

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our whole school community for their invaluable support and hard work throughout this academic year.

As can be seen from this newsletter, this term has been an extremely busy one. Our Year 11's and Year 13's have been kept busy whilst working towards their final exams. Our Year 6's have taken part in transition days, transition evenings and sessions in preparation for Year 7.

As you would expect, our focus is now shifting from getting to the end of this academic year to focussing on the next.

We have now set our Inset days for the next academic year to be as follows:

Inset Day 1	Monday 4th September 2023
Inset Day 2	Friday 22nd December 2023
Inset Day 3	Monday 8th January 2024
Inset Day 4	Friday 21st June 2024
Inset Day 5	Monday 24th June 2024

The new school year will begin on Tuesday 5th September 2023 for students in Year 7 and Year 12. For all other students in Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11, school will begin on Wednesday 6th September 2023 and Year 13 students will return on Thursday 7th September 2023.

All students should arrive on site for no later than 8:20am. The school day for all students for the new academic year will begin at 8:25am prompt and finish at 2:55pm. We ask that all students enter and leave via the Sports Hall gates. Could we please remind parents that parking is limited close to the school site and we would therefore ask that you park a short distance away from the entrance to allow students to leave safely.

With regards to staffing, we wish:

- Mr Foort (Teacher of English), Mr Iddon (Teacher of Maths), Mrs Lane (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Ward (Teaching Assistant), all the best for their retirements;
- Mr Heading (2nd in Science) all the best in his new ventures;
- Mr Bououd (Teacher of Spanish), Mrs Davies (Teacher of Maths), Mrs Forde (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Green (Teaching Assistant), Miss McGrory (Teacher of Technology), Ms Reinton (Teacher of Science), Mr Stoltz (Caretaker) and Mrs Wilson (Cover Supervisor) all the best in their new posts;
- Mrs Watson (Midday Supervisor) a speedy recovery;
- Mrs Doyle (Teacher of English), Miss Harding (Teacher of the Deaf) and Mrs Sanders (Teacher of Science) all the best for their Maternity Leaves.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a good summer and we look forward to continuing to work with you all in the new academic year.

Mrs Hatto Head Teacher

## Post-16 news

### Year 12 induction

We are really pleased that so many of our Year 11 students are staying with us next year. Not only will they have the benefit of some new courses on offer such as Business Studies, we are also really excited about the developments to our Post-16 centre. Finally we are able to make the Post-16 centre a totally separate space, including a large outside area. We can't wait for our students to make it their own. We have changed our transition to Post-16 this year and after welcoming students back in April, we later allowed students to meet their teachers and to find out from previous students what they need to do to prepare themselves for their upcoming studies. When we return in September, Year 12 students will have two induction days to help prepare them for the rigours of Post-16 education and make sure they are settled in well. The head and deputy of Post-16 will be around on GCSE results day if students have any worries about their options or getting started.

### Year 13 leavers

Year 13 students have now finished their journey with us, having successfully completed what, for most of them, were their first formal exams. It may have been stressful for the students but they handled themselves fantastically and we're looking forward with everything crossed to the results in the summer. Our students will go on to study subjects as varied as history, policing and radiography. Well done too to our ex-students who, after gap years, are heading off to study pharmacy, psychology and physics.

We had a lovely evening at Cosmo in Derby celebrating the end of our students' Year 13 journey.





## Post-16 news continued

### London trip

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 were lucky enough to be able to come on our annual trip to London. Slight changes to last year allowed us to spend more time seeing the sights - from Buckingham Palace to the London Eye as well as time in the all-important shops on Oxford Street. Next year we are hoping to run two separate London trips - one to see the Houses of Parliament and find out more about how it runs and another to see more of the sights - watch this space.

One of the most important parts of Post-16 education is finding out more about the world and planning for the future. We have one more university trip this year, to Coventry University but next year we are really ramping up our trips and visits. Starting with Coventry University in September we have planned visits to Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Derby and York St John universities as well as more social trips such as a visit to the Christmas market in Nottingham and some rewards trips to, hopefully, the cinema and bowling. We'd love ideas from our students for more trips and visits and one of the first jobs of the Post-16 council will be working on these.

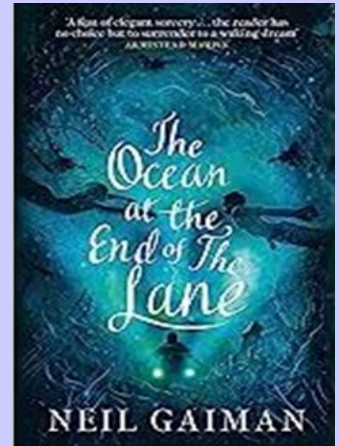


## Theatre trip

On Thursday 8th June, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students had the opportunity to go to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham to see 'The Ocean at the End of the Lane'.

