Reader of the Month

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Congratulations to **Alex 7w** for continuing to inspire us all – **Reader of the month**: Where Stories Spark brilliance!

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Year 7
Girls Football Team Win Silver

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“GMS Year 7 girls are Silver Medallists for Borough Football!

Huge congratulations to the Team.”

Ms Hadaway, PE Teacher

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Year 10 Visit The Houses of Parliament

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"Last month the Year 10 GCSE Citizenship students visited the Houses of Parliament to learn about how government works in the United Kingdom."

Ms Ahmedzai, Head of Citizenship

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Year 10 Preparing for mock exams

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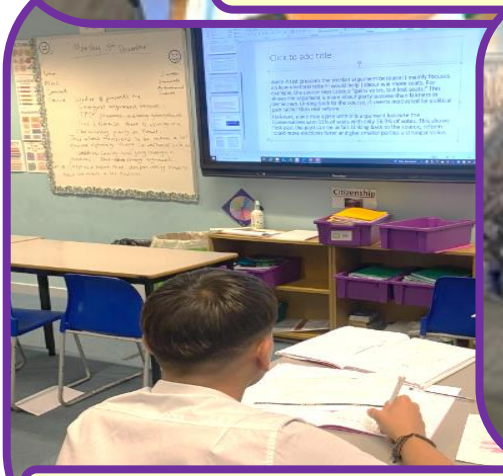
Year 10 Independent Study - quizzing each other

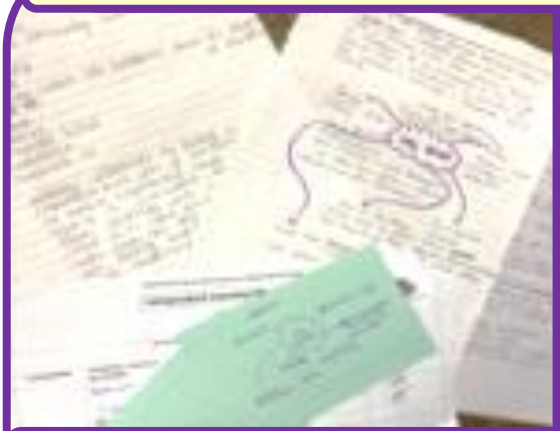
"Year 10 students have completed their first term of the GMS *Learning to Learn* programme, which focuses on the best revision strategies and teaches them about cognitive science and how we learn"
Ms Hardy, Assistant Headteacher





High Five! You got it right!

Ivan attending extra classes afterschool.





Examples of the revision materials prepared by Year 10 students.

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Year 11 Planning their next steps

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One - to - One Intended Destinations Advice Meetings

Year 11 students took part in individual meetings with School Governors and key staff members to explore their aspirations and receive personalised guidance These meetings have helped clarify goals and build confidence around next steps—whether that's college, apprenticeships, or other pathways.

Ms Ainsworth, Careers Co-ordinator

Supported Local College Visit: Building Confidence for the Next Step

A group of our Year 11 students received tailored support recently when visiting a local college, They toured departments and met key staff members. The experience played a vital role in easing the transition to post-16 education, offering students a chance to build confidence, ask questions, and familiarise themselves with a new learning environment. It was a meaningful step toward helping each student feel empowered and prepared for the next stage of their journey.

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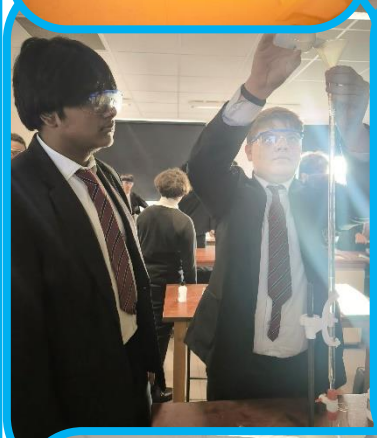
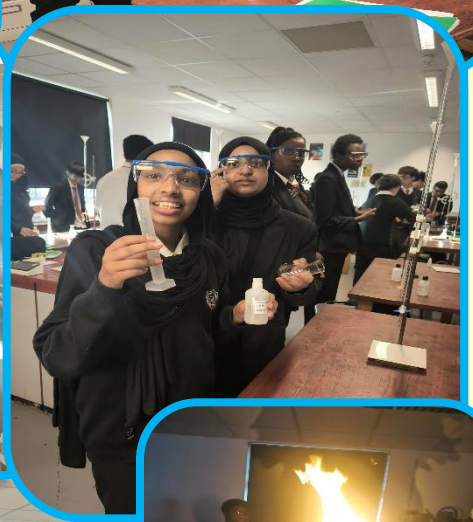




