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NEWSLETTER - Issue 11

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Words from Mr Bacon Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our last Newsletter for this academic year, both to current parents and carers and to those who will become part of the Watling Academy Family from September.

What a year it has been, settling into our brand-new premises, being able to meet you face to face and jam pack our time with events, trips, competitions, and celebrations as well as the more fundamental side of school of course, the learning and teaching. It has been wonderful to be able to regain some normality after the pandemic restrictions and be able to organise and attend the extra-curricular and wider curriculum events that are so important to school life here at Watling.

This year, we have had collections for food banks and the people of the Ukraine; we've had competitions in Reading, Foreign Language, Lego, Maths, Geography and Bake-Off, to name but a few; our very first Drama Showcase; whole year group trips to Whipsnade Zoo and Thorpe Park and a whole host of other smaller more local ones to places such as Oxford University, The Parks Trust, Teen-Tech and Nifty Lift. We have welcomed the return of after-school clubs, sports fixtures and tournaments, Activity Days and those events involving people coming into school to meet and teach our students such as the Army Day and the STEM Day. We've celebrated National Bee Day, Pride Month, World Book Day (which turned into a week!), a Culture Day and Charity Days, all of which the students took part in with great enthusiasm and enjoyment, often also raising money along the way.

Our students have also been involved in organising and attending committees and councils too. Some have joined the Student Council, been involved in recruitment of key staff, led our Eco Council, launched our school newspaper, implemented changes to our catering offer or become Science Leaders or Anti Bullying Ambassadors, visiting other schools to learn and promote their work.

I hope the students have enjoyed these as much as the staff have in putting them together. I am always in awe of the energy and commitment of our students and am so proud of all their achievements. So, a big thank you to them for attending and participating in these activities and really getting involved, thank you too for supporting them and enabling them to do so and thank you to the staff and Governors at Watling for their work in helping to put these together.

I hope this newsletter will give you a flavour of life here at Watling for the final time this academic year and that you enjoy reading about some of the more recent events in the following pages.

The year ahead will be just as busy, with the Academy growing in both students and staff, so I wish you and your families a very safe and relaxing summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Bacon'.

Mr Ian Bacon
Head of School

TEENTECH®

For the last STEM Day of the year, Year 7 students took part in the virtual TeenTech festival which took part on the 6th June. This event was held across Milton Keynes and students got to hear and ask questions to industry experts. By the end of the session students were set a challenge to create a piece of Technology to tackle a real world problem. Students started looking at local and global challenges before coming up with a design of their piece of technology and a marketing strategy and then presented their ideas in a dragons den style carousel to the rest of the class.

By the end of the day 30 students were then selected to go to the second part of the TeenTech event at the Ridgeway Centre in Wolverton where students could develop their ideas further with help from STEM Ambassadors. Students also had the opportunity to talk and interact with STEM companies from across Milton Keynes. Niftylift had some hydraulic arms which they had to pick up a keyring with; Network Rail had some Ozobots which they drew a railway track with using colour codes and then the Ozobots followed the track; Bletchley Park Trust used symmetric and asymmetric cryptography to provide users with end-to-end encryption and South Central Institute of Technology used Hololens to create digital 3D drawings.

Overall the two events were enjoyed by all students as it allowed them to interact with industry experts and use their creativity to design technology of the future.



Well done to the following students who took part:

Jay, Prince, Amilie, Lydia, Aaron, Ayaan, Jazzi, Jenson, May-Lou, Joshua, Frankie-Rose, Aidan, Amaan, Megan, Demi-Leigh, Mya, Sukhpreet, Kay, Nara, Shaun, Jaydon, Eli, Fatima, Michelle, Hannah, Nusaybah, Sofia, Crystal, Nathan & George

Mr Bartlam

BCS CYBER CHALLENGE 2022

In STEM this term students have been working together to complete the BCS Cyber Challenge. The competition is open to all schools in the areas of Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire and allows students to link their learning with careers, encounters with employers and employees and encounters with future and higher education.

Year 7 students had to create an educational resource that promotes the positive aspects of using online resources to learn, for schoolwork and social interactions, but also be careful to check if the information is true or false. The resource must encourage a behaviour of critical evaluation to get the best from online information and discard the fake.

