



NEWSLETTER – 23RD JUNE

MESSAGE FROM MRS HILLCOAT-HYDE, ASSISTANT HEAD



On Tuesday 21st June, 13 intrepid Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh explorers arrived at school ready to take part in their bronze qualifying expedition in the Chilterns. As we started with a kit check it was evident that the size of their rucksacks was nearly matched by the smiles on their faces.

The Duke of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised programme that empowers young people to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills and make a positive impact on their communities. The award focuses on four key areas: physical fitness, skill development, volunteering and adventurous journeys.

Since 1956 the award has helped transform the lives of millions of people across the world and the beauty of this award is that any young person can participate until the age of 25 and achieving the award isn't a competition about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. The benefits of participating in the awards are clear and far-reaching, with young people acquiring a range of valuable skills that benefit them in all aspects of life.

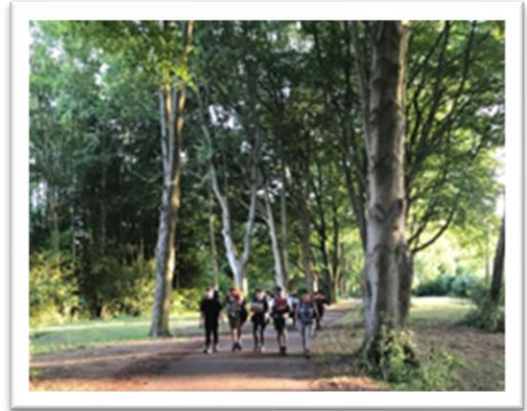
The physical fitness component encourages them to adopt healthy lifestyles and instils discipline and perseverance. By engaging in sports/physical activities, young people develop physical strength, resilience, and learn the importance of maintaining their wellbeing. The skill development aspect of the award encourages young individuals to explore their interests and talents. They can choose from a diverse range of skills such as playing a musical instrument, learning a new language, photography, and cooking. These skills not only boost their self-confidence but also provide them with a sense of accomplishment and a foundation for future endeavours.

Volunteering plays a significant role in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as it encourages young people to give back to their communities. Engaging in volunteer work exposes them to different perspectives, fosters empathy, and cultivates a sense of social responsibility. Through this experience, participants learn the value of contributing their time and effort to help others, making a positive impact on society.

The adventurous journeys section of the award challenges participants to step out of their comfort zone and explore the great outdoors. This aspect builds resilience, teamwork, problem-solving skills and adaptability. It encourages young people individuals to embrace new experience, overcome obstacles, and develop a sense of self-reliance.



To all of our students currently undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh award, we applaud your courage, determination and dedication. Your journey and experience will help shape you into remarkable individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.



And remember, the Duke of Edinburgh Award is not just a certificate or an accolade - it represents your personal growth, your triumphs, and your unwavering spirit. Embrace every challenge, learn from every experience, and let your journey inspire others to embark on their own path of excellence.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

This week, our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the school production of the Wizard of Oz. The performers had lots of fun, the costumes were fantastic and the sets designs were wonderful. Thanks to Ms Dawson and Ms Kelly for all their hard work with rehearsals; to Mr Whitehouse, Ms Wong, Hari and Jordan for the music and choreography; and to Mr Nancarrow and his team for the sets and props. Well done to all the cast and backstage!



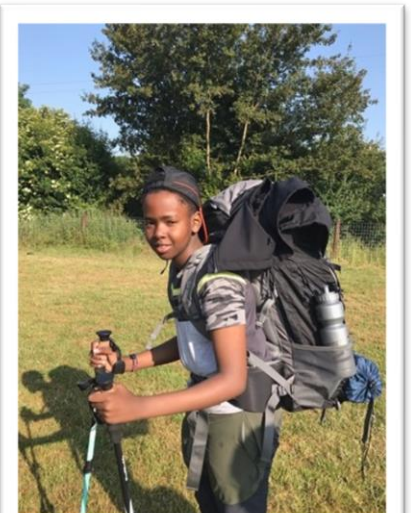


DUKE OF EDINBURGH

13 students in Year 9 completed their bronze award on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The students were split into two groups; group A made up of Oscar, Sofie, Lilly, Alvin, Zach & Renuk; and Group B Rosie, Georgie, Zeyad, Temi, Eisa, Santi & Luca.

On day one the students walked 12km to camp, where they had to set up their tents and make dinner for the night. On day two the students were up early (6AM!) taking down their tents, making breakfast and getting prepared for the last day. The students walked 10km to the finishing point.

Both groups worked exceptionally hard as a team and kept pushing and supporting each other all the way to the final destination.



PE UPDATE

During **Year 9 and 10** Games, all students went to the field where they competed in Houses for field events for Sports Day. Students competed in the following sports: standing long jump, javelin and discus. **Year 7 and 8s** who went to the field focused on match play in cricket. The students in Year 7 and 8 who went to golf completed a round of golf in small teams. Congratulations to Mikey, Amirali and Luca who were the winning team.

