



NEWSLETTER- 1ST APRIL 2022

Message from Mrs Richardson - Head

I have had the enormous privilege of watching the School performance of Oliver! this week, and have been bowled over not just by the talent of Mount House students but by their evident joy in what they are doing. For me the experience epitomises what a Mount House education is all about: students and staff have worked exceptionally hard, with great commitment and determination, and have put on a wonderful entertainment for others. A diverse group of students from across the age range have worked well as a team, supporting each other, and our senior students have been fantastic role models for the younger students to look up to and respect. As one parent beautifully summed up, the production was 'good for the soul'.



I am particularly grateful to all the staff who have been involved in making this project happen, giving up lunchtimes, evenings and weekends. So many have been involved but I would like to publicly thank Ms Kelly, Mr Whitehouse and Ms Dawson for the months of casting, rehearsing and enthusing.

Easter is almost upon us, and the examination season therefore approaches. I know that the coming months will test the resilience of students sitting public exams, but I am confident that they will rise to the challenge and do their absolute best. Younger students will have internal exams and it would be appropriate to use their CenturyTech app to keep their eye in, but I hope they will also find time to have a break and enjoy the longer days and better weather. I would also urge them to read, and look forward to receiving any suggestions they might have about books they have enjoyed and which they recommend for the Library. In a world which we hope is fast returning to normality, we are planning a number of events for next term, including a Summer music concert, a Speech Day and Prize Giving and a Sports Day. Dates for your diaries can be found at the end of this newsletter and further details will follow next term.

In addition, we are planning a number of trips in the next academic year, including a trip to Berlin in the October half term for those in year 10 and above, a ski trip as soon as the Michaelmas term ends and a tennis and golf tour to the Algarve during the Easter 2023 break. Full details will be sent to parents early next term.

I wish you all a restful holiday and look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday 19th April.



OLIVER!







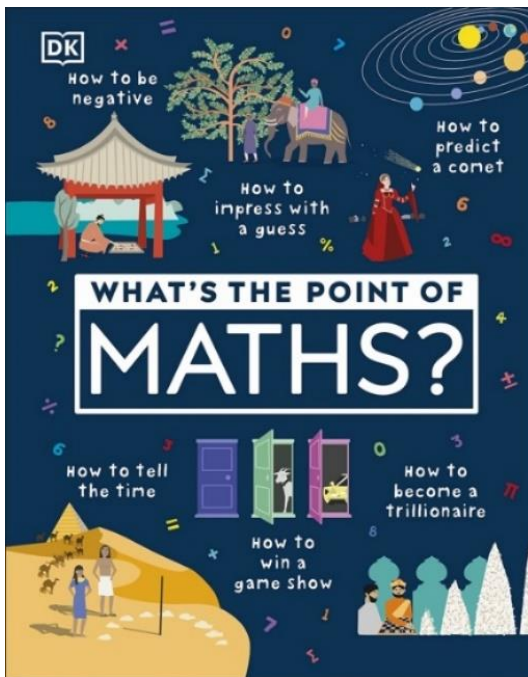
MATHS

Easter Reading List for Students from Mrs Onal



Easter is on the way, and one of our favourite parts of the holiday is coming up with creative ideas for Easter baskets. Along with colourful eggs, chocolates, and Easter crafts, we love the tradition of including books in baskets. That's why I've rounded up the best Easter reading books for students of all key stages.

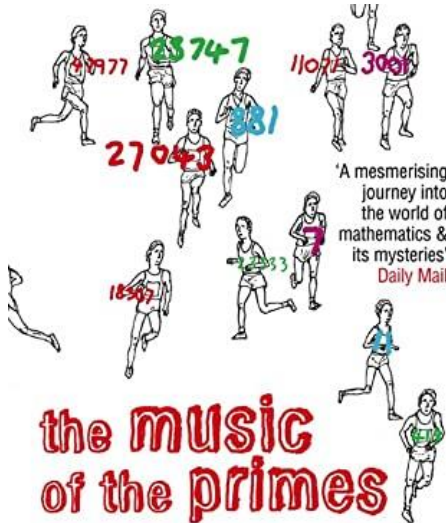
Key Stage3



What is the Point of Maths?

This book will not only change your child's perception of numbers but give them the skills and understanding to apply the principles in their everyday life! Maths makes the world go around. An educational book that will give you surprising answers to everyday Maths challenges.

