



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE

RAD NEWS

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News from The Core

English writes:

This half term The English Department are looking forward to working closely with The Drama Department to teach poetry to Years 7 and 8. This collaborative approach was really successful with Shakespeare earlier this year and we hope that it will allow pupils to develop their interpretations of some challenging texts.

In Year 10 we are asking pupils to do a presentation on their work experience. This is so we can award them a spoken language grade for their GCSE. This does not contribute to their final grade but it is still an important skill that pupils will need in the future. Although the pupils often find this task challenging, they have been embracing it and working hard to gain high grades.

We are taking the Year 12 and 13 English Literature students to see Othello at The Globe Theatre in March and really looking forward to a performance that promises to be exciting and engaging.

Maths writes:

We recently entered our strongest mathematicians from KS4 (excluding year 10 who were on work experience) into the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge and are pleased to announce we had some excellent results. The students received 5 gold, 9 silver and 20 bronze certificates in total. The five students who received a gold certificate, therefore also qualifying them for the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad, were **Peter Roder, David Roder, Andrew Hutchinson, Jenson Taylor and Jasmine Myhill**. Congratulations to them all.

Mr Humble KS4 Maths Leader



News from The Core

Science writes:

As Year 11 approach the end of their school days many parents are checking how they can help with the preparation for those dreaded examinations. They will be the last cohort to gain grades from A*- G in Science and so we want to go out on a high. As a reminder any resources you find must be aligned with the OCR Twenty First Century Suite (2012) and as the course nears its end the revision books are beginning to come down in price so if you are inclined to buy books you may find a bargain.

For Year 10 and below we are well on the way to preparing Radcliffe students for the first results using the 9-1 grading system which will be first issued in Science from August 2018. For any parent who would like to purchase resources to support Year 10 and below then we are staying with OCR but you need to ensure that you find books aligned with OCR Gateway (9-1).

This change in examination assessment has made life a little complicated especially if you have more than one child in school so if you need clarification on any aspect of this please feel free to ask your child's class teacher in the first instance. We understand it!

In the last newsletter the Science team launched the concept of a Gardening Club which would use the fantastic enclosed space and greenhouse within the science teaching area. At the time of writing the Radcliffe wild mallard ducks have returned to the pond in the courtyard so we will need to be wary of disturbing their nest and the likely arrival of the dozen or so ducklings. If you have any gardening equipment you don't need then we would love to put it to use so when you come to dust off items in the shed ready for the growing season ahead please think of us.



IAG

Another busy few weeks for IAG; on Tuesday 28th February all of our students had the opportunity to attend our first Radcliffe Careers Fair. Students in Years 7-9 were able to drop in during lunch time whilst students in Years 10-13 attended during afternoon lessons.

We had over 20 providers from a variety of employers, apprenticeship providers and further/higher education establishments on hand to speak with students, advise on next steps and even gave out a few freebies.



A good number of parents attended the after school session creating a lively buzz and many positive conversations were had about students' future pathways.

We would like to thank all the parents, providers and staff who attended the event and making it a huge success.

We look forward to planning next year's event for 2018.

6th Form

All **Y12** and **Y13** students will be sitting a **mock examination** in the week beginning **20th March 2017**. The Mocks will only last one week.

Students will sit **only 1 paper** per subject so that they can further improve their experience of exam conditions. It is only one paper to minimise lesson disruption. It is before Easter so that students and parents have a clear idea of their current working grade and then the Easter break to revise.

All **students** are **expected** (with no exceptions) to **attend all lessons** during the week (unless they have a mock).



Linguists of the Half Term

Congratulations to our Linguists of the Half Term!

