



Christmas Card Competition Winners

News

Congratulations to our winners :

Sam Year 9

Ramiro Year 9

Emily Year 11

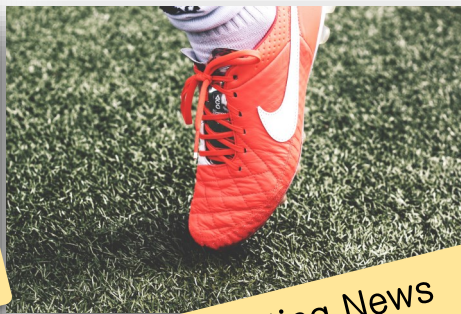
Courtney Year 11



The Challenge was set and Mr Hegarty's GCSE Photography students rose to the challenge. This years school Christmas cards stand out from the crowd and Mr Careless had the difficult job of choosing just four winning images to represent the school's Christmas message. It was a very difficult decision as standards of all entries were incredibly high. Congratulations to all the students that entered an image into the competition and to our four winners, who have received a pack of their winning Christmas cards.



Science is Explosive

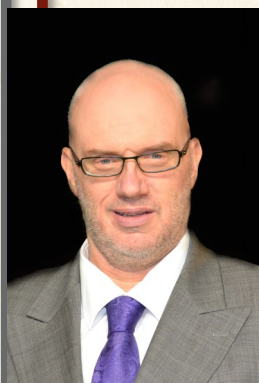


Sporting News



City Snap Shots

Executive Principal: Mr S. Bullen



Dear Parent/Carer

I have enjoyed my first term as Executive Principal working at Montgomery. The school is moving in the right direction under the leadership of Mr Careless, supported by Mr Kilmurray and Mrs Montgomery and, of course, all the staff.

As Executive Principal my job is to support other colleagues and oversee the running of the school. This first term I have been quite visible around school, particularly in the middle of the day. This has allowed me to gain the feel of the school. Next term I will be more strategic in my approach and the students will probably see less of me as my work will look at the overall direction of Montgomery, as we move forward together.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a successful New Year.

Sean Bullen
Executive Principal



Principal: Mr S. Careless

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I write we are starting the 13th week of my first term as Principal of Montgomery High School. I have been delighted with the attitude of the majority of our students, the support of our fantastic staff and the impressive level of parental engagement; Over 250 parents at the year 7 Information Evening was superb!

The excitement is building and auditions have been underway for our school production; Hairspray. Mr Dickson, as always, is looking confident that this will be a performance to savour, coming to us in the New Year.

Montgomery's fine tradition of sporting success continues with many achievements already this year including our Under 16 Girls' Futsal team who won the local Fleetwood Town FC tournament and go on to the next round of the National competition. Our Under 16 Boys' Badminton team would not be outdone, being crowned Blackpool Schools champions and they again go through to the District level. Well done to all our students who have represented the school in sporting teams or have looked to improve themselves by coming to practices.

There have been many improvements to the way we work throughout this term. We continue to embed the new uniform expectations and our students look really smart. Mobile phones are much less of an issue, yet some students still need to take greater responsibility in this area. We have refined our behaviour systems to reduce low-level disruption in classrooms, as learning cannot be disturbed. The school has increased the level of rewards for students working well and attending school, with the introduction of "Feel Good Friday".

Year 11 students recently received their Finals 1 results following two weeks of exams. It is now crystal clear as to what they have to do before the summer. Many students who performed to their potential have earned themselves a well-earned rest over the Christmas break whereas others need to use some of the week after Christmas to do some revision for Finals 2 in February.

Have yourself a merry Christmas and thank you again for your continued support,

Mr Careless



Montgomery "Remembers"



During the week commencing the 7th November Mr Wilkinson, our intrepid History Subject Leader, delivered a series of assemblies about our nation's grateful appreciation of the sacrifice our armed forces have made and still make today to keep our world a safe and peaceful place. This culminated, on Friday 11th November, in the whole school community falling silent for two minutes at 11am, to remember and respect those lost and wounded in conflict around the world, both in years gone by and in current times. As one would expect, the silence was completed immaculately and was followed, in the afternoon, by our annual Remembrance event.

