Reader of the Month

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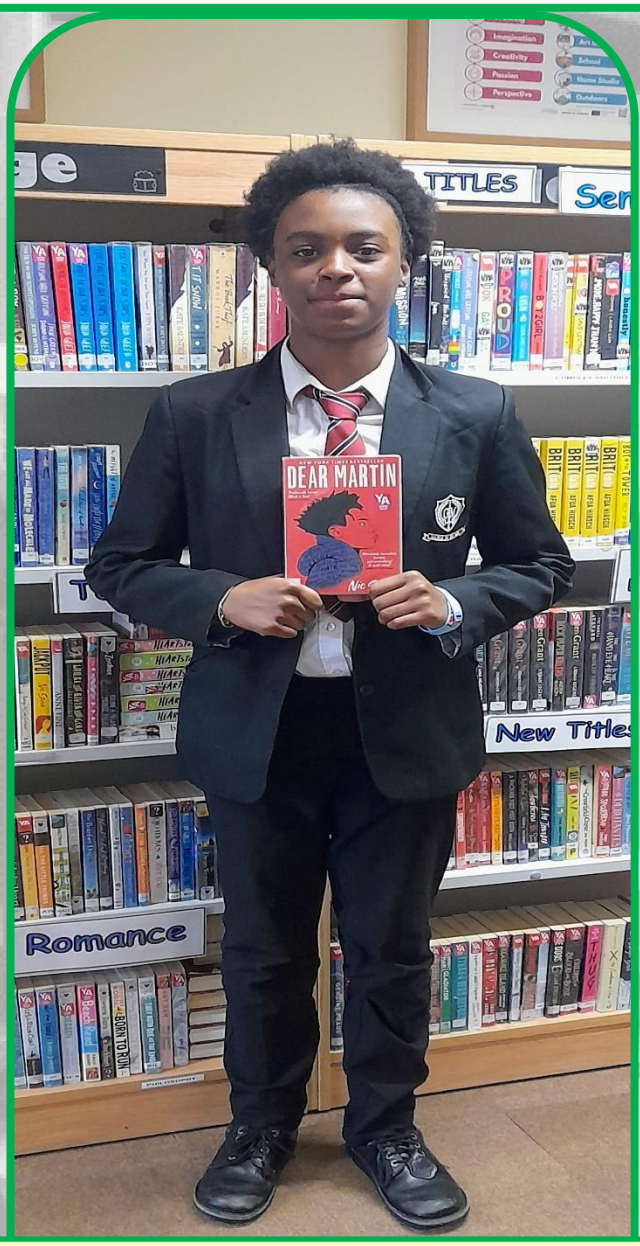

Congratulations to **Laishah Palmer 7F** for showing us that every page turned is a step towards endless possibilities! – **Reader of the month**!

"I enjoy reading as you can imagine everything that is happening."

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Ex-GMS Students

"Everything we do, we do with PRIDE"

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ETON COLLEGE





Zakariya and Ke Qi U (2025 leavers) who now attend London Academy of Excellence Stratford took part in the finals of a 'why invest' **competition at Eton College - and they won!**

All the other finalists were from Eton College.



Artiom (2024 leaver) has been **offered a place at Oxford University to study History.**

He wrote to the school to thank **Ms Jeffrey, Mr Vilca** and **Ms Hardy** for supporting him.

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Year 7 History

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Anna Chrysostomides of Queen Mary University visited on **23rd March** and delivered a powerful talk on **inspirational women in the medieval Islamic world**, which had a significant impact on our Year 7 students.

Her talk introduced students to influential women from the period, highlighting their roles in society and their ability to climb social hierarchies. This challenged many students' preconceptions and broadened their understanding of women's contributions in medieval societies.

"The impact on students has been clear: students showed greater curiosity, asking more thoughtful questions and making stronger connections between topics. Overall, her visit has helped foster a deeper interest in the topic and encouraged students to think more critically about the role of women and the wider complexity of medieval Islamic societies."

Ms Tomkins, History Teacher

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Silver Medal Winners

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"Our Year 8 and Year 7 girls basketball teams gained Silver medals in the borough championships. I am so proud of them!""

