



Year 6 Transition

Thank you to parents and students who attended the new Year 7 Induction evening on Tuesday. If there are any outstanding enrolment forms please send them to the school office as soon as possible. Year 6 joined us on Wednesday for our Transition day and took part in a variety of lessons and lunchtime clubs, ranging from singing and Yoga to drawing animals and reflecting on our place within our school community with the help of our Chaplaincy Ambassadors. I was particularly impressed by the positive behaviour and attitudes shown by our new Year 7 and the enthusiasm they brought with them. What was also very encouraging was the way our current students helped and welcomed the Year 6 students into their form groups and around the school. In addition to this, yesterday marked the beginning of a week-long transition project with St Thomas More Catholic primary school. More about this next week.

Sports Awards

Congratulations to all students who received awards last night at our first ever Sports Awards evening. It was a great testament to the hard work and resilience of those involved.



Summer Fiesta

We will be holding our Summer Fiesta after school today on the field so please come along and take part. Money raised will go towards our Sensory Garden.

Kate Pereira



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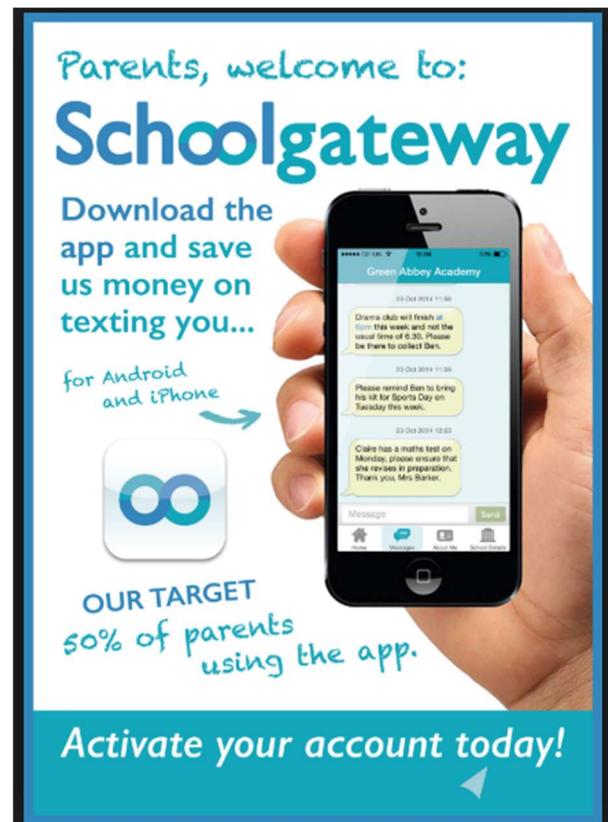
Please note that from September, cheques will no longer be accepted in school as payments for activities or catering.

Please sign up for Schoolgateway mobile phone app or visit their website to register:

<https://schoolcomms.com/>

Some of the many benefits of the app and the website are as follows:

- Easy to use
- Pay for trips, activities and catering
- Removes the need for students to bring cash into school
- A central source of information
- Make and view parent evening appointments on your pc or mobile
- View your child's school reports
- Notify us electronically of any changes to your personal details



Sixth Form Trip to Amsterdam

Last week, students from Health and Social Care course visited Amsterdam as part of a module they will be studying in the future.



The trip allowed us to visit a care home where they specialised in caring for people who suffer from dementia. Whilst attending, we became very aware of how different their healthcare was to ours. Following some light refreshments we were given a brief lecture on how they make sure to give the elderly the most comfortable and calm time whilst in their care. We were then given a tour around this nine-story building, where we saw how they used technology to their advantage, some of the residents were given a robotic cat so they could have a friendly companion. Whereas others used a sensory room where they could change the backdrop and heat settings it felt like they were on a beach in Malibu!

Overall it was a valuable experience for everyone as we visited some great places and got to stay at the Meininger hotel where the breakfast was amazing. We saw a lot of the main landmarks in Amsterdam and enjoyed a trip on the canal as well as experiencing the beautiful Dutch culture first-hand. On behalf of all the students who visited, we genuinely believe it was a trip worth participating in, as it was undoubtedly a memorable experience. The trip for many of us was the first time we had travelled abroad without our families which was a scary thought but it opened our eyes to how easy it is to be independent which gave us all more confidence.

Ashmal Naseem



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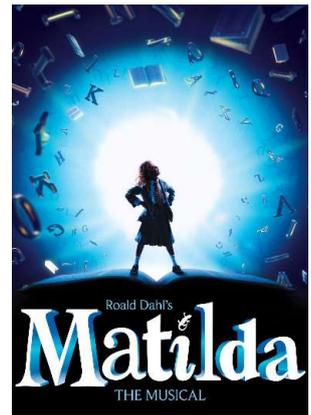


'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'

Matilda

The production of Matilda this year was a resounding success and over 300 people came to watch the show. With a cast of over 40, the students sang, danced and acted to make the audience laugh out loud and we even had a standing ovation at the end. The band and backstage crew were also superb and everybody worked together to make the show absolutely outstanding. Well done and thank you to all involved.

We are all excited as to what show we will do next year. Watch this space.



Food and Farming Show

On Friday a group of year 7 students from learning support visited the Food and Farming Show at the East of England Showground with Mrs Sennett and Mr Stanford.

There were many different things to see and do, the students said this about their day:

- "I really liked the dog show".
- "It was beautiful weather for the tractor ride"
- "The big black rabbit was as soft as a lion"
- "I liked making the bread and watching the horses, chicks and dogs"
- "I enjoyed the giant tortoise"
- "I liked watching the horses"
- "I liked seeing the owls and the dogs they were like baby bears"

We also all enjoyed the ice cream!

Ruby Harrison – Year 7