This event was attended by local primary schools, Montgomery students, cadets and members of the local community. It was a fitting tribute to our fallen heroes. With themes covering personal family experiences of conflict and comparisons of two very different Olympic games – Rio 2016 and Berlin 1936. It culminated in a fantastic version of "Bring him home" from Les Misérables and some stark reminders about the pain endured in 1916 at the Battle of the Somme and, one hundred years later, the similar pain and sorrow experienced in 2016, in armed conflicts around the world.

Many thanks to Mr Wilkinson, Miss Jacques and Mr Morton, along with our fantastic singers Cassidy and Eve as well as our many wonderful students and cadets in ensuring that this was an event to be proud of.

Montgomery will "never forget".

Year 12 Certificate Evening **Thursday 24th November**

Like the musical said "Oh what a night". It was fantastic to see many of our former students "all grown up" and back at school to formally collect their GCSE and BTEC certificates. With some of them already driving! They and their family and friends returned for one final time to say thanks and goodbye and collect "those bits of paper" that mean so much and took to attain. As many of them look forward to university and other exciting opportunities, there were many proud members of staff, not least Mr McArdle, their former Progress Manager, knowing that all that time and effort had been well worth it.

There is a saying in teaching that "Young people only come this way once". Last year's Year 11 did just that and many of them made it very worthwhile for all involved.

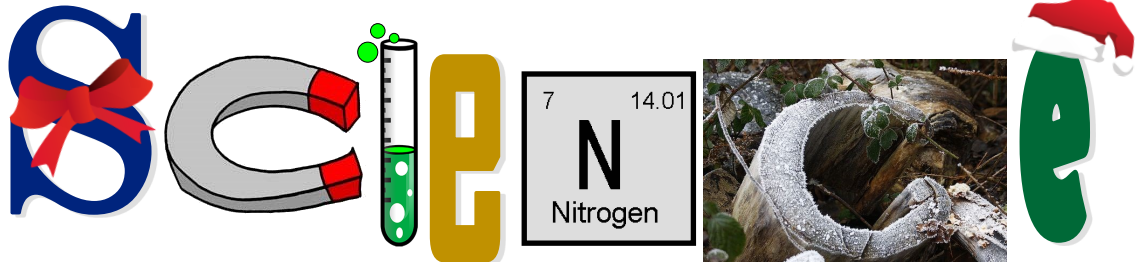
Thank you and good luck to you all.

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The Science department has had a busy, but fantastic autumn term. Our STEM and Science clubs continue to be as popular as ever and our department has recently had state of the art wall graphics installed within the science block. These graphics have been well received by everyone at the school, especially our students, and we hope they can further inspire and motivate our students to be as successful as possible in studying Science here at Montgomery. Here are some of the amazing achievements and events that have been completed this term.



is simmering at Montgomery!



PROFESSOR BRIAN COX

In October, Mr Mathers and Mr Thomson took ten Year 11 and Year 10 students to watch the world's foremost communicator of all things scientific, Professor Brian Cox, live at the Preston Guild Hall. The show took them on a dazzling journey through space and time, freewheeling on the edges of the known cosmos. It tested the limits of their knowledge and simplified highly complex issues, much to the enjoyment and inspiration of those who took part.

LIVE

Year 10 trip to Lancaster University

In November, Mr Jacks organised a brilliant trip for thirty Year 10 students to visit Lancaster University. The students were overwhelmingly positive about the entire experience which increased their understanding of courses available, university costs, sports and society opportunities as well as accommodation. In terms of linking Science at Montgomery to the bigger picture of what is out there for students, this visit was a huge success!



