

NEWSLETTER MAY HALF-TERM



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A MESSAGE FROM SLT

Dear Millbay Academy families,

On behalf of all staff we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school. You continue to promote us positively and we appreciate it very much. It's so lovely that the sun has been shining. It really does help with our flexibility to offer outside activities.

This term has been jam packed and has literally flown by. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students that have been taking their examinations. You continue to approach them with resilience and professionalism.

Please enjoy reading through some of our highlights from this half term. Who can believe that we are already nearing the end of this academic year! We still have so much to accomplish and look forward to.

Best wishes,
Jo and SLT



DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th June 2024

Expected reopening of our Entrance/
Reception area

27th June 2024

Year 10 Geography trip - Dawlish Warren

28th June 2024

Whole School Event
Armed Forces Day - Mufti Day - Friday

4th July 2024

Year 6 to 7 Transition Day

15th July

Enrichment Week

19th July 2024

Last day of term

4th Sept 2024

Whole School Return

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

A group of our Year 10 students have been participating in an after-school mentoring programme with Next Steps Southwest. This is an 8-week programme that ensures students receive the right information at the right time in terms of their future options and transitions. Students have been undertaking a programme of interventions aimed at developing soft skills and knowledge of educational pathways so they can decide what suits their individual needs moving forward.

Year 11 have continued to impress us with their attendance to their Session 6 revision sessions! Well done Year 11, the hard work will pay off!

This term we had a wonderful **St Georges Day** celebration organised all by one of our Year 10 students, Kaiden! Well done Kaiden, what a brilliant day and so well planned.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AT MILLBAY ACADEMY

Plymouth Herald Visit

We were delighted to welcome a representative from the Plymouth Herald to our school last week to discuss our recent achievements, following our 'Good' Ofsted report. The Senior Leadership Team shared all the exciting future plans we have for Millbay Academy.

The article will be published soon, so be sure to keep an eye out for it. It's a wonderful opportunity to see all the hard work and dedication of our staff and students recognised in the local press.

Year 11 Exams

As we approach the final summer term, it is wonderful to be able to say that our Year 11s are now half way through their GCSE exams. We are all very proud of how mature and well-mannered they have been during their exams and can't quite believe they only have another month left at Millbay Academy.

There are still a number of exams after half term, starting with Maths on June 3rd and finishing with Hospitality and Catering on June 20th.

Our Year 11 leavers assembly will take place after the final full year group Physics exam on Friday the 14th June at 3pm. We cannot wait to celebrate with them all and give them the send off they deserve.



CANTEEN MENU

New snack vouchers launching in the Summer Term!

Parents/Guardians will be able to purchase £5 snack vouchers via ParentPay for students allowing them to buy five £1 snacks including our new ice cream range. Snacks will be limited to one per day but multiple vouchers can be purchased.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Year 9 students participated in a touch rugby tournament and will progress to play at Sixways Stadium in Worcester on the 20th June.



A massive well done to our **U15's boys cricket** team who improved with every game they played! A huge shout out to our player of the tournament, Mo who scored over 80 runs having to retire in 4 out of 5 games, smashing the ball all over the ground.



Year 7 and 8 Girls participated in a Devon cricket tournament at Plymouth Cricket Club.



Millbay Academy have kindly received a donation of some fantastic Cricket equipment from The David Shepherd Cricket Trust to enable us to begin to play this great game!

The David Shepherd Cricket Trust is a charitable trust with the simple aim of helping young people play and enjoy Cricket and helping the talented young players to become future stars. Treasurer of the trust, Gavin Lane, came along to our Cricket club to see the new equipment in action.

Their website is: <https://www.dsct111.org.uk/> and they support young cricketers all over Devon. We are aiming for a hardball game against another local school with our new equipment by the end of the summer term.

A huge thanks to Gavin and the trust for supporting our vision of developing a competitive cricket team here at Millbay Academy. A reminder that the Cricket club is every Monday after school 15:15 - 16:30! All are welcome!



EBACC

In Geography this term, **Year 8** has been studying the "Geography of Africa". We have been using the book "The Prisoners of Geography" by Tim Marshall to analyse literacy related to the study of the development of Africa.

Year 10 students have been studying Coastal Landscapes in preparation for their trip to Dawlish Warren in June.

To check understanding, we have been making a sequence of coastal erosion from cake! (any excuse to enjoy a little piece of cake at the end of the term!) How brilliant are their efforts?! Well done Year 10!