Athletes of the week:

Year 7:	Yuna Arao
Year 8:	Liam Richardson
Year 9:	Chrissy Jones
Year 10:	Francesco Borgese

SUMMER CONCERT: SUMMERTIME BLUES

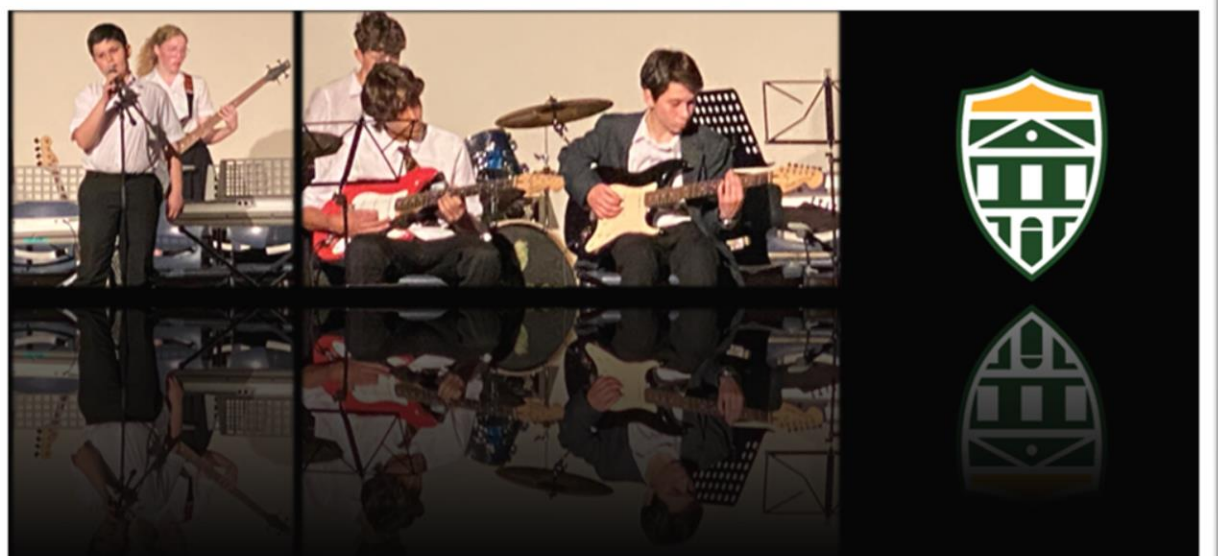
This year's Summer Concert will be held on Tuesday 27th June. Doors open at 18:45. As always, you can expect a fun packed, inclusive show with virtuosic solo performances, duets and bands.

Please reserve your tickets here (only two per student please):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mouse-house-school-presents-summertime-blues-tickets-663556063047>

There will be refreshments available and an opportunity to mingle out on the lawn during the interval. You can also buy second-hand uniform from the Friends of Mount House.

The show will finish by 21:00 at the latest.





Friends of
MOUNT HOUSE

FRIDAY

30th June

2:30-4:30pm



SUMMER FAIR

**Ice Cream - Popcorn - Candy Floss
Pizza - Drink Stall - Books
Fun Games - Scavenger Hunt
Second Hand Uniform - Music
Sweet Stall - Bottle Tombola
5 A Side Football Tournament
Hamper draw at 3:45pm**





S-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

TOURNAMENT



**Friday 30th June
on the MUGA
3-4pm**



A football for each of the winning Team



**Choose your team with 1 sub
(by year groups - 7&8 and 9&10)
Sign up TODAY with Mr Mather.**

**Places must be signed in advance of Sports Day.
*each game lasts 5 minutes.**



CAREERS

The British Army is holding an insight day for all students interested in becoming an Army Officer on Saturday 22nd July 10:00hrs – 16:00hrs at The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Age ranges are from 16+ (if under 18, the student will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian). Please register via the QR code on the poster below.

ARMY OFFICER INSIGHT DAY



**SATURDAY JULY 22ND
ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST
CAMBERLEY, SURREY**

The Army Officer Insight Day will commence at 10 am and will run until 4 pm. The day incorporates a tour of the training establishment and its facilities including Old College and the Officer Cadet accommodation. You will have the opportunity to chat to serving Officers, Academy Staff, Officer Cadets and expert careers advisors as well as attend career and lived experience presentations.

There are only a limited number of places, so please register as soon as possible. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis to eligible potential officers. All guests must be aged 16+.

Please note that this is an optional insight event and not a formal part of your application

Scan the QR code below to apply for a place before the end of June.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27th June, 7-9pm

Summer Concert

Thursday 29th June, 5.30pm

Parent, Student & Teacher golf competition
at Old Fold Manor

Friday 30th June

* Sports Day &
Friends of Mount House Summer Fair

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th July

Activities Week

Friday 7th July

10.30 – 12.00 Speech Day and prizegiving
Terms ends at 12.30

* Sports Day: parents are welcome to watch students take part in the track events from 11:00 – 12:45.

