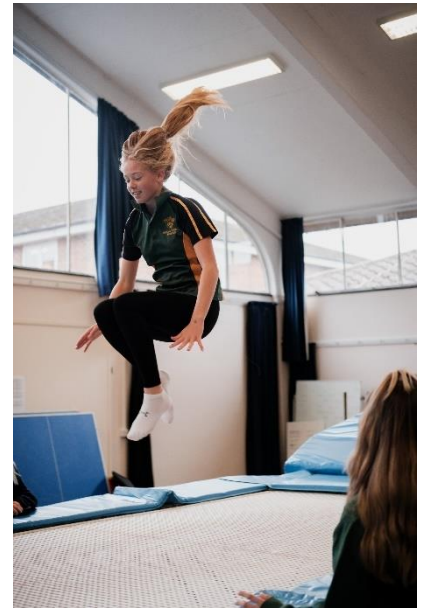
This week students in Years 7 – 9 have taken part in table tennis and gymnastics. The focus in table tennis has been to play challenging shots into the corners and think about positional awareness at the end of the table.

During gymnastics students have been working on individual and partner counter balances. This has been brilliant to see and the trust and teamwork for the partner balances has been excellent.

Students in Years 7 – 9 have continued to take part in the rotations of sports (netball/basketball/badminton) with their last session taking place next week. During the week commencing 7th February students will take part in house competitions linked to the three sports.

Year 10 have adjusted focus for the last few weeks of this term and are looking and core hockey skills in preparation for some upcoming hockey fixtures.

Students in Year 11 and the Sixth form have taken part in a range of activities of their choice including netball, golf, trampolining, table tennis and badminton. Taking part in Games on Friday afternoons is a great way to end a busy week for our Year 11 and sixth form students.



Athlete of the Week:

Year 7 - Atlanta Demetriou

Year 8 - Alicia Ormrod

Year 9 - Wasif Siddique

Year 10 - Dara Koleva

Year 11 – Arianna Paternostro

Sixth Form – Poppy Canty

This week the U15 netball team and the GCSE PE students played netball against Ashmole. It was great to see our students working together as a team whilst demonstrating their skills and knowledge of the game.

The U15 girls football team played against Saracens on Monday 24th January. The game started and was end to end with both teams having their fair share of shots at goal. The score at half time was Mount House 2 – 3 Saracens. In the second half Saracens made some changes and this worked to their advantage. They scored 4 goals in the second half and the final score was Mount House 2 – 7 Saracens.



Date	Sport	Age (Year)	Boys/Girls	Opponent	Staff	Venue	Leave	Start	Return
2.2.22	Netball	U13 (7&8)	Girls	Aldenham	NHI PSM	Away	13:15	14:00	16:30
3.2.22	Hockey	U13 (7&8)	Boys	ISA	DMA	Away	08:00	09:30	16:00
3.2.22	Football	U15 (9&10)	Boys	Latymer	AMU & MKE	Home	13:45	14:30	16:30

Please remember to check Show My Homework for next week's team sheets.

GOOGLE FAMILY

Screen time and parental controls for online activity

A digital native is someone who has grown up surrounded by digital information and entertainment on their phones, tablets and a multitude of screens. Time spent on screens is not simply a distraction – as it might be for those of an older generation - it's an indelible facet of modern life and a necessary part of modern education. As we all know, much homework is completed online, so the need for children and adolescents to access screens and feel comfortable whilst on them is significant.

Yet, equally, too much screen time brings with it a myriad of problems, and so just as screen time can aid education it can also prove to be a barrier in excelling at school and home.

Few firm conclusions can be drawn about the real impact of screen time but in light of this, it seems sensible to ensure that screen time is moderate and only part of a balanced lifestyle.

There are a number of products available that help parents control access to various websites and apps and limit online activity. The Family Link app from Google helps families share content and allows parents to keep a track of their child's behaviour online. You will need a Google account to set up the link but it is very straight forward to do and is compatible with many operating systems and devices. For more information follow this link <https://families.google.com/families>.

McAfee Safe Family is another easy to use app which allows parents to control the sites their children can visit, and the length of time they can spend online or on individual apps. Visit <https://family.mcafee.com/> for full details.

Setting controls and monitoring online activity by using one of these tools, should of course, be used alongside ongoing dialogue with your child about appropriate and sensible activity online.

ART

Year 7 colour wheels using found objects



Santino



Fred



Solu



Fleur



Kasin



Leo

Year 9: Tonal drawings for the Objects and Viewpoints project



Philip



Emily

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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| FRIDAY 4 TH FEBRUARY | Assembly guest speaker Prakash Pattni Managing Director – J P Morgan speaking to Year 10/11/12 & 6 th form |
| WEDNESDAY 23 RD FEBRUARY | Virtual talk by Holocaust Survivor, Ivan Shaw (ne Buchwald) |
| FRIDAY 4 TH MARCH | Working Open Day |
| SATURDAY 25 TH JUNE | Open Day |

Please tell friends and family who are looking at secondary schools about our forthcoming open days. They can book a place on our website at www.mounthouse.org.uk