French KS3 – Gracie Mendus (year 7)

French KS4 – Connie Green (year 11)

German KS3 – Archie Davies (year 8)

German KS4 – Jamie Gibson (year 9)

First Languages Sessions

Our Languages sessions run by the students are starting on Wednesday. Come along and learn a new language

Date	Language	Run by...
1/3/17	Russian	Alexei
8/3/17	Polish	Wiktorija & Yazmin
15/3/17	Urdu	Maria & Hina
22/3/17	Hungarian	Balint & Roxana
29/3/17	Tamil	Vithuja



Vocab Express Global Competition

Monday 6th March– Friday 10th March

Compete against other schools around the world.

Last year we came 16th in the world... can we do better this time?

Come and compete:

Wednesday 8th March - 3pm – IT1



As a part of the course looking at the development of the Second World War in Britain the History department organised for 170 year 8 students to go to the Duxford branch of the Imperial War Museum on the 8th and 9th of February. Below are some student responses about the trip:



Noah Charles:

I enjoyed looking at all the different planes and vehicles, which played roles across all different conflicts in History and significant periods of aerospace History including Concorde. We were able to see a V2 rocket used in World War 2 that would buzz over cities worrying the people below. When they stopped buzzing it meant the bomb was falling and people had to look for cover, we also learned that the RAF would take them out of the sky by nudging them with their wings to send them off course!

Tharuja Chandrakumar:

There were so many plane models There and I enjoyed learning about all of them. My favourite part of the experience was going inside some of the planes, like the Concorde.

I also learned about the tests people had to take to become a pilot such as reaction times and how planes fly using aerodynamics.

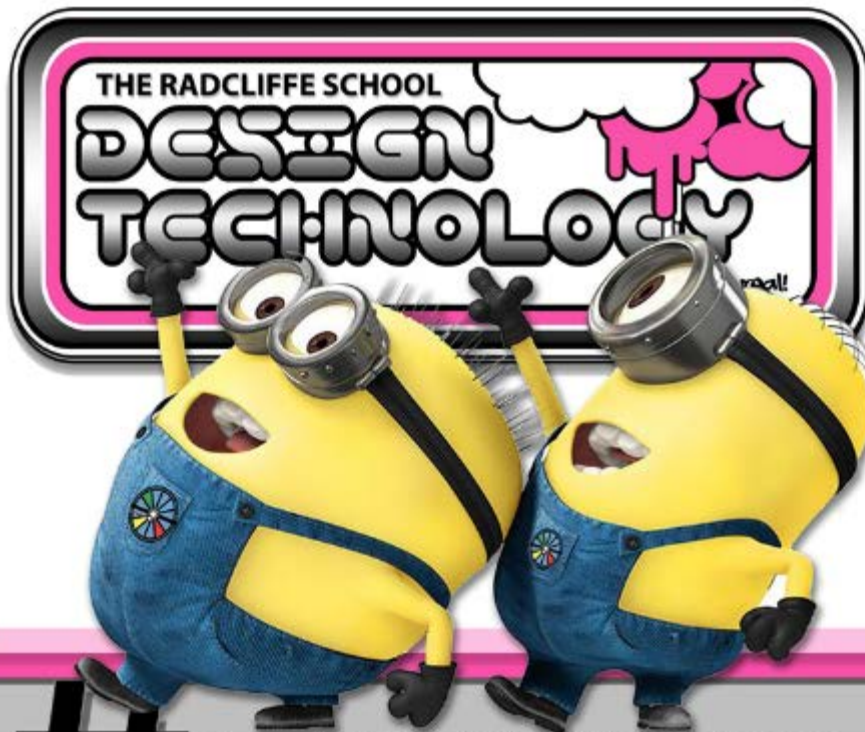
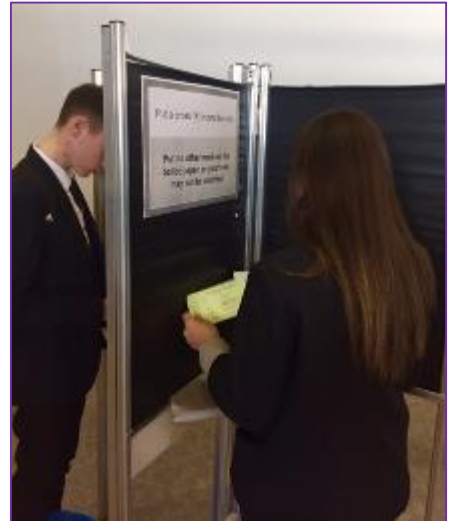