British Schools' Go-Karting Championship 2017

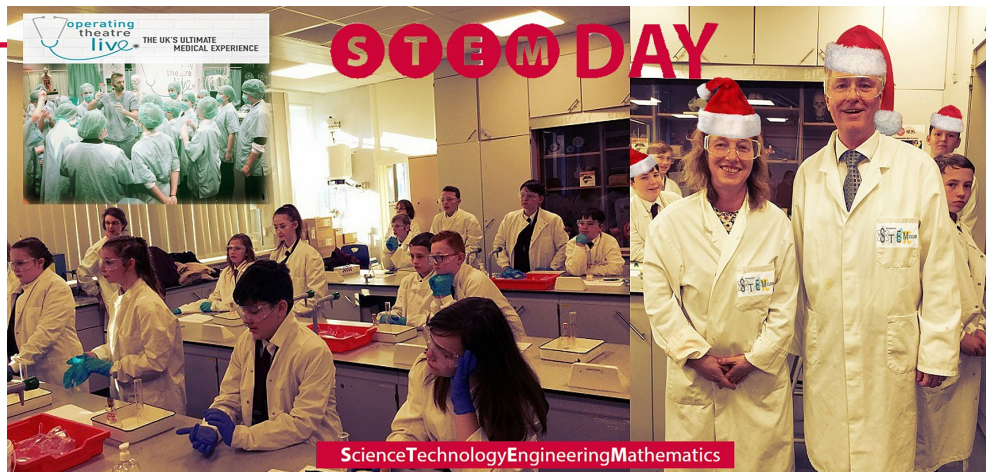
After a fantastic 'Physics of Go-Karting Poster' competition, we have selected two teams of Year 9 students to represent Montgomery at the British Schools' Go-Karting Championships 2017, scheduled to take place in February. This is another brilliant opportunity for our students to compete against other students in different schools, in an activity powered by science and engineering. Will they be fast enough? Find out in the next newsletter...



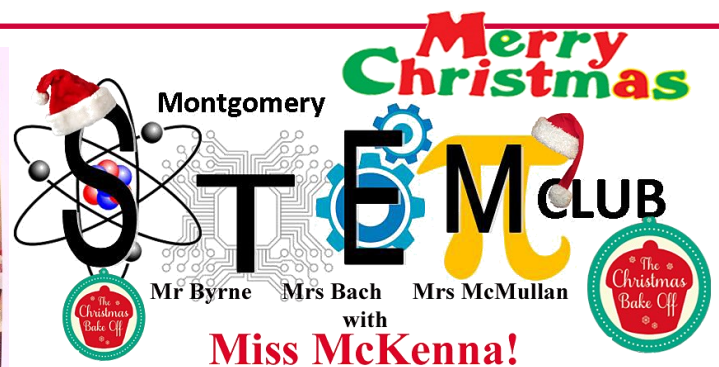
Mr Byrne and Mrs Bach were invited by our Science Department to take 12 Year 8 students to participate in STEM Day at Blackpool & Fylde College. We were extremely well looked after by the college Liaison Officer, John Simpson (I doubt the fact that he is an ex-Montgomery student had anything to do with it!) and student behaviour was exemplary. This is what two of our students wrote about it:

Tegan gave the day 10/10 for how much she learned. This included... 'how to stitch a heart back on, and how the digestive system works.' Did she have a particular memory about the day? 'Yes! When my Air-powered rocket car wouldn't go, then the rocket part blew off, and flew straight into the wall!'

Brodie marked the day 9/10 for enjoyment, and 10/10 for how much he felt he'd learned. Asked what did he had enjoyed most and why? He answered 'The surgery theatre because I had never done it before. Also I really enjoyed cutting up the body parts!'



ScienceTechnologyEngineeringMathematics



STEM Club has continued to thrive in 2016 with new Year 7 students taking the places vacated by Year 11's. This term we have learned how to use Red cabbage as an indicator, how to design, construct and then race Balloon-powered cars, a whole range of practical activities thanks to Ms Healey and her magic boxes, and we finished the year with a STEM Club Christmas Cookie 'Bake off' led by Miss McKenna! We are so grateful to the Leaders and Staff of our Science Department for their unfailing encouragement and support,

Thank you and Merry Xmas 2016!

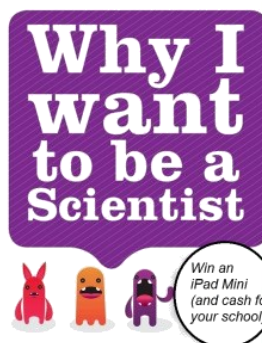
Schools Science Competition

The North West Schools Science Competition is open to all Year 7 and 8 students in North West England, including Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. Contestants have to answer 'Why I want to be a Scientist' in no more than 500 words.

From the hundreds of entries throughout the various counties, Hannah (7B4) was shortlisted in the Year 7 category, along with five other students from Stockport School, Manchester Academy and three from Cheadle Hulme.

At a special presentation evening in the newly opened UTC in Warrington, the candidates made a timed two minute presentation, and then answered questions from a panel of eight judges in front of the audience.