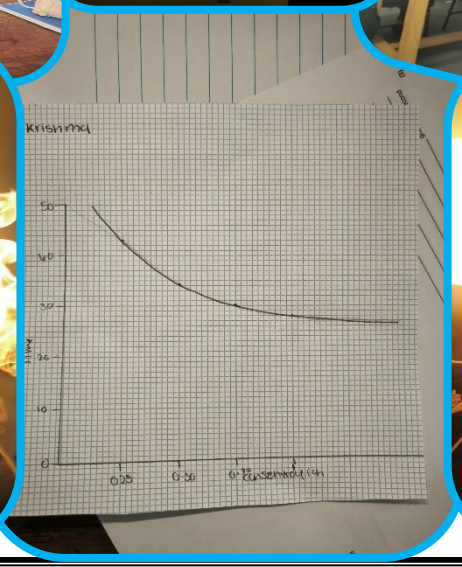


"Thank you to my students who have made my time at George Mitchell so enjoyable. This month Year 10 Triple Science have been conducting a number of experiments and in my last week we demonstrated some explosive bubbles!"

Ms Saunders, Science Teacher

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Henna Club

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The last day of Henna Club was a vibrant farewell, as our talented participants adorned themselves with one final flourish of henna artistry one last time! We bid a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Rabbani, the guiding force behind the club, and to Rabiya, whose designs brought our visions to life. Participants celebrated their achievements with goodie bags & certificates, marking the end of a memorable journey.

Afifah 8M, Aleena 8M, Eime 7F, Asiya 7G, Misha 8F, Lina 8M, Angel 8F, Amira 8F, Malaya 8F, Gunes 7G, Aliza 8M, Gul 7G
Kellisa 8W, Minahil 8F, Akifah 8F, Raynana 8G, Francisca 7G, Adolvie 8F

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the Henna Club!

Ms. T. Rabbani







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Year 11

Who will be the next Masterchef?

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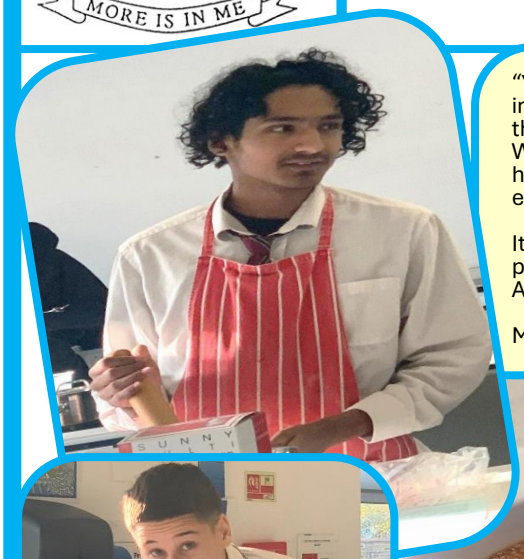

"Year 11 have been working hard in their food technology lessons and their diligence paid off in their mock exam. Students had to cook two dishes from scratch fitting a brief provided by the exam board.
Who knew that Zia is an amazing chef- his prawn Mac and cheese with salmon bites in hot honey and chilli sauce was to die for! His churros with chocolate sauce weren't bad either!

It was a bougie affair all round. We had spiced grilled chicken sandwich with chimichurri, pasta Alfredo with salmon, loaded fries ... cakes - lots of cakes including milk cake!!
At George Mitchell - we did it with pride!!!"