Last Friday saw the entire Radcliffe School community taking part in the UK Youth Parliament Elections. The students were asked to vote for the two candidates who they felt would represent them and speak on behalf of all young people in Milton Keynes. These candidates meet with key decision makers, local police, councillors and MPs to raise issues and to make sure the voice of young people are included.

Radcliffe students were also asked to vote on what campaign they would like the MKYC to work on over the next two years.

Results will be announced on 10 March 2017.



**YEAR 11
D&T
STUDENTS**

**Achieve
& Make it
Happen.....**

3:00 - 4:30

TUESDAYS

#WINNING



On Monday 20th February the sixth form Drama and Theatre Studies students went to The Gielgud Theatre, London to see the Winner of 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards® including 'Best Play', the National Theatre's acclaimed production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.

The students are studying the play as part of their live theatre component of their course and were an absolute credit to themselves and the school.



Music

'The Rhythms of Success'

Toby Dytrych represented The Radcliffe School at the end of last term at The Milton Keynes Young Musician Award showing off his years of hard work learning all things percussion. Toby opened his performance on drum kit playing a technical grade 8 piece by Ralph Salmins and then moved onto his second piece played on a Marimba by Ivan Trevino. Toby was particularly impressive using four beaters with two hands and showed his multi-talents across different percussive instruments.



Though Toby was not chosen for the overall award, one of the judges commented that 'Toby is one of the most impressive percussionists ever to perform at a Milton Keynes Young Musician Award'. Toby has come so far in the last 4 four years, growing quickly from a beginner to grade 8 and becoming a solid rhythm section percussionist at various brass bands such as The New Bradwell Brass Band. Toby is a huge credit to The Radcliffe School and is hoping to complete A-Level Music here and continue to audition for national youth orchestras.

Lost Property

If your child has misplaced any clothing or equipment at school, please ask them to first check in classrooms/changing rooms/open areas before checking the Lost Property Cupboard by Mr Lambert's Office.

We will return any named items to students, so please help us by naming **all** clothing and equipment.

At the end of term we will donate any unclaimed lost property to a local charity shop.



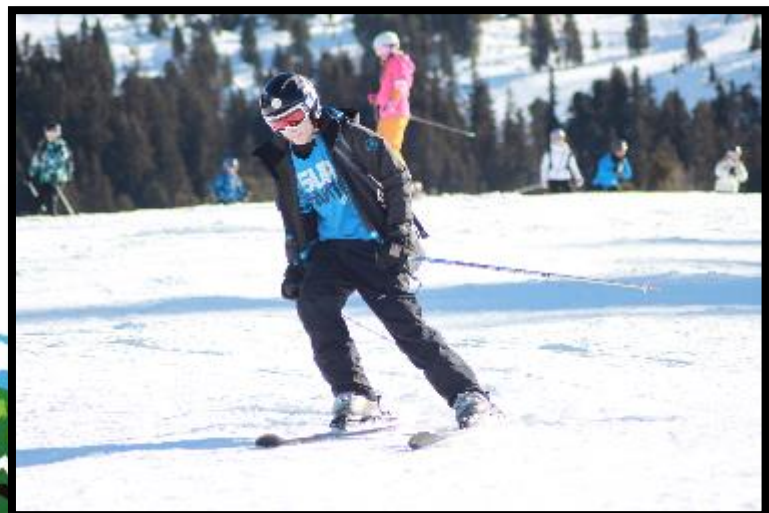


During February half term 50 students and 6 members of staff travelled to Austria for our ski trip. Our destination for the week was the Ziller Valley area of Austria. We were all staying a family run hotel on the outskirts of a small town with some fantastic views of the Austrian Alps on our doorstep.