Ms Hadaway, PE Teacher

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Year 7 Readathon

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Sponsored Readathon

Monday 23rd March to Friday 22nd May

"As part of our push to encourage our students to read, read, and read some more, we are joining in with the Readathon this year! As well as encouraging students to read, we will be raising money to provide books and storytellers for children in hospital, *and* we receive 20% of our total fundraising number as book tokens as a bonus perk!"

Ms Watkins, 2iC for English

The money raised pays for a special mobile bookcase full of brand-new books and our team of amazing storytellers!





For children and young people in hospital books and stories can help to banish boredom, distract and comfort.

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Year 10 Work Experience

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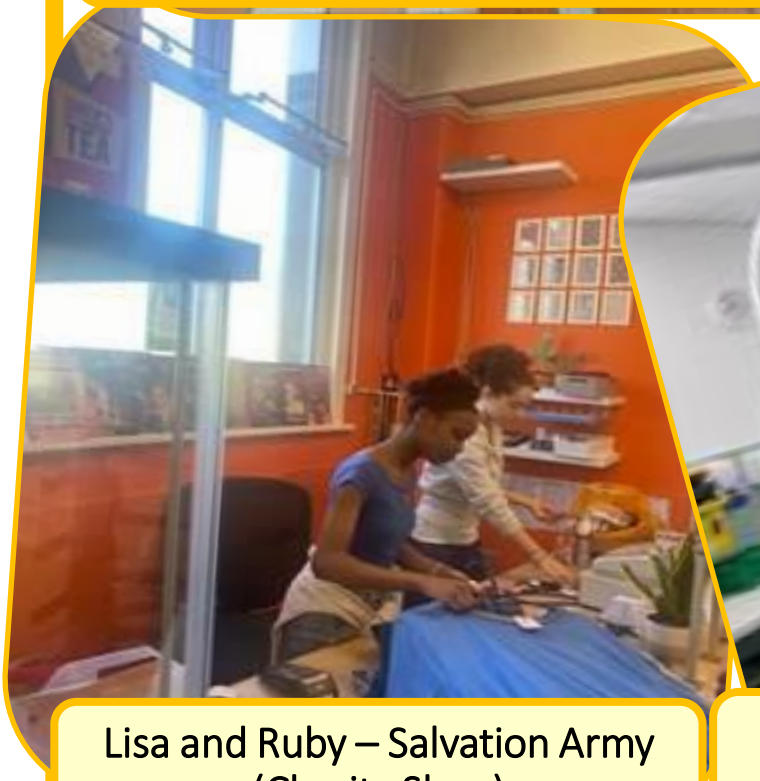
Affan Syed – Mercedes Benz Workshop (MOT Testing Centre)

"Our Year 10 students spent a week on work experience. We had incredible feedback from their employers ***– some of our students were even offered a job.*** *This experience is an important part of preparing for the next steps of education and entering the world of work."*

Ms Hadaway
Year 10 Learning Leader

Mr Khalsa
Work Experience Co-ordinator



Lisa and Ruby – Salvation Army (Charity Shop)



Ye Zheng – St Guy's Hospital (Orthodontics – Dentistry)

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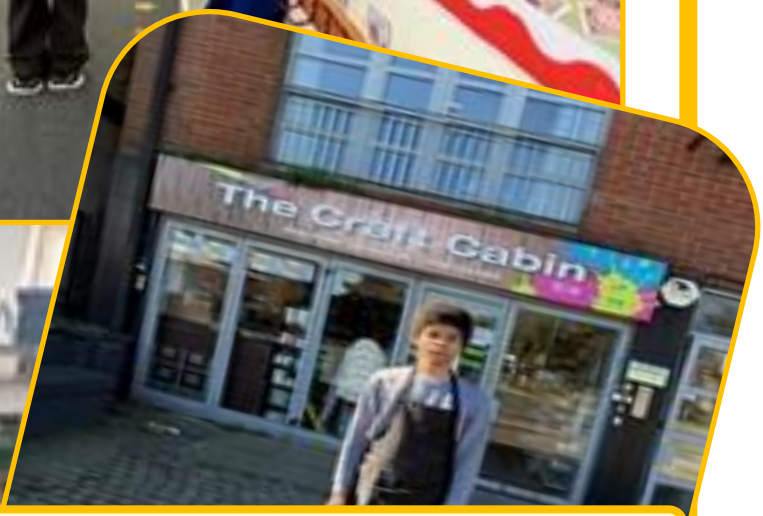
Miiro Nyanja – Afrobbean Kitchen