Ms Bergin-Miah, Assistant Headteacher



















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"If music be the food of love, play on." *Shakespeare*

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"On Tuesday 16TH December, family and friends were treated to a night of musical talent. A massive thank you to Ms Topping and the music team. It was a truly unforgettable night." Ms Simmons

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Geography Independent Purple Pen Excellence

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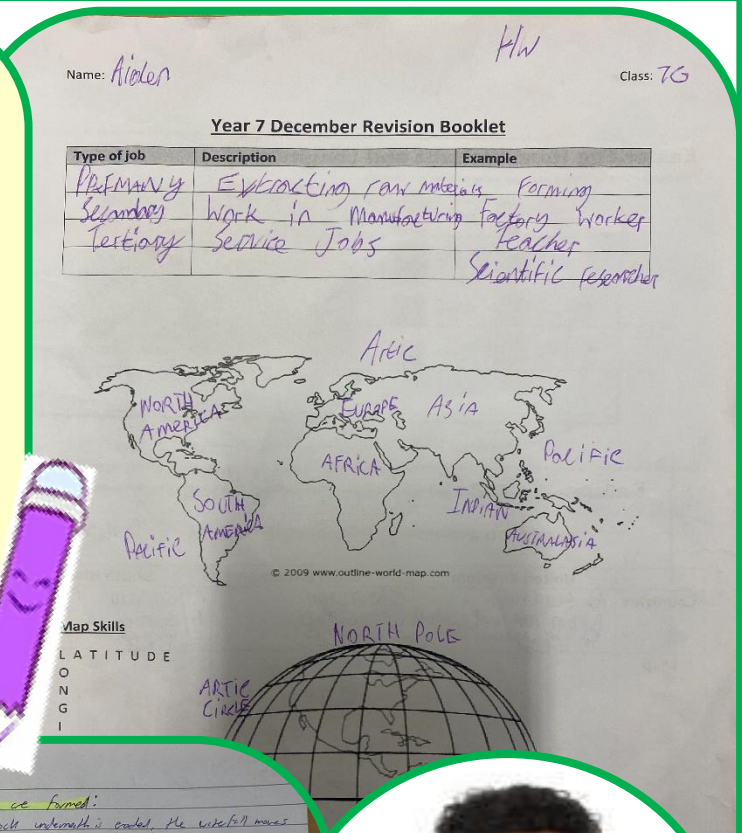
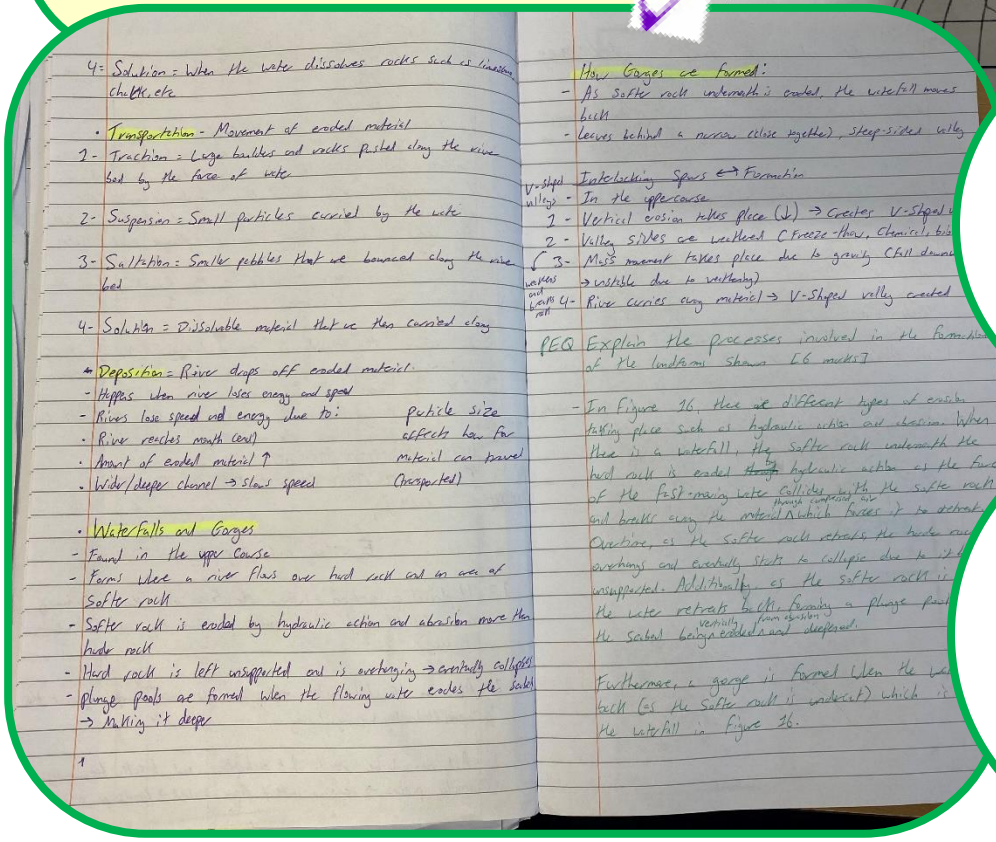
"Well done to **Mohammad Ayaan 11G** and **Aiden 7G** for producing this excellent independent homework for Geography"