Year 8 students had to produce a game that helps people to understand what identity theft is and why it is important to guard against it. The game could help the players recognise strategies used to access private information. The game must suggest ways to guard against phishing and identify theft.

Year 7	Ava P, Naomi O, Sarah J & Rabiya R	Mia J & Zaina S	Isha N & Ope O
Year 8	Camila T, Lara PD & Sophie K	Ayaan W & Hakan D	Jenisha C, Kiera G, Sian L & Evelyn A

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the competition!



Mr Bartlam

UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE



After her success in the UKMT Junior maths challenge, Shreeya Machireddy competed in the UKMT Junior Kangaroo. We are very proud to announce that she achieved a merit for this. This is an excellent achievement and brilliant to see Shreeya's maths talents being recognised.

Mrs Wall

YEAR 8 ARMY DAY

Year 8 enjoyed welcoming the Army to Watling Academy earlier this half term. They learned about a wide variety of job roles within the Army; did you know that the Army even employ special 'Army teachers' to upskill their workforce?

Students spent half a day out on the field with their form groups, developing their teamwork, communication and resilience skills. They were put to the test with a variety of different challenges.

The Army engagement team praised Watling students for their excellent behaviour and determination. We look forward to inviting them back to work with a group of Year 9 students in the Autumn term. If your Year 8 child particularly enjoyed the day, please encourage them to put their name forward to their tutor for this next opportunity.



Ms Cox

YEAR 8 VIRTUAL CAREER WORKOUT



Year 8 took part in the Worktree Virtual Career Workout session during one of their lessons this half term. This gave everyone the chance to meet several different employees from different sectors and quiz them on the best bits and worst bits of their jobs.

Teachers were very pleased to hear the careers conversations that this generated and we hope it has given our Year 8s some ideas about possible future job roles!

Ms Cox

ECO COUNCIL

We are delighted to be able to share the news that, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our brilliant Eco Committee,

Watling Academy has been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit!

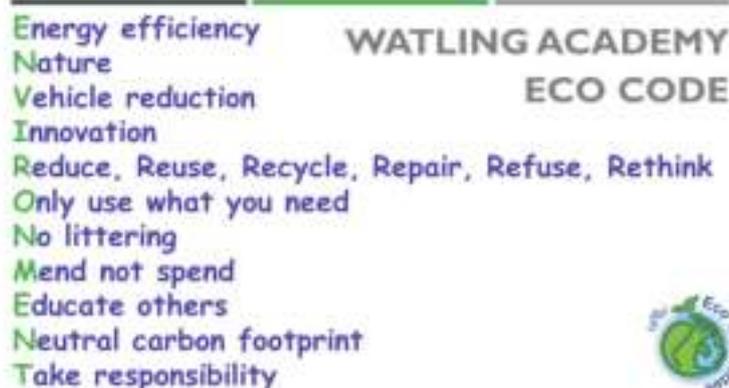
Feedback from the Eco-Schools team:

"Wow! It's wonderful that you have appointed such a large Eco-Committee. This shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. We love that you are in the process of assigning the task of writing the meeting minutes to your students. This will engender in them a sense of responsibility for and ownership of their work. Your Environmental Review is incredibly in depth and has clearly taken much effort. This is great work! The content is really specific and gives really clear guidance on practical and tangible actions that can improve the sustainability of your school. It's a really professional piece of work! We were impressed to see that your Action Plan foci were informed not only by your Environmental Review findings, but also by the opportunities presented by your school grounds and environment. We love your ambition in tackling areas where you scored lowest in the Environmental Review. This shows that you have a confident Eco-Committee dedicated to maximising their impacts. Your curriculum links are diverse, creative and fun! Proactively encouraging all staff to incorporate the ten topics into their lessons has ensured that environmental topics have been embedded into a broad range of curriculum subjects. Your Eco-Schools INSET training is further testament to your commitment to delivering an outstanding environmental education provision. We love how diligently your Eco-Committee has communicated their Eco-Schools activity school-wide through the delivery of form group presentations and activities and Eco and School newsletters. These all combine to make a great approach! This is really strong informing and involving and shows how valued and embedded the Eco-Schools programme is in your school. Your Eco-Code mirrors all the brilliant topic work you have done and delivers a clear and concise manifesto that is underpinned by realistic and achievable actions. We love how it is a collaborative piece of work that numerous pupils had the opportunity to contribute to. This inclusivity will ensure that pupils feel a strong sense of solidarity and responsibility for upholding its pledges. Your achievements this year have been fantastic. We have no doubt that your success in equipping your young people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to go forward and have a positive environmental impact in their schools and communities must be an immense source of pride for you all. Your incredible efforts and the excellent application you have submitted are to be commended and we congratulate you on earning your Green Flag with Merit accreditation!"