Congratulations to Hannah who was judged runner-up in her category.





Blackpool FC - Enterprise Challenge

What would you do to increase the international fan base and the income streams of Blackpool FC especially from the USA?

This was the challenge thrown down to some of our Year 10 Business students. Working with and organised by Blackpool Football Club Community Trust, 14 students took part in the local heats of a national competition run by the Premier League, with the prize being the opportunity to work with the Blackpool Club to develop their ideas and present them in the regional finals at a Premier League club in Manchester.

Despite difficulties in actually getting to the event when the minibus ran out of diesel in the school car park and the garage door to the other minibus jammed, we eventually arrived and immersed ourselves in the task. Two hours to get the presentation together. Competitions, live streaming of matches, women's football, soccer camps – the creative juices were flowing – students working through lunch – final deadline approaches. Great presentations were made by all the teams involved; they all worked well together with the spirit of competition coming through from all. The judges had a hard job deciding on the winning presentations' as there were a number of great ideas from the teams taking part. Drum roll please? A team from Montgomery won the heat!! The team comprised of Mia, Lucy, Lois, Connor and Callum. Congratulations to all taking part. Manchester here we come!!



HOMEWORK

Geography Challenge

Congratulations to Antonia, of Year 8, who recently won an awesome prize for her entry into a Year 8 geography homework challenge run by Miss Skiffington. All students in 8B3 were invited to submit an urban redevelopment plan for an area of the Chinese city of Shanghai which suffers from many urban problems such as; overcrowding, congestion, inadequate sanitation and air pollution. Antonia's paper plans and urban model addressed the problem of the extremely poor housing conditions in the city for the vast majority of its working citizens. Fabulous idea and effort and a well-deserved recipient of the prize.



hairspray 2017 School Production

Drama! What would we do without our hair products? Well, the answer to that would be a resounding "we can't live without them." If the turn out for Hairspray auditions this term is anything to go by. Mr Dickson confirmed that it was "the biggest turn out ever" for an audition.

"Almost 100 students attended and impressed at a workshop in acting, singing and dance. This year's show, Hairspray, will be a huge show with a cast that includes students from all year groups and is sure to have people dancing in the aisles. The show will run during the last week of the Spring term, right before the Easter holiday, so be sure to get your tickets well in advance. For those not wishing to take part in a full musical extravaganza, school will be hosting a 'Montgomery's Got Talent' showcase, highlighting all types of acts, to be judged by a special judging panel.



Christmas e-Safety

During the Festive Season many children and young People will receive gifts of smartphones, games consoles and tablets. The UK Safer Internet Centre has issued the following advice for parents.

Ask the right questions. Use the shopper's checklist from the UK Safer Internet Centre to help you ask the right questions when buying technology this Christmas. Topics include apps, communication and costs.

Set up parental controls. Most devices will have parental control tools that can help you, for example by preventing in-app purchases so you don't get any shock bills. You can see more detailed guidance about how to set up parental controls at the UK Safer Internet Centre website:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents

Have a conversation. Chat to your children about in-app purchases and other costs that can be incurred when using a device and encourage them to 'think before you click'. It can be helpful to agree spending limits and make sure they know they can turn to you for advice or if they accidentally make a purchase. Use the conversation starters from the UK Safer Internet Centre to talk to your child about staying safe online on an ongoing basis.

Enjoy the technology together. Make sure you know what functions the device has perhaps they can show you their favourite app, or you can play a game together? It may be helpful to be involved when your child downloads an app, so you can review whether it is paid-for or if it has in-app purchases. By staying engaged you can also be there to remind them about the importance of staying safe, and they'll know they can turn to you if anything worries them.

www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/new-devices-for-christmas



Montgomery High School

Doodlebug Club

You may be wondering why the Doodlebug Club? Well, if you are an enthusiastic historian you will more than likely be aware that a doodlebug was the V-1 missile or **V-1 flying bomb** (German: Vergeltungswaffe 1 "Vengeance Weapon 1") a sinister precursor of the drone weapons used in modern warfare today. It was known to the Allies as the buzz **bomb**, or **doodlebug** because of the noise it made as it was flying through the air towards its intended target. Very scary indeed.