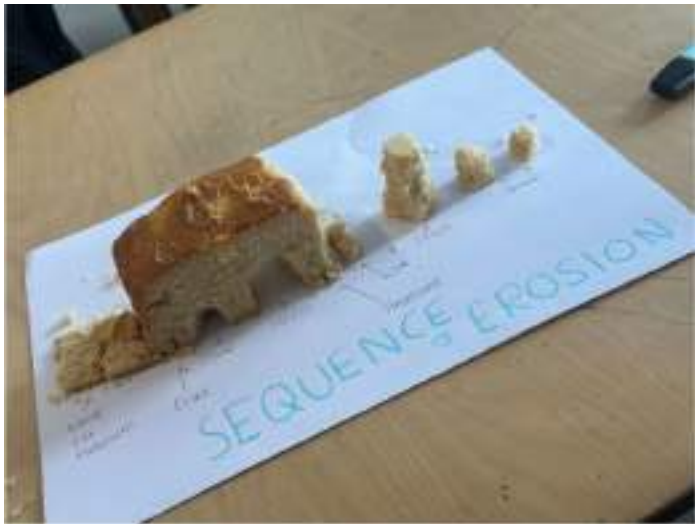


In History this term, the Hive students welcomed James (aka Ragnar!) to teach them about the Vikings. It was wonderful to see them learning about artefacts, giving each other Viking names and discussing the great Vikings enthusiastically! Well done to the Hive students!

In Computing, Year 7 have been working really hard on their Teacher top trump cards and developing their spreadsheet skills! Well done Year 7! Who knows, it might be a new game for staff by the end of the year!

We are so proud of all EBacc year 11 students sitting their exams. You are making us very proud, Year 11!

Kim - RSL EBacc



ENGLISH

This term, **Year 7** delved into nonfiction texts, focusing on the significance of writing from the heart. During our discussions on the transatlantic slave trade and the roots of the Black Lives Matter Movement, 7A were particularly inspired. They collaborated in groups and created their own protest banners, incorporating the persuasive language devices we have been studying this term.



SEND

Visit our [SEND PADLET](#) for parents and families to access key information about our SEND Support Program at Millbay Academy. Find key details, resources, and updates to stay informed and connected with our commitment to supporting every student.



PPCV Conference

The **Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) SEND Conference** is being held on the 11th of June (Tuesday). This year the conference is being held at the University. The talks are being held in the Rolle Building and the stalls and refreshments are being held in the Rolle Marque. They will be opening at 9am with a 9.30 start. The last talk of the day finishes at 2.30 (at the latest) and the stalls will close at 3pm.

[SEND Conference \(Stall Holder Sign Up ONLY\) | Plymouth Parent Carers Voice on Glue Up.](#)



PLYMOUTH NEWS



LEARN FILMMAKING AND MAKE A FILM THAT SHINES A LIGHT ON THE 10 BEST THINGS ABOUT STONEHOUSE

Fotonow are working with Millfields Inspired to run a pilot project teaching filmmaking to young people in Stonehouse. We are looking for a group of enthusiastic young people (13-18) to join us at Ocean Studios on Tuesdays evenings 5-7pm (after half-term until the Summer holidays) and create a film about the local area.

STARTS TUESDAY 4TH JUNE (5PM-7PM)

RUNS FOR 7 WEEKS UNTIL 16TH JULY

Plus there will be one full day (TBC) on a Saturday for filming.

BOOK ON HERE
<https://forms.gle/p7RCVH7z1g5fv6XHA>
 or scan QR code (right)

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PLYMOUTH ACTIVE

New Seasonal Program for the Young People of Plymouth

TINSIDE LIDO BRINGS YOU...

| MONDAYS | TUESDAYS | WEDNESDAYS | THURSDAYS |
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| 11:30am - 12:30pm 1:30pm - 3:00pm and 6:00pm - 7:00pm | 6:00pm - 7:00pm Tinside Youth Night | 6:00pm - 7:00pm Moundwise Activity Group | 6:00pm - 7:00pm Moundwise Youth Night |

MOUNDWISE POOLS BRINGS YOU...

Systems include SCUBA, water safe, water for confidence lessons, aquatics, water polo and mixed. For children aged 8 - 30 years old

Start of Summer Season Events at Tinside and Moundwise Pools
 Sunday 23rd May 12:00pm - 1:30pm
 (Commercial Heat the Pools for booking required)

Scan to book or turn up 15 minutes early to register

Plymouth Sound National Marine Park



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