

Meopham Bulletin

Term 5

Message from Ms Girling.....



Dear Parents and Carers

For the first time since 2019, the examination season is well underway. Our Year 11 and 13 students are sitting GCSE, A'level and vocational exams. While these students have faced disruption in the past, their resilience and academic focus are praise worthy. I am incredibly proud of our students and staff for their hard work in these final few weeks of revision and study. I also want to say a huge thank you to all the parents and families who are supporting children through these challenging times.

Year 7 and 8 students are also preparing for their own examinations. It is so important for our students to have this experience and begin to learn how to effectively revise and prepare themselves. We wish them all the best!

While we continue to focus on the academic, we also aim to provide cultural capital opportunities for our students through experiences, events and visits. Year 8 and 9 students have been to the theatre this term, to see texts they are studying brought to life; *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and *Animal Farm*. Students from all years had the amazing opportunity to see and hear the London Symphony Orchestra perform at The Barbican. Our Aspire programme has organised a speaker from 'Speakers for Schools,' a charity giving state schools access to talks from today's leading professionals and academics. Andrew Wallace, who is one of Leathwaite's founding partners, is talking to some of our most talented and aspirational students. More trips and events are to come in the summer term, including reward trips for those who have accumulated the greatest number of achievement points.

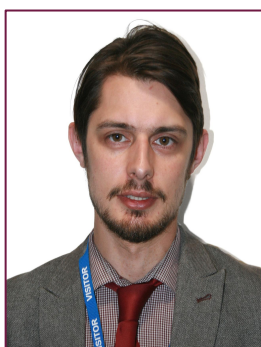
Finally I would like to introduce you to two members of staff, new to the Meopham family.

Mr Woolmer and Mr Williams who are both Assistant Headteachers and Science teachers.

They joined us this term, bringing their expertise to both the Science department and our leadership team.



Mr Woolmer is overseeing our behaviour systems. He is leading our team of Heads of Year and pastoral support staff. This team works together to ensure our high standards of conduct are met and our students are supported to make good choices and develop strong character.



Mr Williams is taking a lead on homework and digital learning. He will be working with our teachers to bring about improvements in the quality and quantity of homework. We are developing our approach to homework to ensure it supports our focus on memory retrieval and resourcefulness.

Have a wonderful half term and Jubilee bank holiday weekend

Key Stage 3

Mr Rigglesworth

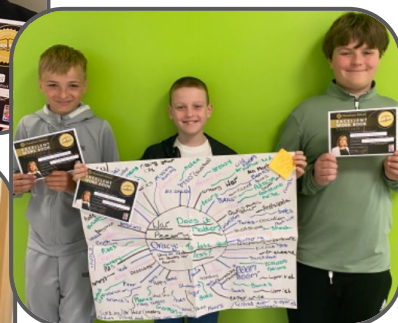


EXCELLENCE
TOGETHER

Learning Leader Message

Another short but busy term has seen our Year 8 students complete their end of year assessments. The Year 8 students conducted themselves really well. Year 7 students are preparing for their assessments which will begin next term on Monday the 20th June. A massive well done to all those students who have made it into the Excellent Work Book. Names and photos below

Mr Rigglesworth



KS3 Excellent Work Book

Yuvi, Grace & Sophie (Maths)

Ava (English)

Sabegh and Ollie (Catering)

Harry and Kaitlyn (English)

Chris & Tom (Catering)

Jensen (Music)

Louis & Isla (music)

Ava, Kadiza & Marian
(catering)

Akshith (Catering)

Stella (Drama)

Sonny, Louie & Charlie (Oracy)

Key Stage 4

Miss Thornberg



EXCELLENCE
TOGETHER

Learning Leader Message

KS4 students have had a busy term with preparation for exams in both Year 10 and 11. I have included some revision tips that students can use to help them prepare for their upcoming exams.

Revision Tips:

- Use revision guides and workbooks
- Make/use Flashcards
- Create a revision timetable
- Practice papers
- Use sticky notes as regular reminders
- Mind maps
- Look after yourselves too!



Year 11:

Year 11 formal examinations are in full swing! I am incredibly proud of the effort from our Year 11 students. Keep up the wonderful work!

Year 10:

Year 10 have had their mock examinations during the past term. Year 10 were impeccably behaved during the mock exams so well done to all. Parents' evening on the last week of term will give students a chance to share their mock results with families!

Excellent Workbook

Charlotte & Ellissia -
Macbeth homework
Mia - Solving equations
using the quadratic
formula



Name and Fame!