The trip was action packed from the moment they woke up in the morning, to the moment they went to bed. During the trip the students were skiing for 5 consecutive days with 5 hours of skiing each day. The range of skiing abilities varied from complete beginners to some students that have been skiing since they were 5 years old.

All the students had a great experience not only improving their own skiing ability, but also taking in the all the culture and views that Austria has to offer in the winter season.





The next ski trip will be launched in **September 2017**.....





Here are the results from our interschool fixtures played during January/February

Day	Date	Activity	Result
Tuesday	24 January 2017	Year 7 Girls Football vs. Denbigh Player of the Match Tilly Brown	Won 11-0
Tuesday	24 January 2017	Year 8 Basketball Tournament vs. MK Schools Player of the Tournament: Jari Quinn	4th In Pool
Tuesday	31 January 2017	Year 7 Basketball Tournament vs. MK Schools Player of the Tournament: Mason Cram	4th In Pool
Wednesday	01 February 2017	Year 9 Boy Football (8's) vs. Oakgrove Player of the Match: Moudathir Said	Won 3-1
Tuesday	07 February 2017	Year 8 Girls Football Tournament vs. MK Schools Player of the Tournament: Keri Mathers	4th Overall
Tuesday	07 February 2017	Year 7 Girls Football Tournament vs. MK Schools Player of the Tournament: Paigan Huish	2nd Overall
Wednesday	08 February 2017	Bucks X-Country @ High Wycombe vs. Bucks Schools Star student from this event: Ella Carey	Outstanding performance from Ella Carey who finished 3rd overall in her age category
Thursday	09 February 2017	U14 Girls Dodgeball Tournament vs. MK Schools Player of the Tournament: Reigan Livings	5 th Overall
Wednesday	22 February 2017	Year 7 Boys Football vs. Shenley Brook End Player of the Match: Harry Camp	Lost 0-5





Here are some reports on our interschool fixtures played during January / February.

“From over 50 schools and a 100 athletes The Radcliffe School entered the Bucks School Cross Country Championships held in High Wycombe. We were hopeful of some positive performances and our athletes didn’t let us down. The conditions on the day were very cold and damp which made it difficult to get your footing around a very hilly course, however our athletes showed great resilience and preserved to achieved some very respectful finishes. Ella Carey was the stand out performer finishing 3rd and achieving a personal best beating a close rival for the first time. Other notable performances by Ella Nash, Ethan Murrill and Lily Ramsden showed the strength in depth we have at The Radcliffe School.”



“The girls have had an amazing football season this year, hardworking, encouraging and demonstrating huge talent, which was only further highlighted at the year 7 Milton Keynes tournament last month. The girls were both excited and nervous about their matches and apprehensive to see which schools were in their pool. Each game they only improved altering their game play and coming up with new strategies to ensure the team success. Winning all games in their pool, they were through to the semifinal, Lily took on the role of motivator and gave her team some inspiring words of encouragement - they won. Next, to the final. Nerves building, the girls went into the match and played superbly. The score? 1-1. Extra time was needed. The girls fought hard and the score remained at 1-1, this meant penalties. It was an exciting game to watch and Paigan (goalkeeper) did an amazing job. The hard work paid off and they won 2nd place in the Milton Keynes league and it was well deserved. Well done girls. .”