Ms Byrne, Head of Geography









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Achievement Assemblies

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32,707 Pride Points were awarded last term and on the last day of term all year groups had their Achievement Assemblies.

1400+ Certificates were awarded.

321 Pride Badges were awarded

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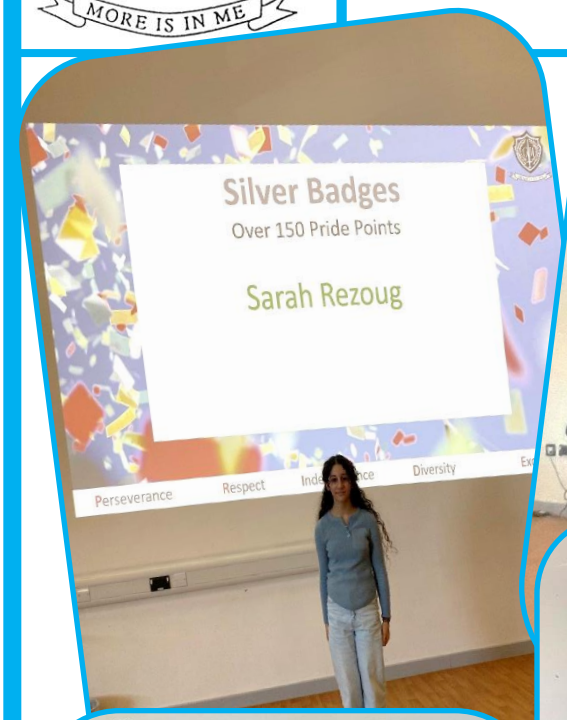







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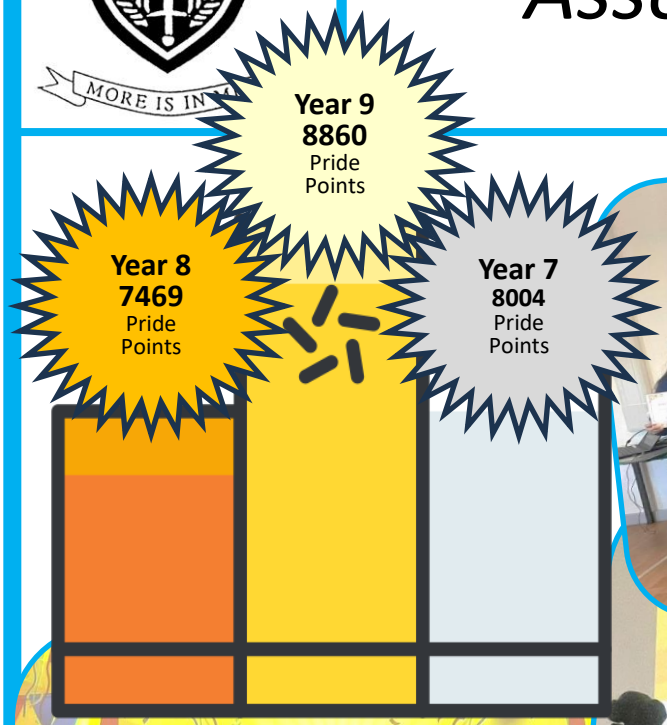

