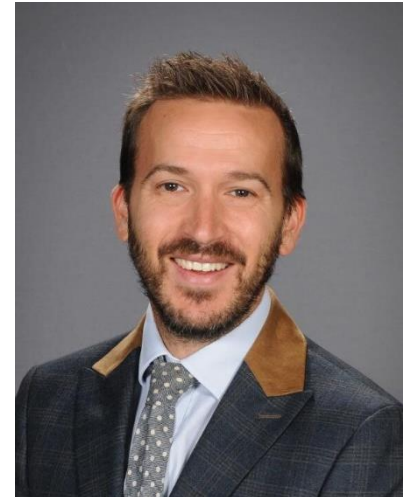




# NEWSLETTER – 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

## MESSAGE FROM MR COOPER, SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD

Fun fact: The D in D-Day stands for “day”. So, it is “Day-Day”. I presumed differently and always thought it was deadline, shortened to D-Day in our collective language and therefore adding to the sense of how we view it in our national story (as opposed to us calling it by the official name of Operation Overlord). D-Day as a phrase and an event has come to represent so much in the UK and beyond.



As an historian I have never been someone who has been hugely interested in military history. Equally I also find the concept of “turning points” in history too simplistic and often find myself looking at the broader sweep of society and events in my interpretations. However, there are some events that hold a certain resonance in how they have been narrated and what position they hold in a given nation’s collective memory. D-Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, is one of those and is often etched in history as a turning point in World War II when Allied forces launched a massive invasion on the beaches of Normandy, France. This event is remembered not only for its military significance but also for the profound ways it has shaped our perception of society and a hook often used in the UK onto which we hang our understanding of national values.

It goes without saying that the remembrance of D-Day serves as a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom and democracy – memorial events this week have shown that sense is very much still central. Over 156,000 Allied troops faced formidable defences and perilous conditions to liberate Europe from Nazi tyranny. Having events such as D-Day anniversary this week are therefore justified because by honouring these individuals, we acknowledge the immense cost of war and the value of the freedoms we often take for granted.

Reflecting on historical events like D-Day also helps us characterize our perception of society by highlighting the principles we hold dear. Some of us might not always like the waving of flags and national pat on the back these reflections can bring. That said it allows us to reflect that the events were the collaboration of people from different nations. Yes, this included the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, but also Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland. This diverse group coming together underscores the importance of unity and cooperation in overcoming great challenges. This collective effort illustrates the power of international solidarity and the positive outcomes that can arise when nations work together towards a common goal.

Some historical events like D-Day, therefore, might deserve status as a turning point. Certainly in the outcome of the war, but also in creating a pivot for the people of that time and beyond to believe in collective responsibility as a way of upholding their values. In the UK, D-Day helps us understand the values that underpin our society: democracy, freedom, respect, tolerance, individual liberty and peace. The anniversary reminds us of the sacrifices made to protect these values and encourages us to consider whether we uphold them in our daily lives, because to do so is a much easier task than that asked of the soldiers who landed in Normandy some 80 years ago.

## P.E.

### **A Week of Dry Weather Boosts Sports Activities**

This week has been fantastic for our athletes, with the dry weather providing perfect conditions for our cricketers, golfers, and tennis players, as well as our year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students.

### **Sports Day Preparations**

Preparations for Sports Day are in full swing. Students have been busy practising their javelin and shot-put techniques.

Stay tuned for more details about Sports Day in next week's newsletter.



### **Tennis Focus on Teamwork**

In tennis, the focus this week has been on teamwork and playing in pairs. Each lesson concluded with an engaging whole-class team game, reinforcing the importance of cooperation and strategy on the court.

### **Athletes of the Week**

Year 7: Ella M  
Year 8: Nikos Z  
Year 9: Leo F and Tyler W

Great dedication and hard work from all students this week! Well done!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE PRACTICE EXPEDITION

22 of our year 9 students are currently taking part in their bronze practice expedition. They arrived safely in the Chilterns yesterday morning. After meeting their instructors and planning their route for the day, they eagerly set off under careful supervision.

Following a day of walking and planning routes for today, the students set up camp, enjoyed an evening meal, and had some social time with their peers before 'lights out.' This morning, they were up early and are now on their way to the finish point.



## SOUTHGATE HOCKEY TRIP - MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

“After we arrived, the first thing that happened is that we were split into five groups before we did the warm up. Next we did some drills in our groups. There was a piggy-in-the-middle type game, a two-vs-two, shuttle runs, going through gates and mini matches. After all groups had completed all the activities, we had lunch – a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a bag of crisps. After lunch, our groups were all split in half again and we did a round robin, everyone playing nine games. We left at three; we were there for four and a half hours. We all had a fantastic time.”

**Oscar R**

“After we arrived at Southgate Hockey Club, we were selected into five groups and did a warm up that consisted of dribbling to the end of a cone and then passing back to the next person and many other fun games. We were there for a long, fun and competitive four and a half hours. We played nine amazing matches. We are really grateful to Mrs Richardson for organising such a fun first day back.”