Participating in the Eco-Schools programme:

- Engages young people in important environmental issues.
- Demonstrates to pupils that environmental actions can be enjoyable, social and rewarding.
- Teaches responsibility and generates a sense of community.
- Develops the skills and knowledge young people need to play an active role in protecting our environment now and throughout their lifetimes.
- Empowers students with the belief that they can have a positive impact on our planet.
- Enables schools to green their entire



Well done Eco Committee!

We look forward to continuing with this important agenda in September and welcoming expressions of interest from our incoming cohort of Year 7s to represent their tutor groups.

Ms Piper, Miss Honious & Mr Adams

DT FOOD

This term, Year 7 students have been learning about the importance of fruits and vegetables in their diets and skilling up in the Food Room through Top Toasties, Vegetable Curries and Creative Crumbles.

Year 8 have been exploring the functions of ingredients by making fresh pasta, bread rolls and pizza bases, a roux based cheese sauce and fruity cakes. Well done to all food students – keep up the practice (including the clearing up) at home!



STAFF JUBILEE BAKE-OFF

We even had a Jubilee-themed staff bake off in the department where staff got creative.

Well done to Mrs Combs and Mrs Hardie, and to Mr Pearce whose amazingly tasty cakes won joint 1st place!

CULTURE DAY

Watling Academy recently held it's first ever Culture Day, an event planned by the Student Council. The school was alive with colour as students wore clothes to represent their cultural heritage. Students and staff enjoyed learning about each other's cultures and admiring each other's outfits.

We had a wonderful time celebrating our school's cultural diversity; students showed a great deal of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness throughout the day.

Students also listened to cultural music and were able to test some international cuisine, please enjoy the photos and a couple of the recipes below.



PAKISTANI MANGO DESSERT

INGREDIENTS:

Mango pulp big tin (850g)
Cream 200ml
Milk 100ml (any milk according to your dietary requirement could be used)

Fruits:

1 Pomegranate
200gm of red and green grapes sliced from middle
2 Kiwi cubed
Half punnet of strawberries cubed
Set jelly in red and green colour cut in to cubes (optional)
2 mixed fruit cocktail tins in syrup.

METHOD:

In a large bowl mix mango and cream and milk with a wooden spoon.
Add all the fruit in the mango pulp.
Then put it in fridge for 2hrs to chill.
Can garnish with sliced almonds or pine nuts.



Recipe by:
Ayaan Rayjani

LITHUANIAN BEET SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

4 Eggs
1 Quart Buttermilk
1lb beetroots peeled and shredded
3/4 cup minced chives
1 bunch fresh minced dill

Step 1 -Place the eggs into a saucepan in a single layer and cover the eggs with water by 1 inch.
Cover the saucepan and bring the water to a boil.
Remove from the heat and let the eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes; drain.
Cool the eggs under cold running water in the sink. Peel and chop the eggs.

Step 2 -Pour the buttermilk into a large bowl; add the eggs, beets, cucumber, chives, and dill. Stir gently to combine. Chill in refrigerator for 1 full day before serving.

Chef's note: Substitute 3 cans small beets if preferred.



Recipe by:
Adomas Zemaitaitis

Ms Cox

GIRLS YEAR 7 AND 8 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday the 29th June we attended the Milton Keynes Basketball Club U13 Girls Schools Tournament hosted at Bletchley Leisure Centre. This was an exciting opportunity for a number of students who have attended our after-school Basketball provision this year to test their skills against a number of other Milton Keynes schools.

The tournament also provided an amazing opportunity for our students to meet the special guests, organised by MK Basketball, Ruchae Walton and Azania Stewart from the London Lions women team, who just completed an undefeated season in the top-flight of women's basketball, winning all 4 trophies that were up for grabs. Azania also represented GB at the 2012 Olympics and has had an extensive professional career. Our students had the opportunity to spend some time with Azania and ask questions about her career, she was even kind enough to offer coaching advice during one of our breaks.