Key Stage 4



the music of the primes

why an unsolved problem in mathematics matters

marcus du sautoy

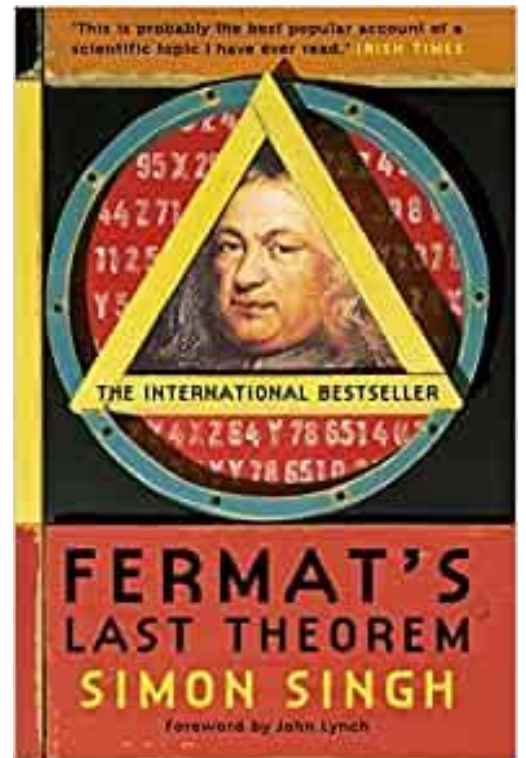
The music of primes

Prime numbers are the very atoms of arithmetic. They also embody one of the most tantalising enigmas in the pursuit of human knowledge. It has implications far beyond mathematics. In business, it is the lynchpin for security and e-commerce. In science, it has critical ramifications in Quantum Mechanics, Chaos Theory, and the future of computing. Pioneers in each of these fields are racing to crack the code and a prize of \$1 million has been offered to the winner. As yet, it remains unsolved.

Key Stage 5

Fermat's Last Theorem is

a popular Science & Maths book by Simon Singh. It tells the story of the search for a proof of Fermat's Last Theorem. Despite the efforts of many mathematicians, the proof would remain incomplete until 1995, with the publication of Andrew Wiles' proof of the Theorem. The book is the first mathematics book to become a Number One seller in the United Kingdom, whilst Singh's documentary The Proof, on which the book was based, won a BAFTA in 1997.





CLASSICS

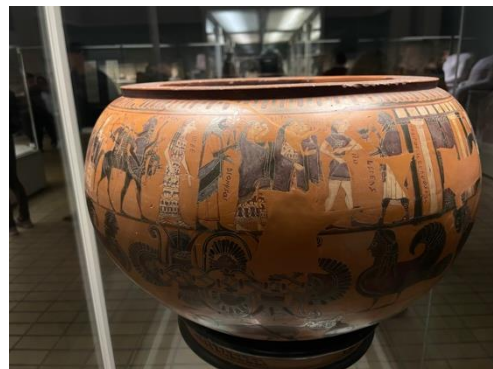
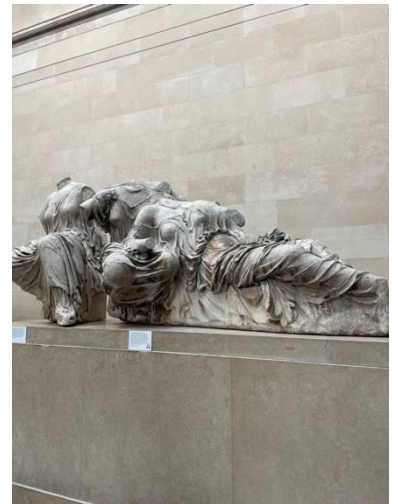
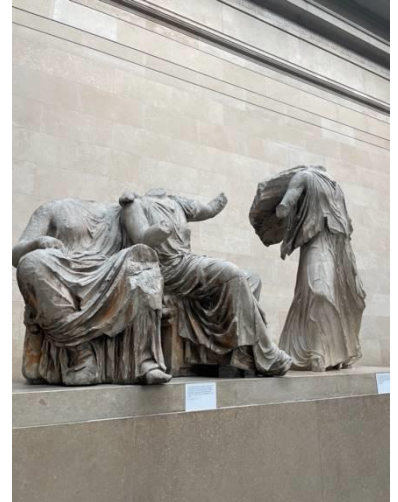
My time at the British museum by Katrina Taylor

As part of my Classical Civilisation A-level, I study Greek Art which means I analyse Greek free-standing statues, monument statues and vases. Many of the items in the syllabus are at the British Museum, so on Friday 25th March I went on a school trip to look at these items up close.