These students have
attended the most
Intervention sessions in
Year 11:

Alice P
Lia P
Harmony A
Farrah K
Louie A

Isobel C
Grace W
Amanda A
Olivia B
Mason O

Year 7 & 8

Heads of Year: Miss Hodd & Miss Holmes

Year 7- Head of Year Message

A HUGE well done to all of the Year 7 students who have continued to work extremely hard throughout this term. Most form groups have been awarded with an own clothes day for meeting the school's attendance target and it has been lovely to see so many of them working together to achieve this. I am so proud of all of our Year 7 students for how far they have come from the start of the year. I can't wait to see what the final term of their first year of Secondary School has in store!

100% Attendance for the year:

Phoebe B, Darcy C, Austin HP,
Riley H, Jonny S, Harry G, Leon B,
Jenson B, Maisie D, Sophie H,
Maisy J, Jess R and Abi S

Well done to all of you!

Achievement

★ Superstars

★ Christian D - 322
★ Ryan R - 310
★ Ella M - 306
★ Scarlet LC - 298
★ Lucinda MC - 297

Tutor Group	Achievement
7B1	3505
7B2	4713
7H1	4204
7H2	3600
7N1	4084
7N2	4946
7R1	4972
7R2	4173

Total 34,194

Year 8 - Head of Year Message

It has been an eventful term with lots of excellent work being produced by our Year 8 students. I know lots of them are nervous about their upcoming end of year exams, but on the whole, their approach and attitude to learning will set them up for some excellent results. I wish them all the best and a huge well done to those that have taken the time and effort to prepare for them. As always, keep up the excellent work Year 8!

Tutor Shout Out:

Miss Moore - Isaac G and Lola -Jean for working hard!
Mrs Jasnoch - Ronnie L.P for always trying his best.
Mrs Harker - Yuvi - always polite and helpful.
Mr Savory - Charlie Y - a really positive second half of the year

Achievement Superstars

★ Sam F - 395
★ Archie A - 343
★ Katelyn R- 314
★ William H - 303
★ Caitlin B - 296
★ Helaina T - 295

Tutor Group	Achievement
8B1	3758
8B2	3611
8H1	3390
8H2	2853
8N1	2659
8R1	3697
8R2	2872

Total 22,840

100% Attendance this Term:

Max A, Archie A, Jake A, Hadley A-C, Rebecca B, Ryan B, Hayden B, Caitlin B, Logan B, Kaila B, Lillie B, Lily-Rose C, Amrik C, Mia C, Sam C, Lilli-Mari C, Leon C-F, William E, Ben E, Jude F, Sam F, Logan F, Ollie G, Libby G, William H, Casey H, Oliver H, Isobel H, Olivia H, Toby J, Elsie J, Emily J, Yuvi K, Lily K, Taylor K, Oscar K, Croyde K, Jacob K, Lauren L, Poppy M-L, Ellia M, Charlotte M, Declan N, Lewis N, Rhys N, Grace O, Daniel O, Joshua O, Reece O, Hannah P, Sienna P, Michelle P, Erikas P, BEn P, Harry P, Kian P, Poppy R, Oscar R, Danny R, Sophia S, Jeremiah T, Lola Jean, Helaina T, George V, Joshua W, Amelia W, Charlie Y.

Year 9 & 10

Heads of Year: Miss Gostling & Mr Wiseman

Year 9 - Head of Year Message

I am so pleased with many of our students this term. The hard work and effort they have put into their lessons has been noticed. Many Year 9 students have been rewarded for their excellent classwork. There have been some real acts of kindness and supportiveness shown with students helping others to get ready for exams or sporting events. Year 9 have really grown in positive attitudes and getting back to 'normal' after such a long period of change and uncertainty for them.

Tutor Shout Out:

9B2 for
amazing HPs...again!!

Head of Year Shout Out:

Year 9 football team for getting to the quarter final of the Kent Cup

Achievement Superstars

Holly Deane 218
Chloe Cockell 214
Nancy W-Halpin 213
Anupama Biju 210

Achievement Superstars

Charlie Foyster - 339
Nicholas Rose 304
Alfie Malone 285
Cameron Lavidge 288

Tutor Group	Achievement
9B1	2634
9B2	3506
9H1	2771
9H2	3082
9N1	2584
9N2	2572
9R1	3192

Total 20,341

100% Attendance this Term:

Jeffery Chen Nicolas Rose Jorge Thompson James Reader Luke Ricketts Anupama Biju

Year 10 - Head of Year Message

This has been a very testing term for our Year 10s. With mock exams being on the forefront of everyone's minds, the vast majority of Year 10s have risen to the challenge! With all this going on, students have still been able to crack on to the best of their abilities in lessons and learn how to continue to prepare for exams next year and any other challenges they may face. Very proud of you all and keep it up heading into the last term!