The tournament was a round robin format, with both Watling Academy and St Pauls remaining unbeaten into the last game. This made the match an unofficial final with a great atmosphere and an incredibly close match. In the dying seconds of the match Ella was fouled in the act of shooting as time ran out. She showed incredible composure and nerves of steel to make the free throw shot that ensured Watling Academy won the championship.

All of the students represented Watling Academy with pride and determination. The girls improved every single game we played, and every player played their part. I am incredibly proud of what this team achieved and look forward to seeing them grow as a team in the coming years.

*Well done to
Ella, Phoebe, Zezi, Princess,
Elisabeth, Neriah, Amelia, Tae,
Sienna, Kay-Ah and Sherina.*

Mr Stormer

SPELLING BEE – NATIONAL FINAL



Foreign Language Spelling Bee 2022



At the beginning of the academic year, all year 7 students were given a list of 50 Spanish words to memorise and learn to spell using the Spanish alphabet in the Foreign Language Spelling Bee. All students worked really hard with several advancing through to different stages of the competition. However, two of Watling Academy's students did exceptionally well. Zaina placed 3rd in the regional competition and Liana placed 1st out of more than 3000 students in the Southeast Region, securing them a place in the National Final.

These two students then had to memorise a list of 300 Spanish words and their spellings. They practised for months to prepare and on the 27th of June, they went to the University of Cambridge for the Spelling Bee National Final.

They competed against 40 other students from across the country and represented Watling Academy very well. Whilst they did not win the final, we are still incredibly proud of their dedication and hard work.

Huge congratulations to Zaina and Liana!

Mr Scott & Miss Honious

TRANSLATION BEE – REGIONAL FINAL



On Friday 1st July Gabriel (Year 8) competed in the National Final for the Foreign Language Translation Bee at the University of Cambridge. Gabriel had to correctly translate as many sentences into Spanish from a variety of different tenses within a minute. Whilst he did not win the final, he was part of the final group of 57 students out of 12,288 who originally started the competition. This is a superb achievement, as he was also competing against students in Year 9.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of year 8. The high standard across the year group is a key factor in pushing students to reach the school, regional and national finals. As the competition is open to Year 9, you will have the chance to have another go next year. This will really help you learn key sentences in multiple tenses and be successful in Spanish.

Good luck for next year!

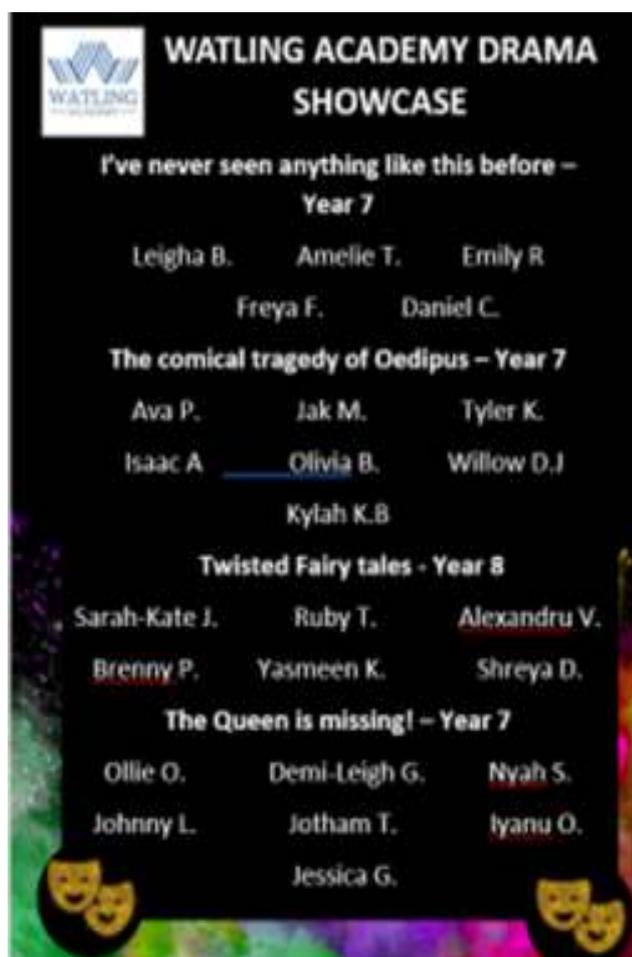
Mr Scott & Miss Honious

DRAMA SHOWCASE

This half term Watling Academy hosted and performed the first ever Drama Showcase, performed to an audience of around eighty students, staff and parents.

