

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• British Science Week

Last week, we celebrated British Science Week. On Monday 11th March, the Science department did a 'Hunt the Scientist' - 13 staff around the school wore badges with famous scientists and chemical symbols on and pupils had to be the fastest to find 10 of them! Winners for 'Hunt the Scientist' were:

Tristan J 9NJ, Henry H 7SLL, Sam H 7LEV and Paddy M 8RAS.



There was also a quiz that ran throughout the week for form groups based around change and adaptation which was the theme of this year's Science week.

Quiz winners were the following Forms:
7DTO, 7LEV, 8GS, 9LD and 10AA.

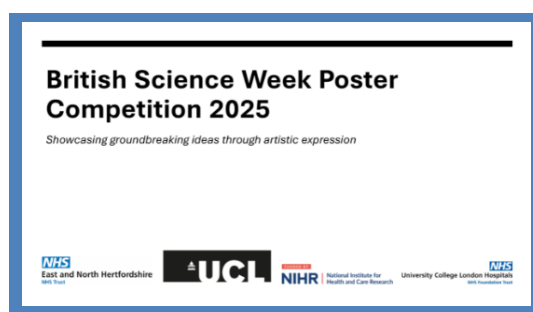


Science Week also saw a Sparx Science XP competition with prizes for the highest amount of XP earned that week.

1st: Lyla H 8GS - 10610 XP

Joint runners-up: Cailyn 8BHJ - 5380 XP and Lucie C 7LEV - 2630 XP

Dr Tomlinson is also running a national poster competition - entries need to be handed in by Thursday 3rd April. Information about this can be seen on the Science notice board or see Dr Tomlinson in Room 29 for more details.



• Art



We welcomed Becky @softpineapple back into the Art department last week. The pupils were excited to see how their handmade paper turned out and how they were to work on them. We learnt how to make our own stamps to print from by carving into an eraser, testing them out onto our new papers. We then cut and layered into our 'Growth and Decay' photos to see how we could enhance or alter their appearances. The pupils generated a lot of experimental work in a short amount of time. Becky will be with us for another couple of sessions with some new processes and techniques for bringing all the work together into a zine.

Important dates:

- Tuesday 25th March & Wednesday 26th March - Year 11 GCSE Photography Exam
 - Thursday 27th March & Friday 28th March - Year 11 GCSE Fine Art Exam
- Tuesday 1st April - Year 10 Parents/Carers Options Afternoon Face to Face (2.00pm - 6.15pm)
The school will close at 1.15pm on the above date and school transport will collect to reflect the earlier close
 - Thursday 3rd April & Friday 4th April - Year 11 3D Design Exam
 - Friday 4th April & Saturday 5th April - DofE Bronze & Silver Training
 - Monday 7th April - Wednesday 9th April - Year 11 GCSE Spanish speaking exams
- Wednesday 9th April - Year 7 Bikeability (Limited numbers - details to be emailed out in the next few days)



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• **Computing Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

We're excited to increase our range of extra-curricular activities that allow students to explore their passion for technology, including:

We currently have Minecraft Club: Now in its 3rd year, this club continues to be a hit, with students collaborating creatively in their own custom-built worlds. It's fantastic to see how many of our students take the lead in these projects.

Gaming Tournament Club:

We are launching a new after-school gaming club, where students will be able to take part in competitive tournaments, developing teamwork, strategic thinking and digital skills. More to follow soon.

Gaming Tournaments

The console gaming club offers students a fun and social space to play and compete in popular video games on consoles. It encourages teamwork, strategic thinking, and friendly competition in a relaxed after-school setting.

• **Drama**

2 of our Year 8 groups and a Year 9 group are involved in an exciting project in Drama. They are currently working with industry professionals Kat Hughes and Dave Culling. Kat is a Director and Theatre Company Owner and Dave is a Musical Composer and has worked on films such as 'Nativity.' The project will see students create an audio walking tour around school. They will also have the opportunity to work as actors, directors, composers, artists, finance team plus many other creative roles. We can't wait for the final project to be released.



• **Year 11 Exams**

Next week, some of the Year 11 exams will commence. Wishing all the very best to all our students that will be involved in the exams for Photography, Fine Art, 3D Design and Spanish speaking. Please see page 1 in the important dates section, for the exam dates.

• **Design & Technology Teaching Vacancy**



The school is looking to appoint a **Design & Technology Teacher** for September 2025. If you are interested, please see further information on our school website www.madeleyschool.org and click on the **Vacancies** Tab.

• **Hockey**

On Monday, Mr Royall took the Under 12's Hockey teams to The Grange School in Northwich. The Boys' team won both games 4-0 and the Girls' team 8-0, 3-1, 1-0 and drew 0-0. Mr Royall was very proud of the teams.



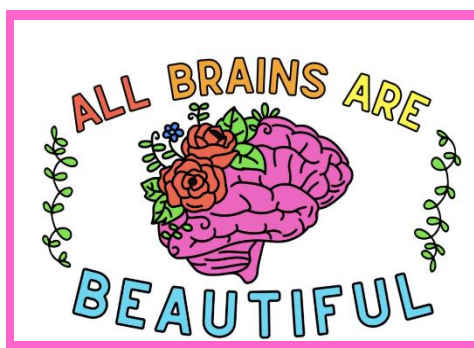
• **Neurodiversity Week 17th- 21st March**

This week has been Neurodiversity Week, celebrating the uniqueness of every member of our school community. Several competitions



have been running this week, including: a badge competition, which will see winning entries made into badges to be sold to raise funds for a nominated charity and a treasure hunt and all pupils have access to online resources to support their wellbeing and mental health.

Winners will be posted at the start of next week, to allow judging of all entries and prizes for individual pupils and forms with the highest participation rates. Some brilliant entries have already been received!



• **CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) Screening 12th - 13th April**

This week, an email was sent out to the parents/carers of all Year 9, 10 and 11 students with a flyer from CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Screening is available for anyone aged 14 - 35, on Saturday 12th April and Sunday 13th April at Ashley Memorial Hall. Please see the flyer for more details and how to book an appointment on these dates.