The items I found most impressive were the Parthenon Marbles, especially the pediments – free standing sculptures on the roof of temples. The east pediment shows the birth of Athena (goddess of war tactics/wisdom and the patron goddess of Athens), whilst the west depicts Athena's contest with Poseidon for the patronage of

the city. The sheer size of the sculptures astounded me as I had only seen these on screen or in a text book, and the detail of the musculature of male figures and the wet-drapery technique of the female figures are just exquisite.

This trip has not only helped me develop my understanding and appreciation of prescribed sources but has also widened my range of various styles and given me a better idea of what these items really look like from a 360-degree view. I can incorporate this information as part of my point of view in my future essays. I cannot recommend the British Museum enough as a place to visit.





Mount House School Cultural Fair

Thursday April 21st 2022

Lunchtime in the Hall

Chimborazo South America

Everest Asia and Australasia

Olympus Europe

Rushmore North and Central America



Remember to bring in the food from your continent to sell for charity during the lunch break. Bring in your pocket money as well to try new and exciting food from around the world.



HOUSE NEWS

Mount House Cultural Fair – Thursday 21st April

The House Programme project during the Lent Term was to research the continent that is associated with each House.

Chimborazo South America

Everest Asia and Australasia

Olympus Europe

Rushmore North and Central America

Students researched the food, dance, clothing, geography, history and sporting achievements of their continent and gathered all the information onto separate presentation boards with their house colour. We will be celebrating the students work on Thursday, April 21st at lunchtime. Students should bring in food of the continent of their house to sell on the day. All proceeds go to one of the school's associated charities. Students should be encouraged to bring in some pocket money in order to take part in the festivities.

STUDENT NEWS

Well done to Mikey (Year 7) who read braille aloud in Assembly on Monday in front of the whole school. We are very proud of you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Meeting – Tuesday 15th March

In Attendance:

Year 7: Hari Chowdhary, Ava Gallagher

Year 8: Eisa Salam, Calypso Malialis

Year 9: Michael Miltiadous, Ruzgar Suyur, Alex Theocharopoulos, Andreanna Brueton

Year 10: Ayan Shahzad, Joba Jabaru

Year 11: Stella Thrassyvoulou, Emmanuela Attakpah

Year 12: Sylvia Raymond-Aliga, Sorcha Van Leeven, Mara McNally

Meeting started at 08:35.

Points discussed during meeting:

- Recap of prior meeting.
- Discussions of cookbook made by students for school lunch.
 - Questions raised about the quality of ingredients used.
 - Suggestions for student choice once a week or more.
 - Some students are not satisfied with the idea of a cookbook.





- Students would like a sandwich option in the canteen.
- Cookbook follows rota; a different year group provides the recipe each week.
- Students want more suitable chairs for the height of the desks. (Especially in the lab and the computer suite).
 - Stools in labs are without backrests are uncomfortable and too high.
- Bike racks in car park.
- Some students would like competitive table tennis against other schools.

Meeting finished at 08:55.

Minutes taken by Sorcha Van Leeven – Year 12.

Next meeting scheduled Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Agreed by the Head.

We will move to weekly student choice in the canteen from next week. In addition, ‘Grab and Go’ sandwiches will be available. The sandwiches will be made up and labelled, but not individually packaged. Students will be able to put the sandwiches they want in a paper bag with a piece of fruit or a pudding to eat outside if they wish. **Please be sensible about disposing of your litter properly.**

EASTER TOMBOLA

Thank you to all the students who supported the Easter Tombola today and enjoyed a chocolate egg and fun filled Tombola and Hoopla stalls. The Friends of Mount House wish everyone a lovely Easter holiday.



Friends of
MOUNT HOUSE



UKRAINE

On behalf of everyone involved in raising money for Ukraine, we would like to thank everyone for their extremely generous donations, and we are extremely happy with the money raised so far.

So far, we have already raised £213 from the Oliver Production alone on Wednesday night. In addition, there was another bake sale at the Oliver Production last night, which will hopefully increase our money raised.

There have been generous donations which will be delivered by the School to the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Cheshunt, which will go directly to Ukraine leaving on Sunday. Today a non-school uniform day took place where students came in wearing the colours of the Ukrainian flag and paid the following: £1 for a student wearing 1 colour of the Ukraine flag and £2 for students wearing both colours of the Ukrainian flag.