Students spent their time in after school rehearsals and lunch time rehearsals for around eight weeks devising performances using the skills, techniques, and styles of theatre that they have learnt throughout the academic year. We had four devising groups perform; 'I have never seen anything like this before', 'The Comical Tragedy of Oedipus', 'Twisted Fairy tales' and 'The Queen is Missing!'. The students were inspired by multiple stimuli and applied these to their styles of theatre, Slapstick Comedy, Melodrama, Brecht and Greek Theatre.

Well done to all the students who participated. It was a fantastic performance and the students involved should be extremely proud of themselves.



WATLING ACADEMY DRAMA SHOWCASE

I've never seen anything like this before – Year 7

Leigha B. Amelie T. Emily R.
 Freya F. Daniel C.

The comical tragedy of Oedipus – Year 7

Ava P. Jak M. Tyler K.
 Isaac A. Olivia B. Willow D.J.
 Kylah K.B.

Twisted Fairy tales - Year 8

Sarah-Kate J. Ruby T. Alexandru V.
 Brenny P. Yasmeen K. Shreya D.

The Queen is missing! – Year 7

Ollie O. Demi-Leigh G. Nyah S.
 Johnny L. Jotham T. Iyanu O.
 Jessica G.



SCIENCE FAIR

On 15th June, the Science Leaders club held our first Science Fair. This was eagerly anticipated after being postponed during March and the students worked very hard in preparation, choosing activities and planning house competitions for all Watling students to take part in, as well as considering health and safety and organisation. Students presented their STEM projects, and the Science Leaders led activities on sound, rockets, microscopes, waves and chemical reactions. Staff also demonstrated a heart dissection, methane bubbles and elephants' toothpaste. We are very grateful to our visitor, Mr Simpson, who brought a thermal imaging camera for us to have a look at. We welcomed parents and family members in the evening to see what the students had been working on.

Well done to all involved, it was a real success!



Mrs Gallagher

TRANSITION DAY

We welcomed our newest pupils to Watling Academy earlier in July; current year 6 pupils from primary schools across Milton Keynes spent the day with us and got to know the school, staff and their fellow pupils.

Our newest cohort were welcomed by some of our current pupils, who helped to direct our new arrivals to the sign in station. Well done to our Student Council team for volunteering their time and ensuring our new pupils felt very welcomed as they walked into 'big school' for the first time.

The children attended their very first Watling assembly hosted by Mr Stormer, Mr Bacon and Mrs Barford. From there they joined their groups for some taster lessons which included History, Science/STEM and Physical Education, as well as a tour of Watling Academy to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings. Our new students also enjoyed their lunch in our canteen.

We hope that all the children enjoyed their day, it was lovely to see some initially nervous faces quickly turn into excited and enthusiastic young learners – we look forward to welcoming you all to our Watling community in September.

Mrs Carrington & Mr Stormer

TRIPS DAY



Coach Trip by Dorinda

The coach trip was a very enjoyable experience. You could hear laughter, music, conversations and singing. Students on the bus were getting hyped up to have a thrilling experience on all the rides, overspend their money on food and the best of all, makes memories. Although the coach trip was not the main part of the day it was still a highlight of the entire trip. Sitting on the bus next to one of your best friends making jokes and passing time whilst looking forward to having an exciting day. One of the best parts of the coach trip was when you took thousands of candid photos and looking back on it at the end of the day.

Mardi Gras by Eleanora

During our trip to Thorpe Park, there was a vibrant and colourful Mardi Gras parade. Mardi Gras is a Christian holiday and popular cultural phenomenon that dates back thousands of years to pagan spring and fertility rites. Also known as Carnival or Carnaval, it is celebrated in many countries around the world—those with large Roman Catholic populations—on the day before the religious season of Lent begins. The dancers were friendly and lively, blasting loud music from their speakers. There was also Louisiana inspired food, such as curly fries and Cajun mac and cheese. It really livened up the trip

The Rides by Megan

How did you enjoy the rides? Did you go on Stealth and Swarm? Or did you go on the smaller rides like Zodiac and Quantum? We all know the rides were the main part of the park, being exhilarating, thrilling and fun, but also having the softer side for younger people. If you went on Stealth, you would have seen the incredible view that stretched out for miles. Or, if you went on Nemesis Inferno you could see the park at the top of the queue, if you wanted to wait for half an hour! The fake volcano was great as well.