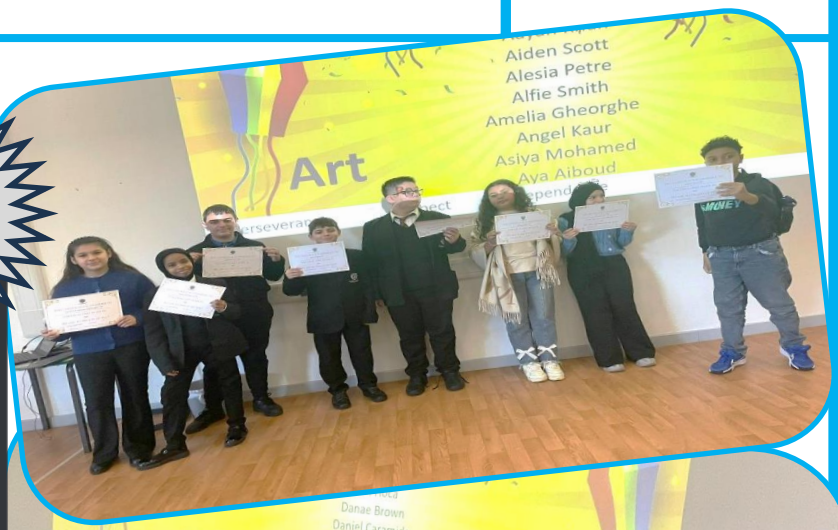

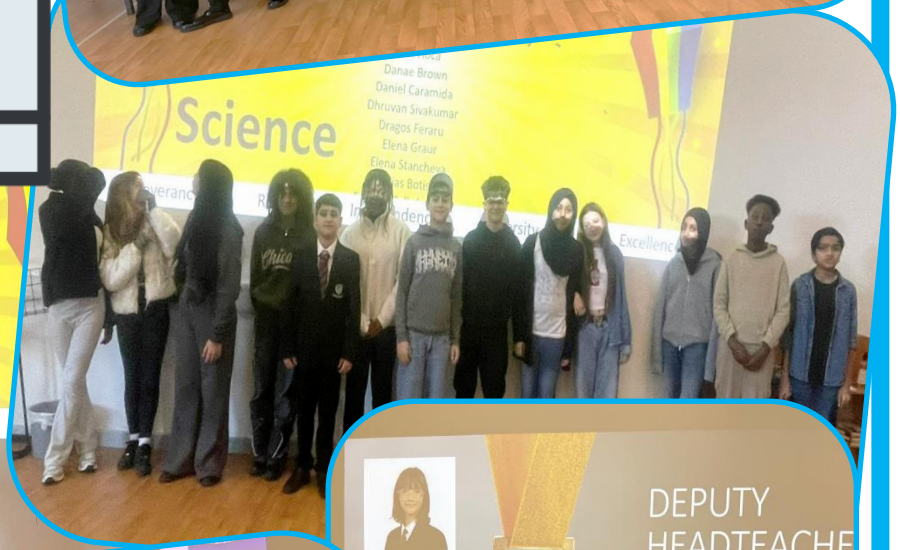







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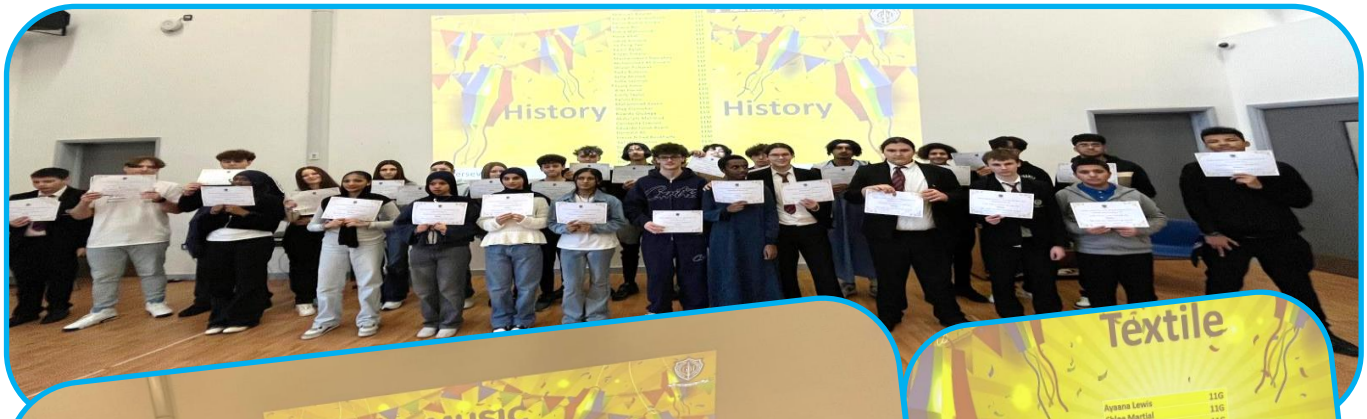









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9M
3040
Pride Points



8G
2323
Pride Points

7M
2513
Pride Points





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Attendance counts

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Attendance is Up!

A big thank you to the whole community for supporting our students get to school consistently.

The connection between attendance and grades is clear and well-documented. Each day a student is absent, they miss out on valuable learning experiences, including direct instruction from teachers, classroom discussions, and collaborative activities with their peers.

This missed content often creates gaps in their understanding that can be difficult to fill later on. As a result, students with poor attendance are at a higher risk of falling behind, which can lead to lower grades and a diminished sense of confidence."

Mr Hussain Associate Assistant Headteacher

Yearly Attendance	Yearly Days Missed	Yearly Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed Over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	150
95%	10	50	250
90%	20	100	500
80%	40	200	1000
50%	100	500	2500

Find out more info about your year group

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All year groups have their own PADLET (website) with further information. Use the QR codes to access the PADLET and save to favourites.

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

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Safeguarding

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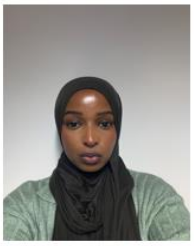
Meet the Team:



Designated Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Marissa Tomkins



Child Protection Officer (All Through)