Desislava – Mayville Primary



Nathan Gale – The Craft Cabin

Ekamjot Singh – Blackhorse Workshop



Ivy Sepion – St Mary The Virgin Church



Gizem & Emmanuel – Mayville Primary

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Book Fair

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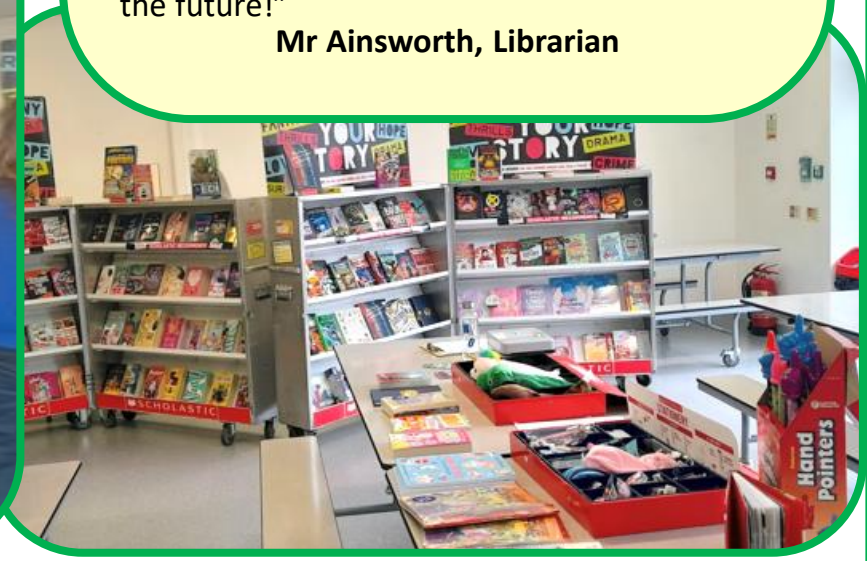
"Our recent School Book Fair was a tremendous success, filling the dining hall with colour, curiosity, and the buzz of students discovering new books. Display tables were laid out with an inviting mix of graphic novels, fantasy adventures, journals, and activity books, while the bookstands encouraged everyone to *"Find Your Story"* and explore exciting new genres.

Throughout the fair, students spent time browsing the shelves, discussing their choices, and selecting books that truly captured their interest. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for reading, with pupils engaging thoughtfully and taking the opportunity to explore something new.

We are delighted to share that the fair raised **£367 worth of book sales**. This will help us earn new books for our library and continue to nurture a culture of reading across the school.

A huge thank-you to everyone who visited, purchased a book, or supported the event in any way. We look forward to bringing even more reading adventures to our students in the future!"

Mr Ainsworth, Librarian



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National Careers Week

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National Careers Week offered our students a wide range of meaningful career-focused experiences. University student ambassadors visited lessons across departments, sharing their journeys and supporting students' work, including practical guidance in Textiles and a hands-on Python workshop in Computing.

Staff also delivered assemblies to Year 9 students choosing their options, highlighting where each subject can lead and helping them make informed decisions. Students further explored opportunities through the National Careers Week Virtual Careers Fair. Feedback was highly positive, with students reporting increased motivation, clearer career ideas, and greater confidence in planning their next steps.