The Arcades by Teresa

The rides were fun, weren't they? But the arcades and the fairground games (such as the hook a duck) were one of the highlights of the whole trip! The claw machines were challenging, and quite irritating. But at some point, you can win something! (Except me. I won nothing).

We're going to the Zoo!

All year 7s were treated to a fun trip to the zoo. After two years of cancelled events due to COVID, it was an exciting way to do some learning out of the school building. We were able to link it to our Geography lessons and the school's focus on the environment and sustainability. It was an educational visit as we will always be learning anywhere we go, and overall, it was fun to get out the classroom and see a variety of animals!

The Day

After a long (and noisy!) trip on the coaches - where amazingly some students managed to fall asleep - we arrived at the Zoo. Each group had a different tour route to complete but the highlights included the flamingos, penguins, chimpanzees and the butterfly / aquarium exposure. It was a long walk around the zoo but worth it to spend time with friends outside of school and do something exciting. We stopped for a well earned lunch where the different tutor groups were able to spend time together. Some forms were able to get up close with the animals in the farm area, as well as enjoying specialist talks with the lemurs and birds of the world. Everyone left with a favourite animal that they saw and some even had an eventful story to tell. 7MQN experienced a scene out of a horror movie when two chimpanzees rushed out of nowhere and banged the viewing glass resulting in screams. Everyone lived to tell the tale and the coaches were slightly less noisy with more snoring on the way back.

How are you feeling as it is the first trip and what was your favourite part?

"I found the trip interesting and a fun experience!" - Olivia

"Well, I certainly enjoyed the penguins!" - Aidan

"Seeing different animals was exciting!" - Anonymous

"My experience was awesome! I loved seeing the birds" - Lydia

"The experience with the animals was fun"- Anonymous

"Being able to go and learn outside of school was a fun change to our day to day lives!" - Anonymous

Top answers from the interviews:

How are you? Top answer- Good.

What is your favourite animal here? Top answer- The Lemurs.

What do you think of the zoo? Top answer- 3.5/5

Would you come back? Top answer- Yes.

Our student journalists have been working hard to produce the first edition of The Watling times. For more articles please visit [Home \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Written by Dorinda, Eleanora, Megan, Teresa, Charlotte, Sofia, Lydia & Aidan

