

# MADELEY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



- **London Drama Trip**



The GCSE Drama students and 4 Year 9 students visited London for a residential trip. They took part in a workshop with a West End Actor, watched the TikTok hit musical 'Why Am I So Single' and the new show 'Stranger Things'. In addition to this, they had the opportunity to visit the V&A theatre exhibition. The students had a great time and represented the school perfectly. Well done!

- **Important Parents Afternoon/Evenings Dates**

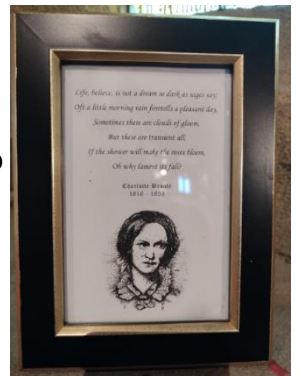
Please note Parents Afternoons/Evenings will be held on the following dates:

- Year 11 - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Year 9 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February,
  - Year 8 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Year 10 - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
  - and Year 7 - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- from 2.00pm - 6.00pm.

**The school will close at 1.15pm on these dates to all students and school transport will collect early to reflect the earlier close.**

- **Year 9 English Trip to the Bronte Museum**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Year 9 were taken to The Bronte Museum in Haworth. The day consisted of a lecture on Charlotte Bronte, a museum and grounds tour plus a drama workshop on key extracts from the novel Jane Eyre. The trip provided an insight into Bronte's own childhood and how her experiences are mirrored in the novel. Mrs Mitchell was incredibly proud of the students and a number of museum staff commented on their positive attitude and willingness to learn; reflecting the school's core values of 'Enjoyment of Learning', 'Politeness', 'Respect' and 'Positivity'. A great day was had by all!



- **Principal's Open Office**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, there is a Principal's Open Office with Mr Nixon, 2.15pm - 5.15pm. If you require an appointment, please contact Mrs Downie. Email address: [denise.downie@madeley.set.org](mailto:denise.downie@madeley.set.org)

**Important dates:**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 Christmas Disco 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 Parents Afternoon/Evening (Face to Face) 2.00pm - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - School show 'Music Mash Up! Starts at 6.00pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year 11 History Nottingham Trip
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day with normal uniform (£1.00 Donation)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Year 7 Panto Trip
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 3.05pm for all students**



• **Year 7 English Trip to Quarry Bank Mill**

On Thursday 21st November, Year 7 were taken to Quarry Bank Mill in Style. The day consisted of a guided tour of the working mill with a focus on child labour and living conditions in Victorian Britain. The trip provided an insight into Dicken's own observations and how his experiences are mirrored in the novel Oliver Twist. The students' positive attitude and willingness to learn was commented on by the museum's staff which was lovely to hear. Well done Year 7!



• **Art**

Last week was extremely busy in the Art department. We took 30 students to London to visit the V&A and work with resident Ceramic Artist, Jacqui Ramrayka. The students drew amongst the casting and ceramics exhibits and then made their own teapot under Jacqui's excellent guidance.



The BCB visited to continue working with some Year 9 students on their Ferdinand the Bull project. The BCB had brought back in their bull sculptures, so the students set to work glazing them.

Then lastly, a local Mixed Media Artist came into talk to our classes about working life as a professional crafts person and artist. Her work is very small scale and intricate, it was exciting to see it all up close.

• **Year 9 Netball**

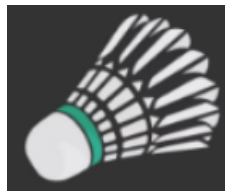


Year 9 Netball teams played in the Newcastle Schools Netball Tournament last Tuesday.

The A team were crowned Champions scoring a total of 63 goals against the 6 other teams and only let 1 goal in for the whole tournament. The B team narrowly missed out on silver by 1 point, they won 3, lost 2 and drew 1, a very strong competition. Players of the tournament were Martha S - A team and Jess B - B team.

• **Year 9 Badminton**

On Tuesday night, 2 of our Year 9 badminton teams played in the Newcastle schools tournament hosted by Madeley and came away with silver medals and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A debut for some of the players in badminton so they did really well!



• **Year 7 Hockey Club**



The Year 7 Hockey Club goes from strength to strength with 24+ attendees to each session. This week, the boys and girls participated in indoor tournaments at the Grange school in Northwich - another first for the school! The boys finished fourth and the girls, a fantastic second! Well done teams!

• **D & T**



The Design and Technology department have been working closely with a very local company 'Valour Works' which is situated at the back of Garners Garden Centre on Cemetery Road, Silverdale.

The owner Mr Robert Frost has kindly offered his time and knowledge by servicing our laser cutter. He is also scheduled to come in next week to show his work to our GCSE pupils and offer a Q & A session, to aid with the manufacture of their own products for their NEA coursework. The company makes bespoke trophies and memorabilia for a number of different companies and also has a wonderful array of products which can be laser etched and engraved with your personal requirements. His wife, Melissa, also has beautiful upcycled furniture for sale which are well worth a look. .... You might find it very useful for Christmas presents!



• **Plastic Free Friday**



There were 118 entries to the competition as part of Plastic Free Friday! Lexie M in Year 8 was the lucky winner of a bar of chocolate. Keep your eyes peeled for tips to swap out single use plastic on this bulletin over the coming weeks, as suggested by our pupils. One of them will also win a bar of chocolate!

• **Christmas Gift Donations**

9RD are collecting gifts for teenagers to donate to the CCPA (Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance), in time for Christmas.

What can you do to support this charity?

Please drop off your donations to the library ☺  
If you are donating gifts please make sure they are new!

**9RD came up with a list of gifts that cost between £2-£5**

- Chocolate/ Sweets/ Selection boxes
- Fluffy Socks
- Facemasks/ Bath bombs
- Lip balm sets
- Books
- Lego
- Gift cards
- Hot chocolate sets
- LED lights

Money donations are very welcome and will be put towards buy gifts that will be donated to the charity before Christmas.

• **Year 7 Christmas Disco - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

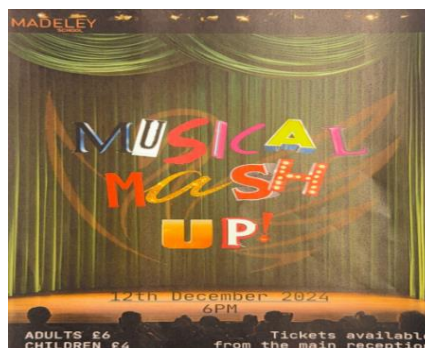


The Year 7 Christmas Disco will take place on Wednesday 4th December from 6.00pm - 7.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets are £3.00 each and are available to buy from the School Reception/Office.

• **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December. The cost will be £2.60. Lunches need **to be pre ordered and paid for** with Katie, the Canteen Manager.

• **'Music Mash Up!' School Show - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**



Students will be involved in the school show on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 6.00pm in the School Hall.

Tickets are £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for Children/Concessions and are available to purchase from the School Reception/Office.

• **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be holding the DougieMac Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. For a £1.00 donation, students and staff will be able to wear a jumper with their normal uniform. Please give the donation to Form Tutors on the day.

• **Be Bright, Be Seen**

Staffordshire County Council is running the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' as the Winter travel plan campaign. Students can collect reflective bag straps from the school office.