**Cyrus G**



Goalkeeper Eve H year 9



# MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL PARENT STUDENT GOLF COMPETITION

**THURSDAY 27TH JUNE, TEE OFF FROM 5PM  
£40 PER PLAYING PAIR (9 HOLES EACH, FOOD AND  
DRINK ON ARRIVAL)**

**TO TAKE PART YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE A PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN YOUR CHILD AND YOURSELF.**

**IN YOUR PAIR, YOU WILL BE PLAYING A SHAMBLE FORMAT. THIS  
MEANS BOTH OF YOU WILL TEE OFF, YOU WILL THEN SELECT  
WHICH BALL WAS BETTER AND BOTH PLAY YOUR NEXT SHOT  
FROM THERE. THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ONE BALL HAS BEEN  
PUTTED.**

**THE COMPETITION WILL BE PLAYED OVER 9 HOLES, WITH THE  
WINNING PAIR EARNING A TROPHY AND MEDALS.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW, TO SIGN UP YOUR ADULT AND  
STUDENT PAIR.**

**[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/PDQTAJJHQ3](https://forms.office.com/E/PDQTAJJHQ3)**

**IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE AN ADULT TO  
PLAY WITH, PLEASE EMAIL MR MATHER**



**PTA SUMMER FAIR:  
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 14.15 – 16.15**

Just a quick reminder about the Mount House PTA summer fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June after sports day from 2.15pm. We hope to see you all there. Please bring into reception the following donated items:



- A glass jar filled with sweets - remember no nuts and the sweets should be wrapped. The jar can be as big or as small as you wish and if you'd prefer not to fill the jar with sweets, some small toys or craft items are welcome (although sweets tend to be an easier option).
- A bottle – alcohol of course very welcome, but if you'd prefer a soft drink (for example if your child takes public transport/the school bus to school) then please ensure that the bottle is within date and less than a year old. Equally acceptable are bottles of perfume/aftershave etc or other toiletry items - as long as it's a bottle!
- Any second-hand books which you no longer want to keep.

A WhatsApp has been sent this week with details about how to donate for the class hamper. If you require any further information about this, please contact your class PTA rep.

Thanks for all your help in making this event fun and successful.

If you are unable to donate any of the items listed above but would still like to give something back to the school, you can always donate by using the QR code to pay Mount House PTA securely from your bank.

Thank you.





CHICKENSHEd  
THEATRE CHANGING LIVES

# WONDER WALK



To celebrate our 50th  
anniversary we are excited to  
invite you to join us at our first  
ever **Wonder Walk**,  
taking place on

**Sunday 9 June  
2024**



## Weekly Menu

Week 2

### MENUS NEXT WEEK

#### Monday

**Soup of the day**  
served with freshly baked bread

Honey Glazed Chicken wings  
with  
With Garlic and Herbs

**Vegetarian option**  
Macaroni cheese

**Snack Option**  
Baked Potato  
Or  
Fresh Pasta

**Served With**  
Oven Baked Herb Potatoes  
Roasted Carrots  
peas  
Green Salad

**Dessert**  
Cherry and Bramley pie  
With  
Fresh double Cream

#### Tuesday

**Soup of the day**  
served with freshly baked bread

Turkey Masala with a Rich With  
Coconut Rice, mini coriander  
naan bread and mango chutney

**Vegetarian option**  
Roasted sweet Potato and  
Chickpea Curry

**Snack Option**  
Baked Potato with Various  
Fillings  
Or  
Fresh Pasta

**Served With**  
Roasted Broccoli  
Buttered sweetcorn

**Dessert**  
Poached Pear Crumble  
With Vanilla  
Custard

#### Wednesday

**Soup of the day**  
served with freshly baked bread

**Dish of the day**  
Italian Beef Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread

**Vegetarian option**  
Roasted Vegetable and Puy  
Lentil Lasagne

**Snack Option**  
Baked Potatoes  
Or  
Fresh Pasta

**Served With**  
Sauteed Greens and Kale  
Roasted Fennel Carrots

**Dessert**  
Lemon Sherbet  
Drizzle Cake

#### Thursday

**Soup of the day**  
served  
with freshly baked bread

PUPILS CHOICE

### Themed Day Menu

### Students Choice

#### Friday

**Soup of the day**  
served with freshly baked  
bread

**Dish of the day**  
Breaded cod  
Fillet with Tartar  
Sauce

Or  
Salmon and dill fish cakes  
with tartar sauce and Lemon

**Vegetarian option**  
Vegetable chilli with Rice  
Bowl with melted cheese  
**Vegan Friendly**

**Snack Option**  
Jacket Potatoes  
Or  
Fresh Pasta

**Served With**  
Crispy Spiced hand cut  
Wedges  
Mushy Peas  
**Minted Garden Peas**

**Dessert**  
Blueberry cake