TRIPS DAY PHOTOS



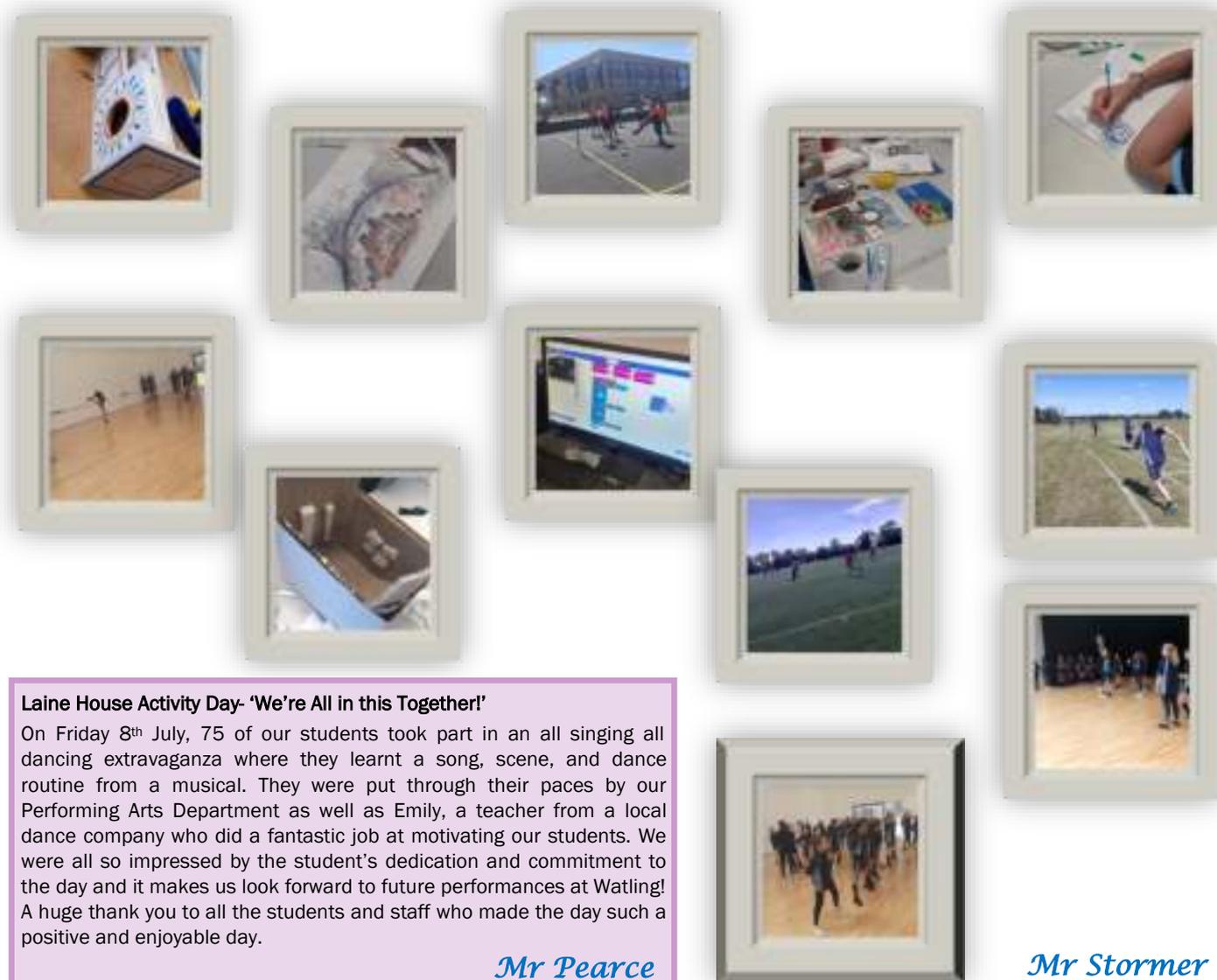
HOUSE ACTIVITIES DAYS

On Friday the 8th of July, we enjoyed our first House Activities Day. Watling Academy staff designed a day full of activities to represent the iconic Milton Keynes citizens that have been recognised in the naming of our House system. Students had the opportunity to select from the activities on offer.

- Laine: Students had the chance to sing, dance and act a song from a famous musical! Providing the opportunity to be creative, show their talents and most importantly have fun!
- Leyh: Students analysed and explored the historical accuracy, filming and art relating to the film 'The Imitation Game', based on the life of Alan Turing and set at Bletchley Park.
- Marshall: Through the human body, sound proofing and electronics, students explored how sound travels (or how it doesn't travel!), how we hear things and how speakers are made to amplify sounds.
- Rutherford: Students had the opportunity to compete against and alongside their peers in a selection of Olympic Sports. While displaying the Olympic values.
- Turing: Students spent the day creating and cracking codes and ended the day using the skills taught to crack the big secret!

It was great to see students taking part enthusiastically and passionately in the activities during this day. Feedback received from both students and staff was absolutely brilliant and an enjoyable day was had by all. The quality of student work, engagement and output during the day was superb, leading to some fantastic outcomes for all students.

Thanks again to all staff and students for making House Activities Day an amazing occasion.



Laine House Activity Day- 'We're All in this Together!'

On Friday 8th July, 75 of our students took part in an all singing all dancing extravaganza where they learnt a song, scene, and dance routine from a musical. They were put through their paces by our Performing Arts Department as well as Emily, a teacher from a local dance company who did a fantastic job at motivating our students. We were all so impressed by the student's dedication and commitment to the day and it makes us look forward to future performances at Watling! A huge thank you to all the students and staff who made the day such a positive and enjoyable day.