PE Department News

Forthcoming Fixtures



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THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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Tuesday 28th February
Year 9 & 10 Girls Football Tournament
vs. MK Schools at Walton High



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Wednesday 1st March
Year 8 Girls Football
vs. Denbigh at Radcliffe School



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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Wednesday 1st March
Year 9 Girls Football
vs. Denbigh at Radcliffe School



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Thursday 2nd March
Year 9 Netball Girls Tournament
vs. MK Schools at Hazeley Academy



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Tuesday 7th March
Year 7 Boys Football
vs. Denbigh at Radcliffe School



THE RADCLIFFE SCHOOL
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Tuesday 7th March
Year 8 Boys Football
vs. Denbigh at Denbigh



Hayes News



A word from Hayes Head of House, Mr Lee:...welcome back to a frantic half term! Already the students are talking about how excellent the skiing trip was and how much they all enjoyed it! We have also seen the return from a very successful work experience from our year 10 students. Lots to look forward to in this up and coming half term, where the year 11 students finally prepare for the "Big Summer", the year 8 have finally selected their options and everyone is moving forwards and we await to see students deliver again on their huge potential!

House Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all our students from last term who were acknowledged for their hard work in their lessons. Please take your time to look through and recognise the students that are showing hard work and determination

House notices:

Year 11: Prom

Now is the time to find the suits, dresses and transport to the big prom. For all information please see Mrs Moore to organise deposits. P.S don't forget intervention attendance will get you your ticket!

Find your house managers to organise your participation in this half term's events!

Speak to the PE department and identify the afterschool clubs available this half term.

ROAD SAFETY

Please can I ask once again that you discuss the importance of road safety especially on Stratford Road, and request that all students use the crossing correctly.

Cowper News



Time is running out, deadlines, exams, coursework are all phrases that the Year 11 students have heard time and time again over the last term. This is a busy and demanding time for all. I would like to remind parents and students that we can minimize the stress levels by following your revision plans. On Tuesday the Year 11 had a house assembly where all revision schedules and after school sessions were shared with students to support their exam preparation.

During the recent half term break a number of our students took part in a ski trip to Austria and feedback from staff and students is extremely positive and our students were a credit to the school.

A huge thank you to all students who have stayed after school to represent our house in the recent events, your dedication is appreciated and you are very much valued.

Lastly, keep up the good work and I look forward to another successful half term.

House Events

Yr 7 Dodgeball
Girls 1st / Boys 4th

Yr 8 Dodgeball
Girls 4th / Boys 2nd

Yr 9 Dodgeball
Girls 3rd / Boys 2nd

Year 11 Information

Please see your subject
teachers for revision
sessions

**DEDICATION +
MOTIVATION**

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SUCCESS

**"Success grows in the
Green House"**

SUBJECT AWARDS

ART

KS3

Lily Wilkins and Ahmed Kiani

KS4

Ben Davey and Flo Baverstock

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

KS3

Lily Baverstock and Izzy Marshall

KS4

Sam Coffey and Leah Moore

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Georgia Gaffee and Jessica Colucci

Lee News



A word from Lee Head of House, Miss Girt:

'I just want to say thank you to the year ten students for the positive way they represented the house, and the school, whilst out on work experience. Many of them impressed their placement employers which resulted in part-time job offers - well done! Year 8 options offers will be coming out shortly. Year 11's are in full preparation mode for their exams -please support your pupil by making sure that they are attending the revision classes at school, but are also revising at home. '

Yr 11's who 'rocked the Mocks!'

'Viva la Vivo'

5 th :	Yazmin Edgeworth
4 th :	Nicole Allsop
3 rd :	Shauna O'Gormley
2 nd :	Caitlin Bird
1 st :	Nikhil Jain

Maths

Aysha Abbas - achieved target grade in Maths
Peter Adams - achieved target grade in Maths
Connor Bloomfield – Improved by 2 grades in Maths
Josh Davie - achieved target grade in Maths
Connor Keating - achieved target grade in Maths
Shauna O'Gormley - achieved target grades in Maths
Paige Russell - achieved target grade in Maths
Karla Brown - achieved target grade in Maths
Eliza Thomson – Grade 8 in Maths, above target
Joshua Ingarfield – Grade 8 in Maths
Anna Bulman – Grade 9 in Maths
Faris Ahmad – Grade 9 in Maths
Emily Bartlett – Grade 9 in Maths

Lee News

Yr 11's who 'rocked the Mocks!'