History have started this new afterschool club and, currently, it is for Year 7 students and it meets every Thursday at 3.15pm.

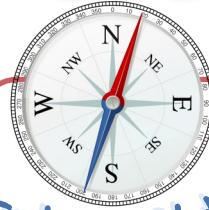
Activities include learning about the causes of World War 1, quizzes and building 3D models of planes and tanks of the era.

So far, we have looked at how World War 1 started and who the main antagonists were and, after the Christmas holiday, we will be looking forward to making models to depict the machinery used in many of the World War 1 battles.

Later, in the academic year, we will be looking at how World War 2 started and some of our activities will include quizzes, watching daring battles and creating 3D models of the weapons used throughout the this war.



School CLUBS



Explorers Club

"Do we get to go on school trips?!" was the first question asked by the ambitious Year 8 students who started an Explorers Club this half term. The intrepid group, who are aspiring globetrotters, have spent Friday afternoons in the Humanities Block, finding out more about the most fantastic places on the planet. The hugely popular BBC series 'Planet Earth II' has been a regular feature at the club; the escape of a baby iguana from the grip of hungry racer snakes being a real highlight! Explorers Club is anticipating its first guest speaker on 16th December, as ex-Montgomery student and now global expedition leader visits the school, which is sure to be a great afternoon. The club is gaining new members all the time, so if you are a Key Stage 3 student at school then 'make a trip' to M8 on Friday afternoons and give Explorers Club a go!



Declan, Maddie, Jason, Jack, Harry, Brandon, Kasey, Chloe

? QUIZ ? ? Club

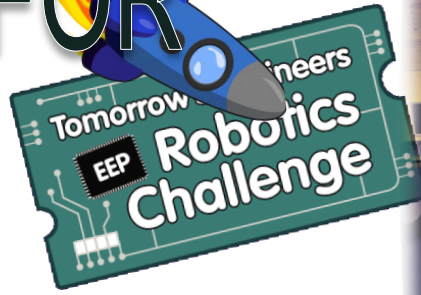
Quiz Club is an extracurricular event that takes place in the student support centre and runs every Tuesday after school!

Miss Brooks and Mrs Davies have been running the club in order to help students to make friends, develop confidence and even learn a few new things!

Each week we choose a different quiz subject, such as; maths, music, entertainment and others, the students decide which theme they would like between them for the following weeks quiz.

? The students have really enjoyed being part of a group, the competition and meeting new friends, either that or they have enjoyed the free juice and biscuits ?

PREPARE FOR LAUNCH!



Future space engineers from Year 7 and 8 will be selected for a national robotics challenge with Year 9's acting as peer mentors. Thanks to Mr Byrne's application, we were chosen from 196 schools across the country to take part in the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge - an exciting national robotics challenge that will see our students involved in 'Space missions.' Montgomery has received free LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education EV3 STEM resources worth £2,000. Our student teams will learn how to build, program and control these autonomous LEGO robots to complete a series of short, exciting space missions, demonstrating the skills they've learned at challenge events held around the country. They will also research, design, plan and present their own solution to a contemporary scientific problem - developed by LEGO Education with NASA.



Mr Byrne and Miss Greenwood welcome our STEM Ambassador, Paul Unsworth. Paul will be supporting us between now and the regional events in February/March 2017.



Mr Byrne runs our Anime & Manga club and the Club President is Lee-Mei (Yr 10).

This is the place where, in the words of Yr 7 student Jenny, she can 'Speak about what I've watched, and express myself, and my love for Anime.' During any given session, you might find students, drawing characters, making Pokemon Cards, watching and discussing Anime, writing stories, or like Daisy, Niamh and Valentin playing the card game, Magic: The Gathering.

Our winter club competition is a Christmas short story where students will work in pairs; one as writer, and the other as illustrator. Stories will be judged by previous club managers, Mr Quinn and Miss Morgan, and the prize will be two £10 Amazon vouchers.

Callum gives the club 11/10 and describes it as 'Just a nice place to hang out with other Anime lovers like my friend, Alex.'



Sporting Successes

So far this year all our badminton teams have been successful in winning the Blackpool Schools' Badminton Competitions held on a weekly basis throughout the Autumn term, beating St George's, St Mary's and Highfield convincingly. All teams will now go on to represent Blackpool at the Lancashire Schools' Badminton Competition held later in the academic year.