This is a book by author Neil Gaiman which is read during DEAL time and so it was an amazing experience to see it being brought to life in such a spectacular way.

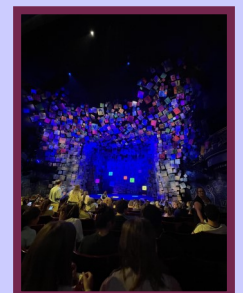
The production was a thrilling adventure of fantasy, myth and friendship which took our students on an epic journey to a childhood once forgotten and the darkness that lurks at the very edge of it. It was captivating; full of special effects, some of which were mind boggling! There was also a fabulous performance by EastEnders star Charlie Brooks who was particularly creepy! It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



## English trip to London

In July, forty-four Year 7 students went an amazing trip to London run by the English department. Students visited The Globe Theatre to see where Shakespeare's plays were first performed and enjoyed a drama workshop in the rehearsal spaces used by those performing at The Globe on that day. They also got to enjoy a buffet tea at Pizza Hut followed by a brilliant performance of Matilda in the West End.

The following day, students visited the Harry Potter Studio Tour where they learned all about the processes that go into making a film and then got to see some of the real life film sets. A fantastic time was had by all.





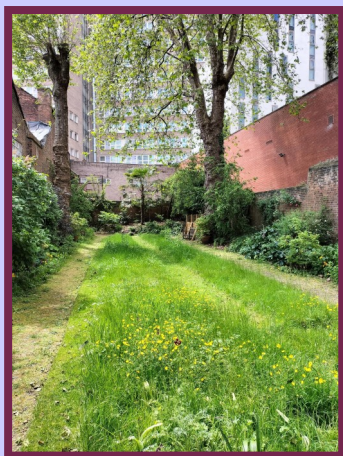
## Nottingham literary walking tour

On Friday 26th May, a merry band of Year 10 students were taken on a literary walking tour of Nottingham.

Our guide for this adventure was Matt Turpin - communications manager for Nottingham City of Literature. Nottingham is one of a select group of cities awarded this honour worldwide. Find out more information here: <https://www.citiesoflit.com/>

It was a fascinating tour and students and staff were taken to many secretive spots they had walked past many times before without realising their importance. Bromley House Library for instance - an incredible oasis for readers in the heart of the city. Or Five Leaves Bookshop - an independent and eclectic selection of books hidden just off the Market Square.

Our students were inspired by this enriching experience!



## Library news

### Book club

Our book club has been meeting once a fortnight, reviewing and discussing the nominated books from this year's Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2023 Shortlist. The diverse range of books has taken our readers away from their usual reading comfort zones as they have discovered stories including a rewriting of the Medusa myth; an exploration of life in a small Welsh village following a worldwide catastrophe and a thriller based closely on the real events of the Romanian Revolution of 1989. Students read the shortlisted books and discussed with group members what they liked or disliked about the texts and had the opportunity to post reviews on the Carnegie Shadowing site; a website specifically set up for schools to get involved in the event. Our favourites were: *The Eternal Life of Clara Hart* by Louise Finch and *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys. All of the books on the shortlist will be available in the school library for students to enjoy in September.



The shortlisted books for the Yoto Carnegie Award for Writing 2023

### Author's Aloud webinar with Tamsin Winter

Some of our Year 8 students were lucky to take part in a live virtual webinar with award winning author Tamsin Winter to celebrate the publication of her brilliant new novel *Bad Influence*. She discussed the inspiration behind her award-winning books; her journey to becoming an author as well as themes she writes about that are part of young people's lives today: bullying, self-esteem, and the double-edged power of social media. Students left feeling informed, empowered, inspired and best of all, keen to get reading! A copy of *Bad Influence* is available in the library.



Author Tamsin Winter with a copy of her latest novel *Bad Influence*.



## Library news continued

### Bookmark competition

Students were invited to design and create their own bookmarks on the theme of books and reading. We had some amazing entries and choosing a winner was really difficult. The three winning designs won a prize and will have their bookmarks printed to be given out in the library. Congratulations to the winners: Cora K, Sydney R and Kelan. The runners-up were: Connie C, May L, Lucy B and Katie C.



Winning bookmarks



Runners up

### Accelerated Reader News

June's Star Readers - the Word-Millionaire Club.