Head of Year Shout Out:

10H2 for having the highest
attendance this term!

10B1 for having the highest
positive points this term!

Achievement Superstars

Elizabeth A
Charlotte P-R
Katie S
Mia M
Mia N
Jenna B
Lilia-Jayne C

Tutor Group	Achievement
10B1	2587
10H1	2055
10H2	2405
10N1	1707
10R1	2110
10R2	2072

Total 12,936

100% Attendance this Term:

Jenna B, Ruby H, Maddi K, Ben M, Oscar Y, Livi W, Harry W, Thomas W, Ruby V, Cohen T, Rebecca T, Olivia T, Charlotte T, Elouise T, Gideon S, Caileigh S, Skye R, Stella R, Nessia P, Alice P, Poppy P, Toby O, Emmanuel O, James O-E, Mia Naish, Chloe M, Mia M, Liam L, James L, Emily L, Ara K, Aimee K, Owen K, Daisy J, Ellie J, Jack J, Oliver J, Reece I, Finay H, Lewis H, Bailey H, Ruby G, Ruby F, Felix E, Imogen E, Kristopher E, Brooke D, Jaimee D, Kie D, Oliver D, Dylan C, Adam C, Jack C-N, Ben C, Kye C, Beau B, Marshall B, Olivia B, Aaron B, Jack B, Olivia A, Morika A, Jordan A, Elizabeth A, Gabriella A.

Year 11

Heads of Year: Mrs Greenwood

Head of Year Message

Term 5 has seen our Year 11s begin sitting their GCSE examinations. It is a tense time for these students and while it can be overwhelming, I am proud of the resilience they have shown in overcoming the obstacles they have faced. It is so important now that the year 11s prioritise their final classes and revision sessions in order to maximise their potential in each exam. As we approach the end of term I hope all our students find a balance between maintaining their revision and taking some time for themselves during the holidays.

Mrs Greenwood

Attendance

Lessons and revision sessions continue during exams here at Meopham. All students are expected to remain in school for the full school day after their exams.

Do something today that your future self will thank you for.

Support and Wellbeing

Please continue to speak to your form tutor, student services and head of year if you need any support.

Top tips on how to handle your exams!

- Remind yourself that a certain amount of stress can be used to motivate you.
- Talk to friends they are there to help.
- Talk to your teachers or parents. They will be able to offer a different perspective on your exams and how to handle the pressure.
- Take regular breaks
- Revise with friends. This can be great as you can socialise and work through tricky topics together!
- Practice mindfulness and concentrate on your breathing.



Mrs Metters -

This Term in Sixth Form it has been all about the lead up to the end of courses and examinations for Year 13 and the build up to their final year for Year 12. There's still lots of work to do but it's been great to see so many of our dedicated students working hard.



Shout outs

Fine Art. - Miss Hodd has praised Millie and Lily R for their work in Art.

They are exploring the theme of distortion. Millie has explored both digital editing as well as folding techniques to distort her outcomes. Lily has been developing her skills in photography and printing processes



100% Attendance

Ethan B	Ashley	Henry
Bobby	Paige G	Sophie
Haydn	Jessie H	Ashe
Otty	Pramiga	Charlie
Millie	Frazer	Amelia

Great dedication to your studies!



Drop Down for... Careers

On April 21

Sixth Form had drop down for careers, where they took part in a variety of workshops to support them in their next steps, whether that is education or employment.

Psychology Day

During Term 5 Meopham School hosted the Swale Academies Trust Psychology day welcoming A Level students from Westlands and The sittingbourne School to join them along with their guest speaker Professor Jean-Marc Lawton.



What could you study at Meopham Sixth Form?

	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E
VOCATIONAL A LEVEL	HISTORY	SOCIOLOGY	MATHS	ART	PSYCHOLOGY
	SPORT (D)	BIOLOGY		ENGLISH LIT	
	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (S)	BUSINESS (S)	LIBF FINANCE	BUSINESS (D)	SPORT (S)
	EPQ	EPQ	CRIMINOLOGY	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (D)	CORE MATHS & ACCOUNTANCY

Speak to your subject teachers to find out more information about the courses at our sixth form.