Science

Karla Brown - Achieved target in Core Science

Lauren Payne –3 B's in Triple Science

Eliza Thomson – A & 2 B's in Triple Science

Vincenza Jacquest – 2 A's & B in Triple Science

Joshua Ingarfield – A & 2 B's in Triple Science

Anna Bulman – A* & 2 B's in Triple Science

Faris Ahmad – A* & 2 A's in Triple Science

Emily Bartlett – A* & 2 A's in Triple Science

Alejandro Medina – A* & 2 A's in Triple Science

English

Faris Ahmad – Grade 6 in English Language

Lauren Payne – Grade 6 in English Language

Mel Streek – Grade 6 in English Language.

Emily Bartlett – Grade 7 in English Language

Hallie Ainsworth – achieved target in English Language

Sam Carroll – Grade 6 in English Language

Ruby Jacquest – Grade 7 in English Language

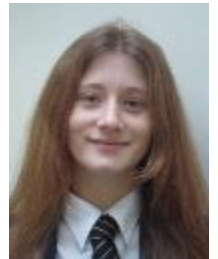
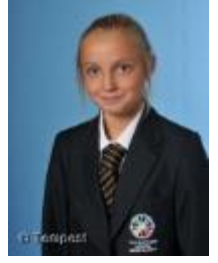
Vincenza Jacquest – Grade 7 in English Language

Lauren Payne – Grade 6 in English Language

Mel Streek – Grade 6 in English Language

Lee News

Stars of the term



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Teacher star of term



McConnell News



A word from Head of McConnell House:

Unfortunately Mr Partington is still absent and is likely to be so for the foreseeable future since his Achilles injury is not healing as well as expected.

Responsibility

Expectations

Determination

Congratulations to the following students for achieving 100% attendance:

Georgia Anderson, Jamie Banks, Theo Blakestone, Rianna-Jane Bowen, Hannah Bradbury, Jacob Budd, Aaron Cahill, Molly Champion, Noah Charles, Archie Corbett, Eve Davis, Thomas Dee, Cameron Deering, Cameron Deslandes, Toby Dytrych, Tomi Fagbuyi, Sophie Frew, Tegan Gould, Roisin Grace, Unyque Gurirab, Ben Hiatt, Sam Hockenhull, Louie Hutchinson, Charlotte Jackson, Tristan Jackson, Shannon Lockwood, Saizar McConnell, Ryan MacFarlane, Shonte Moxam, Rosemary Myhill, Lameck Nyarirangw, Jiamu Qian, Shaun Reeve, Rishiram Sapkota, Ethan Schenks, Parth Tagdiwala, Samuel Taylor, Riley West, Rebekah Yendell and Aurora Young.

McConnell News



Y11 Rock the mock

- Daisy Bradley
- Toby Dytrych
- Jasmine Myhill
- Harry Parsons
- Elle Quinn
- Shaun Rath
- Shamima Afzal
- Wiktorija Martyka
- Aaron Cahill
- Layla Higgins
- Sana Hussain
- Chloe Morter
- Alfie Rine
- Marina Usmani

Reading champions

- Daisy Bradley
- Cameron Deslandes
- Holly Lockwood
- Asha Gatehouse
- Daniel Gordo
- Shannon Lockwood
- Charlotte Jackson
- Isabel Eaton

Vivo Stars

- 5) Nikki Hilliyer – 203
- 4) Camila Ribeiro – 264
- 3) Amani Trigo – 266
- 2) Holly Lockwood – 340
- 1) Charles Goodman - 437

McConnell News

Pride of McConnell



Star of the term



MCB



MLC



MZB



MCH



MMF



MPD



MGS



MSM



MKJ



MDM



MJP



MCP