Najma Hamud



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Janet Bergin-Miah

As we approach the end of term, we want to thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe and well. Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do, and we'd like to share some key updates and reminders.

Online Safety

With the holiday period approaching, many students will spend more time online. Please:

- **Check privacy settings** on social media and gaming platforms.
- **Talk regularly** about safe online behaviour, including not sharing personal information.
- **Report concerns** using platforms like CEOP or ThinkUKnow.

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The festive season can be joyful but also challenging. If your child feels anxious or low:

- Encourage open conversations.
- Access support via **Kooth** (free online counselling) or **Young Minds**.
- Contact school if you need advice – we are here to help.

Attendance & Safety

Please ensure:

- We have **up-to-date contact details** for emergencies.
- Your child knows how to travel safely and who to contact if they feel unsafe.

For out of hours safeguarding concerns, please see below for a list of contact details:

* If you have concerns about the welfare of a child contact the Waltham Forest Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) team: 020 8496 2310 or email: MASHrequests@walthamforest.gov.uk
* If you have concerns about a child's mental health, contact Waltham Forest CAMHS – emergency phone number - 0300 555 1247 - Open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
* Outside of these hours, you can call **Mental Health Direct** for crisis support: 0300 5551000
* If a young person or child's life is at risk and you need urgent medical assistance e.g. you suspect someone has taken an overdose, you should call 999 or go to an A&E department.
* Alternatively, you can contact your local police on 101 at any time.