A massive thank you...

To Evie and Freddie for helping out during Year 11 Parents evening.

Year 12 Mock Examination

Next Term Year 12 will be sitting mock examinations for all their subjects.
Speak to your teachers if you have any concerns.

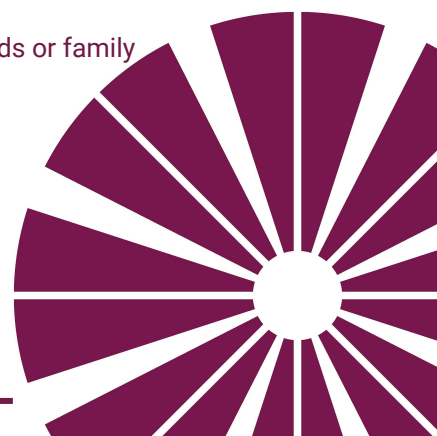
Date	Start Time	Subject	Length
Monday 6 June	8:40	Sociology	2 hr 15
		Business U2	3 hr
Friday 10 June	13:25	Psychology	1 hr 30
Monday 13 June	12:50	Sociology	1 hr 30
		Business U3	1 hr 30
Tuesday 14 June	12:50	Maths	1 hr 30
Wednesday 15 June	12:20	History	2 hr 30
Friday 17 June	8:40	Fine Art	5 hr
Monday 20 June	12:30	History	2 hr 30
Friday 24 June	8:40	English Literature	3 hr

Examinations

Mrs Abbott's best ways to revise that have the most impact:

1. Flashcards - that you keep together and keep using
2. Practice Questions and Past Exam papers
3. Repetitive practice of the same topic every 2 or 3 days.
4. Pair Testing with friends or family
5. Blank page retrieval - writing but what you know from memory
6. Using Quiz apps or software

The Sixth Form team wish everyone well sitting their examinations.



Enrichment & Events

LOCAL EVENTS

Gravesham Fringe Festival 3-12th June
The Woodville

28th May- 1st June Art Week
June 18th - Classic car weekend
June 20th - 26th - Hever in Bloom
Hever Castle

Foodies Festival 24th - 26th June
Katherine Jenkins 23rd July
Mote Park

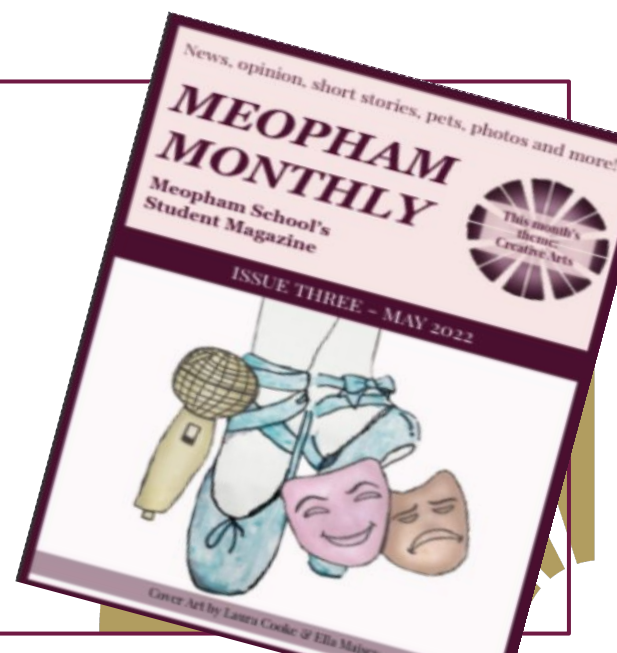
Kent Festival 11 June
Kent Country Show 8th -10th July
Paws in the Park 17 - 18 September
Kent Showground, Detling

Othello - 10th July
Nurstead Court, Meopham

School Magazine

The latest issue of the Meopham Monthly is out now, with the theme of the Creative Arts. It features an interview with visiting author Manjeet Mann and one with our year 7 student, Ryan, who is in a new TV series *The Essex Serpent*. Read it here:

https://issuu.com/meophamschool/docs/meopham_monthly_issue_3_5



Careers



During Term 5 our Careers sessions have been focusing on Work Experience

Placements for years 10 - 13 will be taking place at the end of June and we are so excited at what our students will get to experience!