The following students deserve our congratulations for reaching some mighty reading milestones this term. A huge well done to Ethan S, Ollie L and Grace C who all became Word Millionaires, and to Cole H, Dominic T, Charity C and Abby S who have read well over 750,000 words this year.

And finally, congratulations to our 'Get Caught Reading' winner, Valerie N.



## Natural History Museum trip

An amazing group of Year 10 students visited The Natural History Museum in London.

This museum exhibits a vast range of specimens from various segments of natural history. With the services stops at McDonalds and the good few hours they had to explore, our students all well and truly enjoyed their day.





## Sports news

We participated in a fantastic meet up at the start of July with the other Embark secondary schools at Eastwood Town. The event was run by Elite Football Development.

The Year 7 and Year 8 students firstly did a carousel of activities, then went into a school versus school set of mini games. Both teams performed very well showing excellent teamwork and great behaviour throughout. The girls' team really impressed us and others from Elite Football. Well done.



We were very proud of our students in June at the District Athletics 2023 event, their effort and behaviour was exceptional.

We had some fantastic and noticeable performances so special mentions go to Erin B, what a fantastic day she had: 1st in the 200m and 1st in the long jump. Archie T came 3rd in the long jump, Jack F came 3rd in the 200m and Layla S came 3rd in the 800m. Well done to all who took part.

Also in June we said a massive well done to some of our Year 7 students who competed in an athletics competition. Students did a range of different events with Belper, Heanor Gate and Ecclesbourne schools and gained great experience for future competitions. There was no winner or loser on the night but they all did extremely well.

Back in May 2023 our Key Stage 3 girls had a football fixture at Aldercar High School. They all played extremely well and represented the school superbly.

Results:

Aldercar High School 3- 0 Ripley Academy

Aldercar High School 2- 0 Heanor Gate Academy

Aldercar High School 0-3 John Flamsteed

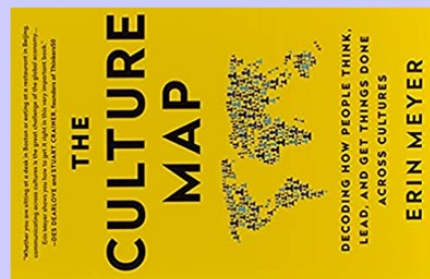
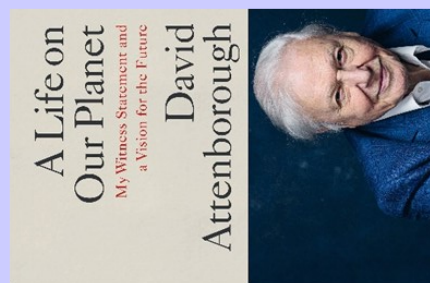
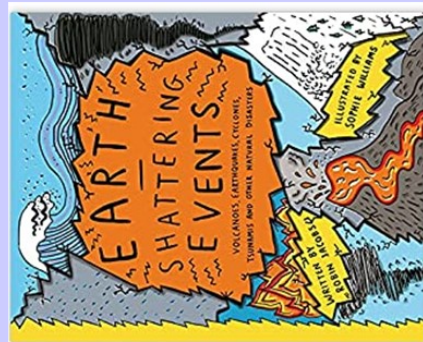
This was a tournament which ran over two evenings. On the last evening the girls came second overall, even though we didn't attend the first fixture! Well done.

# Geography enhancement for GCSE

## Exploring Further: GCSE

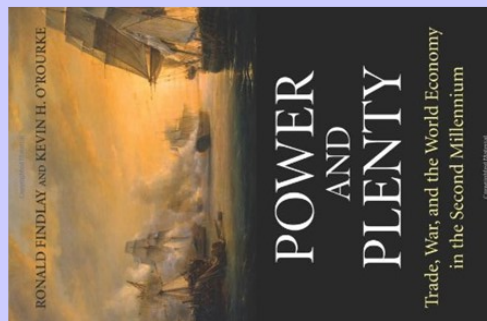
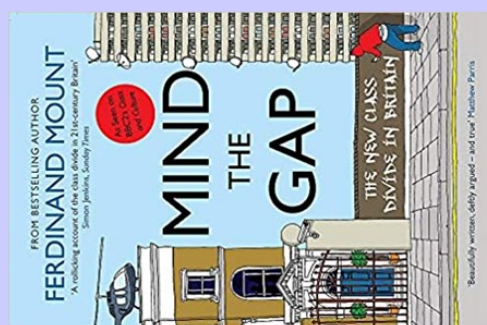
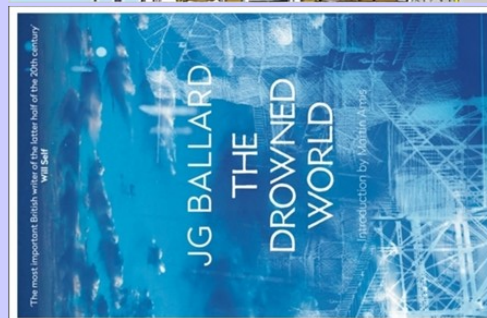
Below are some suggestions to enhance your understanding of topics we are studying in Geography this year for passionate geographers to enjoy.