Year 9 student quote
"It made me think differently about my future," said one Year 9 student, while a staff member commented, *"The ambassadors really brought my subject to life."*

Ms Ainsworth
Careers Co-ordinator

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Year 9 Computing Workshop

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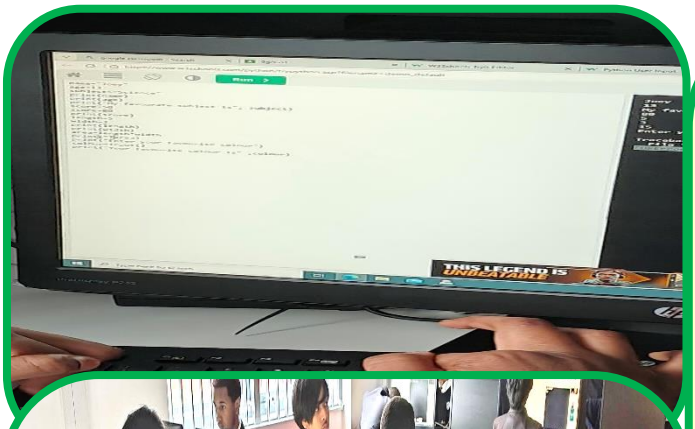





"As part of National Careers Week Year 9 had a computing workshop with an outside provider."

Mr Batasi
Head of Computing

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Year 8 Apprenticeship Assembly

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"Our Year 8 students recently took part in an inspiring Apprenticeship Awareness Assembly, designed to broaden their understanding of future career pathways.

Students learned about the wide range of apprenticeships available, the skills employers value, and how hands-on learning can open doors to exciting opportunities. The session encouraged them to start thinking ahead about their strengths, interests, and the many routes to success waiting for them beyond school".

Ms Ainsworth
Careers Lead





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Meet our Governors

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Hannah Gillot

I'm a **Co-Opted Governor**, and prior to that was an English teacher for almost ten years – I use this experience as part of the **Curriculum Committee**, and as a link governor focused on curriculum and teaching.

Since leaving teaching myself, I've worked in Education Technology helping schools and school groups to implement tools focused on Maths and writing. All of my professional experience so far means I'm passionate about ensuring pupils leave George Mitchell School with secure foundations in core subjects.



Are you interested in being a parent governor? Please contact: admin@georegmitchellschool.co.uk



Ismael Gonzalez *has served as* ***Chair of Governors*** *at George Mitchell School since November 2024. He brings extensive leadership experience in strategy, transformation, and organisational performance as a management consultant and former senior retail executive, and he supports the school with strategic oversight, constructive challenge, and a clear commitment to achieving the best outcomes for pupils and the Leyton community..*

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Attendance counts

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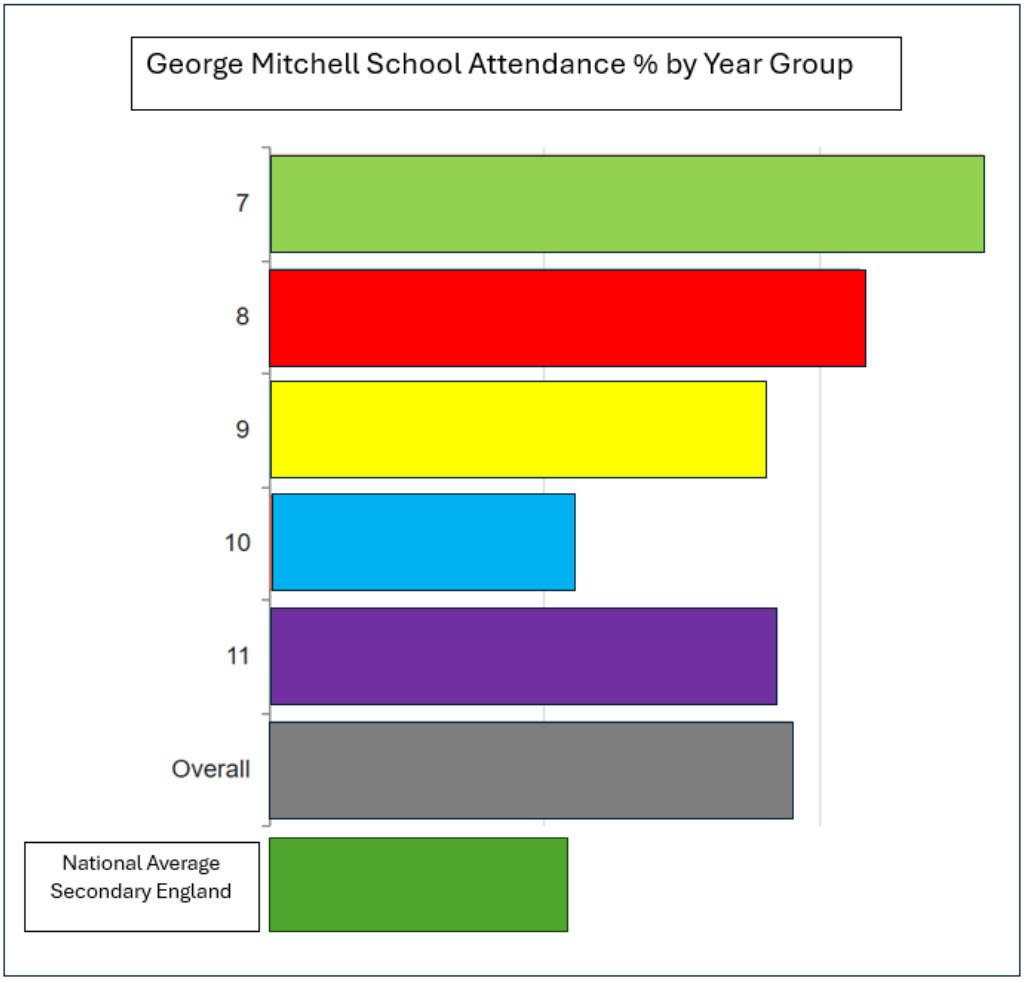
Fantastic news – Attendance is above the national average.