Mrs Bishop has been contacting local companies to accommodate students that are experiencing difficulties in obtaining a placement that is suited to their interests. Mrs Bishop and Miss Biscombe has successfully provided placements in a Solicitors, a care home and our colleagues at Cobham Hall have offered a student work experience swap. The Hazlitt theatre have been very accommodating for four of our students who will be finishing their three day placement with a production! Second chance animal shelter and Harvel Greyhound Rescue have offered places along with Gravesham Homeless Sanctuary which works so well with students studying Health and Social Care or Criminology.

Work Experience Destination Highlights:

Livery Yard
Nursery
Primary School
Graphic Designer
Physiotherapist
Hospitality
Retail
Travel Agent
Construction
Architect
Theatre

Work Experience Dates 28th / 29th / 30th June

Need Careers Support?

Please come to the new careers office
(2nd floor near the yellow stairs).

Mrs Bishop (careers advisor) - Wed / Thu / Fri
or Miss Biscombe



Looking ahead: We are also planning ahead for term 1 with a proposed date of 21st October for our Careers Fayre to be held in person. We already have companies on board to do a presentation to our students or be available at their own stand to give out their information and advice.

Post 16 plans!

Year 11 are due to go onto their next learning journey soon. The most popular choice of destination is a School 6th Form environment or specific college courses. Popular courses at colleges in the local area are Health and Social Care, Hairdressing, Electrical, Bricklaying and Sports/ /Exercise related courses. 6th form courses prove Psychology and Criminology as the top two, followed by Health and Social Care and Business.

Sport at Meopham

Core PE Lessons

This term pupils have been engaging in athletics lessons, practicing and finding their event for Sports Day.

Our best throwers;

Mike W - Yr 7
Luke RW - Yr 10
Arturo P S - Yr 10

Our best jumpers;

Chloe C - Yr 9
Lewis C - Yr 9
Jordan A - Yr 10

Our best middle distance runners;

Hannah P - Yr 8
Riley DW - Yr 9
Amelia M - Yr 7
Luke R-W - Yr 10
Lewis C - Yr 9

*Sports Day Wednesday
22nd June...Put it in the
diary!*

Sports Leaders

A massive well done to our Year 11 and Yr 12 Sport classes who have led sports sessions this term.

We definitely have some natural leaders...PE department watch this space, they will be after your jobs one day!

Fixtures

Rounders - Meopham have been hosting this year's rounders tournaments. Well done to our teams so far! If you would like to be in the teams come and speak with your PE teacher there are still lots of games coming up!

Football - Well done to our Yr 11 Football team who made it into the final - unfortunately we didn't get the win, but we are so proud of the team and for their last Meopham School game of their school career, they have been a great team and we wish them all the best.

Well done to the Year 7 Football team for winning the Final 2-0.
Goal Scorer Bray P and Player of the Match Amelia M



Sports Clubs Term 5 & 6

Tuesday - Volleyball & Athletics

Wednesday - Cricket

Thursday - Rounders

Maths

KS3

This term, KS3 have been learning lots of new topics. Year 7 have been focusing on calculating both with fractions and percentages of an amount and how to calculate with operations and equations with directed number. Whilst year 8 have had a focus on calculating with indices, fractions and percentages too and using standard form. Year 8 have their assessments next term and knowledge organisers have been placed on google classroom to help them revise. Year 9 have been calculating with percentages and angle deduction.

KS3 Stars of The Term:

Year 7:

Jasmine C
Oscar D
Louise L
Isla C
Stella S
Jess R

Year 8:

Emily J
Keira M
Katelyn R
Harry P
Grace O

Year 9:

Daisy C
Mahi P
Siana C



KS4 Stars Of The Term:

Year 10:

Lottie T
Finlay C
Kyle C
Luke R-W

Sandie D
Abbie H

Year 11:

Abigail J
Farrah K
Liberty R
Charlotte H
Conran D
Lia P



KS4

Year 11 are now in the middle of their GCSE exams. Many of our students have studied really hard and we wish them the best of luck!! Well done to those who attended interventions after school and who made the most of the extra preparation sessions.

Year 10 have also just completed their mock exams. They were exemplary in terms of their behaviour and was clear that they were all taking things very seriously.



Science

KS3

In Year 7 the students had the opportunity to learn all about the solar system and universe night sky, the moon phases, when they were visited in school by the astrodome planetarium.

Year 8 students have been studying about fuels and the effects of burning fossils fuels on the environment. They have also been looking into ways they can contribute to reducing the effects of climate change.

The students in Year 9 have been learning all about Genetics and inheritance, and have managed to extract DNA from different pieces of fruit.