The U16 Girls' are to compete in their competition on Tuesday 13th December, let's hope it is 4 wins out of 4.



U16 Boys' Badminton team:
Matthew, Joel, Sam,

U14 Boys' Badminton team:
Will, Cam, Ellis, Jamie

U14 Girls' Badminton team:
Ella, Maddie, Mia, Charlie

Shuttling along!



The Year 10 & 11 Girls' futsal team participated in the Fleetwood Town FC futsal tournament on Thursday 1st December, participating against Baines and Millfield. The girls played Millfield in their first match drawing 2-2 but from then on they could not stop scoring, with goals coming from each outfield player and Lucy stopping the shots from the opposition.

The girls won the Fleetwood Town FC futsal tournament and will now represent the football club at the regional stages of the competition.

The team are: Ellie, Taylor, Ellie, Hannah, Caitlin, Isima, Lucy

Results Table



28.11.2016 - 02.12.2016

05.12.2016 - 09.12.2016

Tuesday 29th November: Montgomery Runners Up
U16 Boys' Fleetwood Town FC Futsal Tournament
Jordan, Jordan, Louis, Kyle, Tom, Niall

Tuesday 6th December: Montgomery Win
U14 Boys' Lancashire Cup beat All Hallows 8-0:
Jamie, Joe, Jamie, Liam, Ellis, Nathan, Cam, Liam, Jake, Nico, Joe, Will, Adam, CJ

Tuesday 29th November: Montgomery Win
Year 10 netball team beat St Mary's, 6-0:
Caitlin, Lois, Rebecca, Eve, Skylah, Isobel, Holly, Isima

Thursday 8th December: Montgomery Runners Up
U16 Boys' Blackpool FC Futsal Tournament
Louis, Jordan, Kyle, Tom, Jordan, Harrison

Tuesday 29th November: Montgomery Win
Year 11 netball team beat St Mary's, 6-2:
Taylor, Georgia, Alisha, Chelsea, Ellie, Daisy, Kelsey

Thursday 8th December: Montgomery Win
Year 11 netball team beat St George's, 8-4:
Taylor, Natasha, Alisha, Chelsea, Ellie, Kelsey

Tuesday 29th November:
U16 Boys' Fleetwood Town FC Futsal Tournament
Harrison, Matty, Sam, Oliver, Lewis, Evan, Mitchell

Thursday 8th December:
Montgomery Runners up
U16 Girls' Blackpool FC Futsal Tournament
Ellie, Caitlin, Hannah, Isima, Alicia
Although the team were runners up in this event they will still represent Fleetwood Town FC at the next stage of the U16 Girls' Futsal Competition which is a nationwide

We entered a Year 10 team into this tournament who competed against Year 11 teams from other schools and they played exceptionally well



The annual Blackpool Dance Festival was held on Thursday 24th November with over 20 schools participating at the Winter Gardens. The theme this year was the 90's decade and after much research and deliberation we decided on 'The Rhythm of the Night'. Victoria and Ellie worked tirelessly choreographing and teaching the students the dance, rehearsing every Friday in the build up to the event.

The students were a credit to school, performing an aesthetically pleasing and upbeat performance which received so many positive comments from the audience, including staff and students from other participating schools.

The students who participated were: *Ellie, Victoria, Louise, Charlotte, Ashleigh, Ashley, Karis, Holly, Rebecca, Sophie, Abigail, Elizabeth, Jake, Libby, Emily, Kacey, Bethany, Cristele, Kaya, Tor, Tegan, Hope, Charlotte, Mia, Olivia, Annie, Cleo, Bethanie.*

NEWS

from the new Student Support Centre!

Mrs Campbell, Head of our PE Department invited us on two trips this term.



One was **Sportsability Day** at Blackpool 6th Form College. Mr Byrne and Miss Schofield took ten students to learn how to play seated volleyball against other schools. We were also involved in a fencing session and tutored by Justine Moore (Below Left) a member of the 2012 and 2016 Paralympics Team GB.

Our second trip was also to Blackpool 6th Form. We competed against High Furlong (A&B Teams) and St Mary's to represent Blackpool at the Lancashire Boccia Championships in Blackburn in January!