We would like to remind everyone where the money raised will be donated to:

Mr McCormick is working with two organisations in Bulgaria in order to help Ukrainians travel to safety in that country.

Alex Nicolaidis, our Head Boy, is working with a pharmacist in North London, where they are willing to cut out all profit margins in order to send medical supplies to Ukraine.

As a school, we really hope to make a difference to the people of Ukraine, and we will continue fund raising after the Easter Holidays. Finally, a reminder of our JustGiving page, which is <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/craig-mccormick>

LEADERS OF THE MONTH by Miss Smyth

This month I have been surrounded by numerous examples of excellent student leadership. These examples have spanned the years groups and varied in their type. So much so, it has made picking one leader impossible. So, I have decided to use this newsletter to celebrate lots of examples of student leadership and offer them a huge pat on the back.

Shamira Kosamu has worked hard energising her peers to collect donations for the Ukrainian appeal.

Our antibullying ambassadors have worked really hard over the past few weeks analysing whole school antibullying surveys and educating the school community, by leading whole school assembly last Monday. They are Alice Reekie, Ayomide Soetan, Sorcha Van Leeven,



Dara Koleva, Alice Thomas, Mona Vaseghi, Mikey Poulli, Seth Chanda, Leon Gradica, Michael Miltiadous, Grace Kelly, Zidane Sanah, Emily Hooker, Sotirios Papathomas, Sophia Sarkoob.

Year 9 Science helpers (Oscar McAvoy, Alice Reekie, Amelie Hilton, Wasif Siddique, Maria Ferreira, Andreanna Brueton, Silvana Terziu, Raphael Sarabi, Luisa Sullivan) have worked with the Monken Hadley Year 6 class to complete various science challenges and experiments for the past two terms. We had our final session this week and one student, Max, told me, "I have loved every minute of it and will remember this experience forever!"

Alex Nicolaidis, and Stefano Paternostro Y13 step down this week as the Student Heads of School. They have worked so hard over the past year to develop the student council, support younger students reintegrate back into school after the various lockdowns and to be a friendly face to any individual who needed it. Thank you for all your hard work and good luck with your upcoming exams.

We are launching new community leadership opportunities in the upper school which will begin after Easter. If you are interested in a vocational career or want a chance to work with our SEN department to develop your communication skills, please come us for more information Tuesday 26th April in the café at breaktime.

Roles:

Play leaders

Hive helpers

Communication café

Leadership and the various soft skills required to drive change requires courage. I often speak to our students about the huge strength of character required to stand up to our peers and people we respect. Each of these Mount House students noted above have used their time at school to make their community a better place. Have you got any ideas for leadership opportunities you would like to see in school? Or would you like to be a student leader? Please use your final term to contribute to your school community. Come and see me!

PE

Athletes of the week:

Year 7: Hari Chowdhary

Year 8: Renuk Yapa

Year 9: Wasif Siddique

Year 10: Oluwatimayo Ladipo

Year 11: Maya Whitehouse & Katie Gallagher



Sixth Form: Charlotte Wheatley

What a great term of sport we have had at Mount House this term. Students across Key Stage 3 have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports including netball, football, badminton, basketball, handball, gymnastics, table tennis and cricket during lessons and have further developed skills during clubs. This has resulted in a number of students representing Mount House sports teams. Matches and tournaments have highlighted the ability to work together as a team, whilst supporting each other and has resulted in improved performances throughout the term.

Students in Year 10 have taken part in football, netball and hockey and have enjoyed the opportunity to compete against each other.

Students in years 11 – 13 had the opportunity to select the sports they wanted to take part in and has seen them take part in netball, trampolining, badminton and golf.

This week students in Years 8, 9 & 10 played netball against Latymer School. The four games played were close in score and end to end, making them enjoyable to watch and an opportunity for the players to be challenged and develop.

This term has seen students take part in ISI competitions and we are delighted to be winners/runners-up of the following tournaments:

U15 Boys Football Plate Winners

U15 Girls Hockey Bowl Runners Up

Next term's programme will see students take part in summer sports including striking and fielding activities and all students across the school will take part in a series of golf sessions at Old Fold Manor Golf Club during their Games afternoons.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that students should ensure they have a water bottle for PE and Games sessions and should apply sun cream when the sun is out.

The PE Department wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to the Summer Term activities.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16th June	Summer Concert
Friday 1st July	Speech Day and Prize Giving with guest speaker Sean Lang
Monday 4th July	Sports Day and Friends of Mount House Summer Party

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE & SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER - 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