Mr Pearce

Mr Stormer

AWARDS EVENING

On Wednesday 21st July 2022 we had our very first Watling Academy Awards Evening for our Year 7 and Year 8 students who received Tutor Awards, Subject Awards, Celebration of Achievements and Gold Badges. Well done to the following students:

Gold Badges

Rabiya R
Lydia O
Nihaal M
Adomas Z
Alicea S
Malak L

Year 7 Tutor Award Winners

7AFR - Lydia W
7AOU - Tyler K
7DGR - Marley R
7JHE - Benito B
7KAS - Mia J
7KHS - Connor F
7KBM - Olivia C
7MPE - Maisey R
7MQN - Sofia H
7RWT - Mia Mitchell

Respect, Responsibility and Kindness Winners

Kian D
Theo S

Sustainability Winners

Willow D
Oliver S

Maths Challenge Winner

Shreeya M

Sporting Achievement Winners

Olly T
Lily H
Johnny J
Olivia C

Subject Awards

Maths - Ope O
Maths - James T
English - Ava P
English - Foster B
Science - Josh C
Science - Shreeya M
History - Ava P
History - Milosz S
Geography - Lily R
Geography - Oyin A
STEM - Ellis B
STEM - Foster B
PE - Dylan J
PE - Freya K
PE - Eniola B
PE - Zezi O
Art - Lydia W
Art - Adomas Z
DT - Liesl S
DT - Wojciech K
Computing - Jotham T
Computing - Camila T
Drama - Jessica G
Drama - Erin F
Music - Sam B
Music - Janelle S
RE - Maisey R
RE - Waasil S
Spanish - Ruby A
Spanish - Janelle S
Wellbeing - Marley R
Wellbeing - Oyin A

Year 8 Tutor Award Winners

8BPR/KCS - Oyin A
8BUN - Joshua M
8FWL - Colby T
8GHN - Mayson B
8LSR - Shreya D
8RST - Akshath K

Progress Award Winners

Fraser L
Maisey R
Nyah S
Yasmeen K
Kailem B
Alexandru V



Miss Scarr

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS UPDATE



Our Chair of Governors, Mrs O'Brien, will be standing down from our Local School Board at the end of this term. Maureen has been with us for the last four years and we would like to thank her for all her hard work, support and dedication in the development of Watling Academy.

Dr Rob Simpson will be taking over from her in September. If you wish to contact him, please do so through Mrs Kim Smyth, Governance Professional, smythk@watling.academy

Mr Bacon

WATLING NOTICE BOARD

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Dates for your Diary:

End of School Year

Friday 22nd July
(School closes at 3:15pm)

Inset Day

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

School reopens

Monday 5th September

School Photos

Friday 9th September

PTA Welcome Meeting

Monday 12th September
(6pm–7pm)

After School Clubs Start

Monday 12th September

Rewards Trip Y8/Y9

Friday 23rd September

Year 8 Learning Pathways Evening

Thursday 6th October
(5pm–7:30pm)

Theatre Trip

Thursday 13th October

Year 6 Parents Open Evening

Thursday 20th October
(5pm–8:30pm)

End of Half Term

Friday 21st October (3:15pm)

Inset Day

Monday 31st October

School reopens

Tuesday 1st November

PTA

With the new academic year around the corner, we would like to invite new members to join our association.

We meet once each half term on a Monday evening and our goal is to raise funds to support all children to access great opportunities while they are at Watling Academy.

If you would be interested in attending our next meeting, which will be held on Monday 12th September at 6pm to 7pm, then please contact us at PTA@watling.academy

Meeting dates for the next academic year are listed: these will all be held at Watling Academy, please email in advance if you would like to join us:

Also a request to all Parents, that if you have any unwanted pre-loved branded Watling Academy uniform, can you please drop it off in Reception in the labelled box.



Monday 12 th September
Monday 7 th November
Monday 16 th January
Monday 27 th February
Monday 24 th April
Monday 12 th June

Ms Cox

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The school office will be closed during the Summer Holidays from 5:00pm on Friday 22nd July until Monday 5th September at 8:00am

If there is anything urgent then please email admin@watling.academy and we will aim to respond as soon as possible.



If you have any queries regarding ParentMail please email admin@watling.academy and we will be happy to help.

Remember you can purchase filled pencil cases, calculators and lockers which will be available for students in September.

(ParentMail–Payments–Shop)



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and KINDNESS**