Thursday 8th December:

Year 10 netball team lost against St George's: 12-8

Holly, Lois, Gracie, Rebecca, Eve, Emily, Skylah



PAUSE

- Punctuality
Be where you need to be on time
- Attendance
Be there to do your best
- Uniform
Wear it with pride "Look the part/ Play the part"
- Safe / Sensible
Think about how your decisions & behaviour affects others & yourself
- Exam Success
Gives you the stepping stones for the next stage of your life

A Snapshot of City Life!



Year 11 students visited Blackpool by night this term; the aim of the visit was to practise using different shutter speeds, a skill they need to develop in order to meet the requirements of their coursework. Students were invited on the evening trip to capture light trails and the bright lights of Blackpool during the illumination period. Students photographed lights of cars from the safety of the motorway bridge and also visited various locations around Blackpool to practise with their shutters, including the world's largest glitter ball. They also photographed the illuminated trams, central pier and the Ferris wheel, which lights up and rotates during the illumination season.



Year 11 students also visited Manchester this term in order to build upon their coursework portfolio. Students visited John Ryland's library, China Town and the Christmas markets.

Students were required to use the opportunity to practise a range of camera settings from shutter speed and capturing movement of traffic and people in the city, to capturing different landmarks and the diversity of architecture within the city.

Students also visited the G-Mex, where a UCAS event was being held. This is where universities from all over the United Kingdom came and exhibit their creative courses so students can discuss opportunities and career paths to consider after they have completed their GCSEs and further education at 6th form or college courses.

What a great opportunity provided by Mr Hegarty. A fantastic day was had by all!

DREAM JAR COMPETITION

ROALD
DAHL
100

In honour of the "glorumptious" man himself, the English Curriculum Area celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th birthday with their very own Dream Jar Competition. Inspired by the author's own magical literary creation, and following in the footsteps of London's Dream Jar Trail, students were asked to create a representation of their most magical dreams- or as the jumbly, BFG would call them- their Golden Fizzwizards.



The jars could be drawn, painted, digitally designed, modelled or even sculpted and Miss Morgan's room was soon resplendent with jar after jar of whoopsy, whiffling, delumptious creations! A treat for any viewer, the entries provided a kaleidoscope of different worlds and imaginations. One jar plunged its viewer deep into the beautiful briny sea, as you witnessed all manner of sea creatures float by; another invited you into a white-knuckle ride theme park, which would put Alton Towers to shame.

After long deliberation, and much excitement amongst the curriculum area, we finally came to a decision as to which of the excellent entries would be crowned the winner. Commendations must go to Karen, who won third prize with her delightful underwater creation and second prize winner Leon with his outstanding, Star Wars inspired rocket jar. However the first prize had to go to Brodie of year 8, whose whizz-popping dream jar was formed in the shape of a castle turret and illuminated through its multiple windows. The true magic of his creation was to be found within, when the castle opened up to reveal a series of jars, each symbolising a different hope and dream. A truly swashboggling effort: Roald Dahl would have been proud!



£5

Challenge

Our Year 9 Business classes are working with the Blackpool FC Community Trust as part of the Premier League Enterprise Academy on the £5 challenge. This is a competition open to all schools across England and our winners have the chance to represent Blackpool at a national level.

The £5 challenge rules are as follows -

Working in pairs

- Create a realistic business to turnover profit with investment of £5
- Cannot spend more than £5 on materials, resources, equipment and advertising (excluding re-investment)
- Not allowed donations from friends or family members however sponsorships are allowed
- You have FIVE SCHOOL DAYS

You **MUST** repay the initial investment

So far we have had some excellent ideas but as the competition is still underway we are giving nothing away. Watch out Sir Alan!"

**Montgomery High School Academy
Presents**

hairspray

**A must
see
production**



**Tickets
on Sale
in the
Spring
Term**

Ambition Points

Have you given 100% every lesson, every day?