Family Support

* **Gingerbread** (support and advice for single parents): 0808 802 0925
* **Childline (24 hours)**- 0800 11 11
* **Macmillan Cancer Support** - 0808 808 0000
* **Crime Victims** – Victim Support: 0808 16 89 111
* **Crimestoppers** – Crime Prevention: 0800 555 111
* **Refuge** – Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
* **Homelessness** – Shelter (24 hours)- 0808 800 4444
* **Kooth** – Free Mental Health Support for young people – www.kooth.com

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Addiction

* **Drinkline** - 0300 123 1110
* **FRANK** – Friendly confidential drugs advice: 0300 123 6600
* **Beat** – Beating Eating Disorders (Mon– Thur 1:30pm – 4:30pm) 0345 634 7650
* **GamCare** – Support, information and advice for anyone with a gambling problem (8am – midnight, 7 days a week) 0808 8020 133
* **Kidscape** – Keeping safe, bullying and how to cope: 020 7823 5430
* **Missing People – Message Home** (Left home, run away, send a confidential message) - 116 000
* **National Missing People Helpline** - 116 000
* **Neighbourhood Watch** - 0116 402 6111
* **NSPCC – Child Protection Helpline** (24 hours) - 0808 800 5000
* **Samaritans (24 hours)** -116 123

Local Foodbanks:

* **Eat or Heat - http://eatorheat.org/**

Jewel Road 1a, London, E17 4QU

* **Rukhsana Khan Foundation** – Saturdays – 11am – 12pm - https://www.rukhsanakhanfoundation.org/

William Morris Community Centre, 6-8 Greenleaf Road, London E17 6QQ

* **FoodCycle London, Walthamstow** – Thursdays 6.30pm – walthamstow@foodcycle.org.uk

St Mary's Welcome Centre, Church End, Walthamstow, E17 9RH

* **Hackney Foodbank Warehouse - https://www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk/ -** 020 7254 2464

The Hackney Foodbank, Wally Foster Community Centre, Homerton Road, E9 5QB

To report a concern to the George Mitchell Safeguarding Team, please email:

* GMSafeguardingTeam@georgemitchellschool.co.uk
* If you are a student and would like to report a concern you have about your friend/peer, please click the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/JUVfWD0x5U
* Please note that this is an anonymous form and you do not have to give your name unless you wish to do so

Thank you for working with us to keep every child safe. Wishing you and your family a restful and happy holiday.

Extra Curricular

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Extra-Curricular Programme

Engaging in extra-curricular activities offers a wide range of benefits. Whether it's sport, music, drama or debate, these activities help our young people to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, resilience time management and leadership. They also offer a valuable outlet for creativity, boost self-confidence and foster a sense of belonging with in the school community.

Importantly, participation in extra-curricular activities has been linked to improved academic performance and well being as students learn to balance responsibility and build positive relationships.

Please use the link sent via Evolve to reserve your child's space in one of the activities below

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Day	Activity	Where?	When?	For who?	Speak to?
Monday	Girls Basketball	Sports Hall	3-4pm	Girls – Year 7 & 8	Ms Hadaway
	Piano and Ukulele	Music Room	After school	All year groups	Ms Topping
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	Y9/Y10 boys	Mr Khawaja
Tuesday	History Enrichment	3-24	3-4	All year groups	Ms Tomkins (History)
	Coding	GS5	3.15-4.15pm	KS3	Mr Batasi
Wednesday	Table Tennis	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	All years	Mr Gursoy
	Y7 Reading Club	2-07	3-4pm	All Y7	Ms Watkins
	Gardening Club	1-16	After school	KS3	Mr Vilca
	Choir	Music Room	After school	All year groups	Ms Topping
	Russian Language	SEN Base	Lunchtime	Y11 Russian Students	Ms Baiioud
	Y7/Y8 Football Practice	Playground	3-4pm	Y7/Y8 Boys	Mr Clark
Thursday	KS4 Band	Music Room	TBC	Y11	Ms Topping
	Henna	SEN Room	3-4pm	KS3	Ms Rabbani
Library Activities	Lego Club Scrabble Club Chess Club	Library	Every break/lunchtime	All years	Ms Ainsworth
Instrumental Lessons/ Band	**Want to learn an instrument or get involved in one of the GM bands? See Ms Topping for more details!**				

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