Our current attendance figures for this academic year are above both the national average and the local authority. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to your child's education.

While we are incredibly proud of these statistics, we must continue this momentum going forward.

By ensuring your child is here every day, you are giving them the best possible foundation for the future. We look forward to continuing this journey of success together.

Mr Hussain Associate Assistant Headteacher



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How We Can Work Together

We understand that illnesses and emergencies happen. However, we encourage families to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

If your child is struggling with school anxiety or other barriers to attendance, please reach out to their Head of Year. We are here to support you and find solutions together.

Did you know? A student with 90% attendance actually misses four weeks of school over the course of a year. That's a lot of missed opportunities!

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping our students reach their full potential.

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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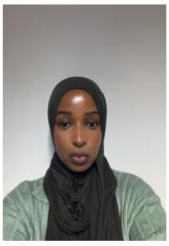
Meet the Team:



Designated Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Marissa Tomkins



Child Protection Officer (All Through)
Najma Hamud



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Secondary)
Janet Bergin-Miah

Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do, and we'd like to share some key updates and reminders.

Online Safety

Many students use social media, gaming platforms and messaging apps daily. Please continue to:

- Talk regularly with your child about who they interact with online.
- Encourage them to keep accounts private and never share personal information.
- Remind them they can speak to you or a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable.
- **Report concerns** using platforms like CEOP or ThinkUKnow.

Safeguarding

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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. Please remind them to keep phone use to a minimum when in public – there have been a spate of phone thefts over the last year and sadly, children and young people are easy targets for opportunist thieves.

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

Safeguarding

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Mental Health & Wellbeing

Teenagers can experience stress from schoolwork, friendships and social pressures. Signs a young person may be struggling include changes in mood, sleep, appetite or engagement with school.

If you're concerned, please reach out—our pastoral and safeguarding teams are here to help

The following page also has contact details to help support your young person:

https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/how-to-get-help-and-support/useful-contacts/

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	Piano and Ukulele	Music Room	After school	All year groups	Ms Topping
	Girls Netball	Sports Hall/Playground	After school	KS3	Ms Hadaway
Tuesday	History Enrichment	3-24	After school	All year groups	Ms Tomkins (History)
	Computing Club	GS5	lunchtime	KS3	Mr Batasi
	DofE club	Computer Room	After school	KS4 – invite only	Ms Hadaway
Wednesday	Table Tennis	Sports Hall	Lunchtime	All years	Mr Clark
	Y7 Reading Club	2-07	After school	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
	Trampolining	Sports Hall	After school	All year groups	Mr Clark
Thursday	KS4 Band	Music Room	TBC	Y11	Ms Topping
Library Activities	Library Games	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!**				