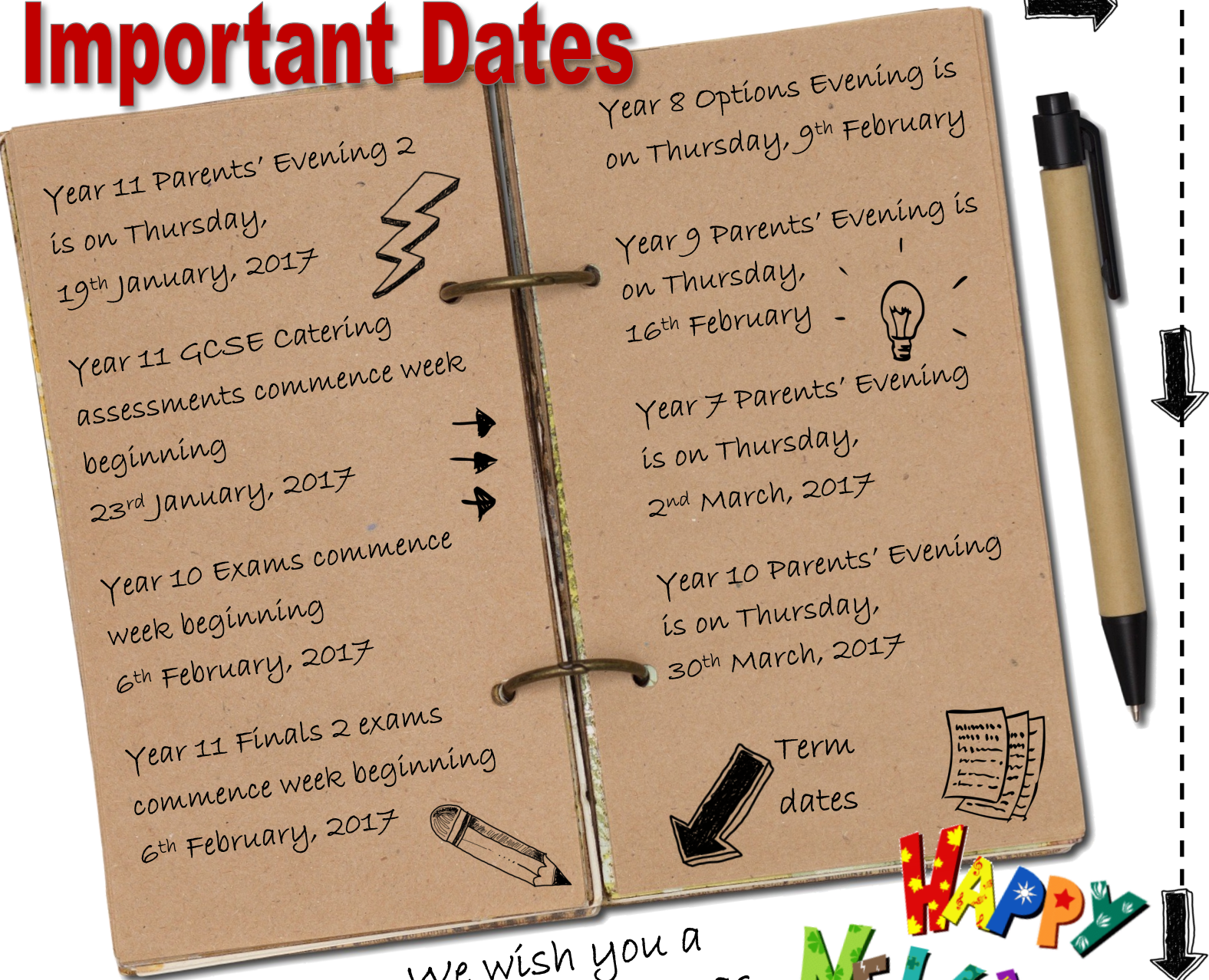
- A** - Attendance
- M** - Montgomery Way
- B** - Bonus Points
- I** - Involvement In Extra Curricular
- T** - Tutor Checks
- I** - Involvement: Charity Events
- O** - Outstanding
- N** - Next Steps

Recent Themes in Assemblies

Pride
Resilience
Progress
Integrity
House colours
Toot Toot

Keep up to date with events by visiting the school website www.montgomeryschool.co.uk

Important Dates



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dates for your diary

Spring 2017 Term

Monday	9 th January	School Opens
Monday	20 th February	Half Term
Friday	24 th February	Closure (inclusive)
Friday	7 th April	School Closes

Summer 2017 Term

Monday	24 th April	School Opens
Monday	1 st May	May Day Closure
Monday	29 th May	Half Term
Friday	2 nd June	Closure (inclusive)
Friday	25 th July	School Closes