Scientists of the term!

KS3:

Gracie L

George S

Ella M

KS4:

Bethany S

Charlotte P-R

Erin

Evie G

KS4

Both year 10 and 11 students have been revising hard for their exams.

Year 10 have now completed their mock exams. Year 10 students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout.

Year 11 have begun their GCSE exams. Students are continuing to go above and beyond by attending intervention and working hard on their own independent revision.

In the stem club this term, we continued to carry out exciting experiments which include a bug catching walk, experiments with renewable energy and an egg dropping challenge. So if you are thinking of doing an experiment and need help to carry it out, come to the stem club for some fun, exciting activities. We meet in Science room 1, Wednesdays, 3:05 to 4:00 pm.

STEM Club

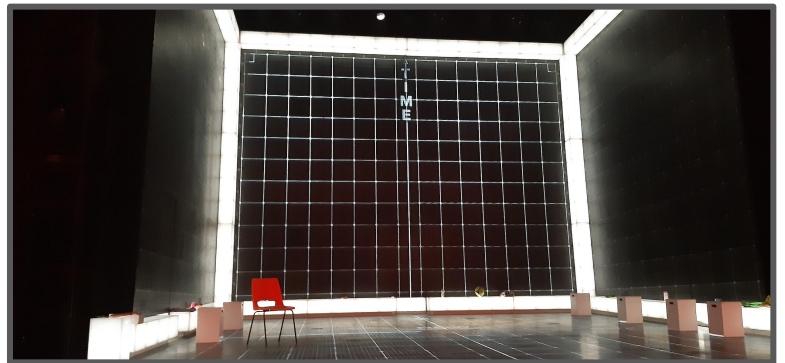


English & Drama

Theatre Trips

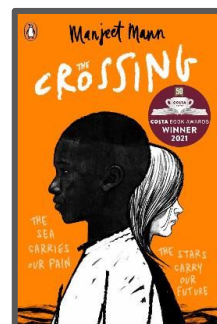
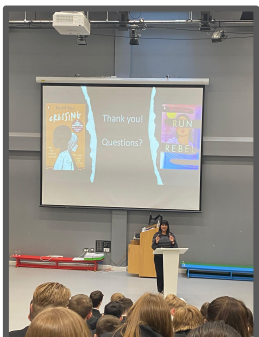
This May there have been two successful theatre trips for Key Stage 3 and 4, to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* at the Dartford Orchard Theatre and to a production of *Animal Farm* at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. Students were buzzing after the first trip; it was a sensory experience with lots of lights and noise to help the audience understand the perspective of someone with autism. After watching the performance, a Year 10 student said: "The show was fantastic - I was in awe the entire time!"

We are also looking forward to taking our Key Stage 5 Literature students to see *King Lear* at the Globe Theatre in July.



Author Visit

Year 8 and 9 were lucky enough to have assemblies at the start of term with Costa prize-winning author, Manjeet Mann. She spoke to them about how she started writing, about her acting and screenwriting career, and she read from her books *Run, Rebel* and *The Crossing*. One year 9 student said: "She was so inspiring and I really want to read her books now!"



Music

The Barbican - 5th May

On the 5th May students from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 visited The Barbican in London for a special performance by the London Symphony Orchestra which celebrated Women composers!

So many students remarked on how amazing it was to watch a full orchestra perform these pieces of music.



KS3 & KS4 Music



MEOPHAM MUSIC DEPT

WANT TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?

We offer a wide variety of instrumental lessons taught by professional musicians in school!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
EMAIL MSS-RECEPTION@SWALE.AT
OR SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Year 7 - This term students have been developing their music theory and keyboard skills. More recently they have started to learn to play short pieces of music from notation on the keyboard.

Year 8 - Students in Year 8 have been developing their understanding of key musical features in a variety of different music styles. They are also developing their music technology skills by composing their very own hip-hop track on Bandlab!

Year 9 - In Year 9 students have been learning about Dance music and in particular how it has evolved from the 1970's (Disco) right through to modern day dance classics!

Year 10 - Year 10 students have had a busy start to their BTEC course. They have all taken the Unit 1 exam and are just in the final few weeks of Unit 5. Performances from these students have been exceptional and it is a privilege to see them develop into strong musicians.

Year 11 - Our Year 11 students have been working tirelessly to complete Unit 2 coursework whilst at the same time have produced their own live music show in the main school hall. This formed part of their coursework evidence and was completed in front of a very small audience!

Well Done Yr 11!!