### Scholarship and Fiction



### TV & Film

- Colliding Continents: A geological exploration (youtube)
- Kevin McCloud: Slumming It (youtube)
- David Attenborough: Dynasties (BBC Iplayer)
- David Attenborough: Frozen Planet (BBC Iplayer)
- David Attenborough: A Life On Our Planet (Netflix)
- Katrina, The New Orleans Nightmare (youtube)
- Earth's Greatest Rivers (BBC Iplayer)



### Podcasts

- [Disaster Zone](#)  
Eric Holdeman, Center for Regional Disaster Resilience
- Natures Backlash  
Cary Institute
- The Energy Podcast  
Shell.com



# History enhancement for Years 9, 10 and 11 students

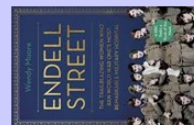
## Digging Deeper: Year 9, 10 and 11

Below are some suggestions to enhance your understanding of topics we are studying in history this year for passionate historians to enjoy.

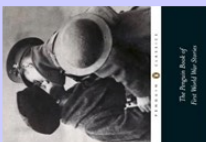
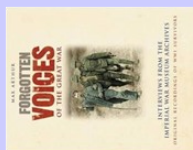
### Scholarship and Fiction



#### Medicine Through Time:



#### WWI:



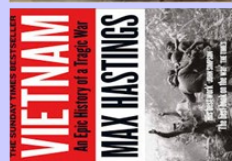
#### Cold War:



#### Civil Rights:



#### Vietnam:



### TV & Film



- 13 days
- Bridge of Spies
- The Help
- Pus, blood and Poison – BBC documentary
- The Trial of the Chicago 7
- Mississippi Burning
- Selma
- The Butler
- War horse
- 1917
- We We're Soldiers
- Full Metal Jacket

### Podcasts



- Homeschool History by Greg Jenner – look for the episodes on Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale, The Space Race
- History Extra Podcast – The Cold War: Everything you wanted to know. The war America could never win, opposition to the Vietnam War

## Awards celebration evenings

Each of the four Houses had its own celebration evening this year, with lots of awards given out including subject awards, attendance awards, accelerated reader awards, community awards, resilience awards, prefect awards and Head Teacher awards. Well done to all of the students who received an award. Keep up the hard work.



## Year 9 intervention

Derby County Football Club, with the Premier League Inspires Project, have been running an intervention session with a group of Year 9 girls. The aim of this is to realise and fulfil our students' potential in school and developing an ability to be work ready and acquire the skills which will be needed in the work place.

Our students have had a great time and are ready to cheer on our Lionesses at the World Cup!

@PLcommunities

#PLInspires"





## Golden Ticket reward trip

The Golden Ticket rewards day was a complete success. Students in Years 7-10 enjoyed a day of crazy golf at Ramsdale Golf Club. A slight bit of rain was not enough to dampen the spirits and stop our amazing students enjoying 18 holes on the pirate-themed course.

Lunch was enjoyed in the course view suite, with amazing views of the course and surrounding areas, finishing off with the students playing heads or tails for the chance to win prizes.

This was just another one of Aldercar High School's Golden Ticket Events with more planned for next year.





## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

On 6th July, seventeen Year 9 students did a practice walk ready for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. They walked almost 8 miles on the way to Codnor Park reservoir and back.

They have since done their qualifier expedition on 7th and 8th July between Middleton Top and Birchover in Derbyshire. This was a great weekend and an enriching experience for our students.

Any current Year 8 students who are interested in doing the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award should look out for the information assembly early on in Year 9.





## Thackeray Medical Museum and Royal Armouries visit

On Friday 16th June, 44 Year 10 students visited the Thackeray Medical Museum and the Royal Armouries in Leeds. This trip offered pupils the opportunity to revisit the Medicine Through Time unit of work in preparation for their mock exams.





## Premier League Inspires Challenge

Congratulations to Harvey, Dylan, Kieran and Jake, who were treated to a VIP day out at Aston Villa Football Club to celebrate the students winning the Premier League Inspires Challenge Event. They also had a chance to see other football clubs' winning projects from around the country.

This is what the students had to say:

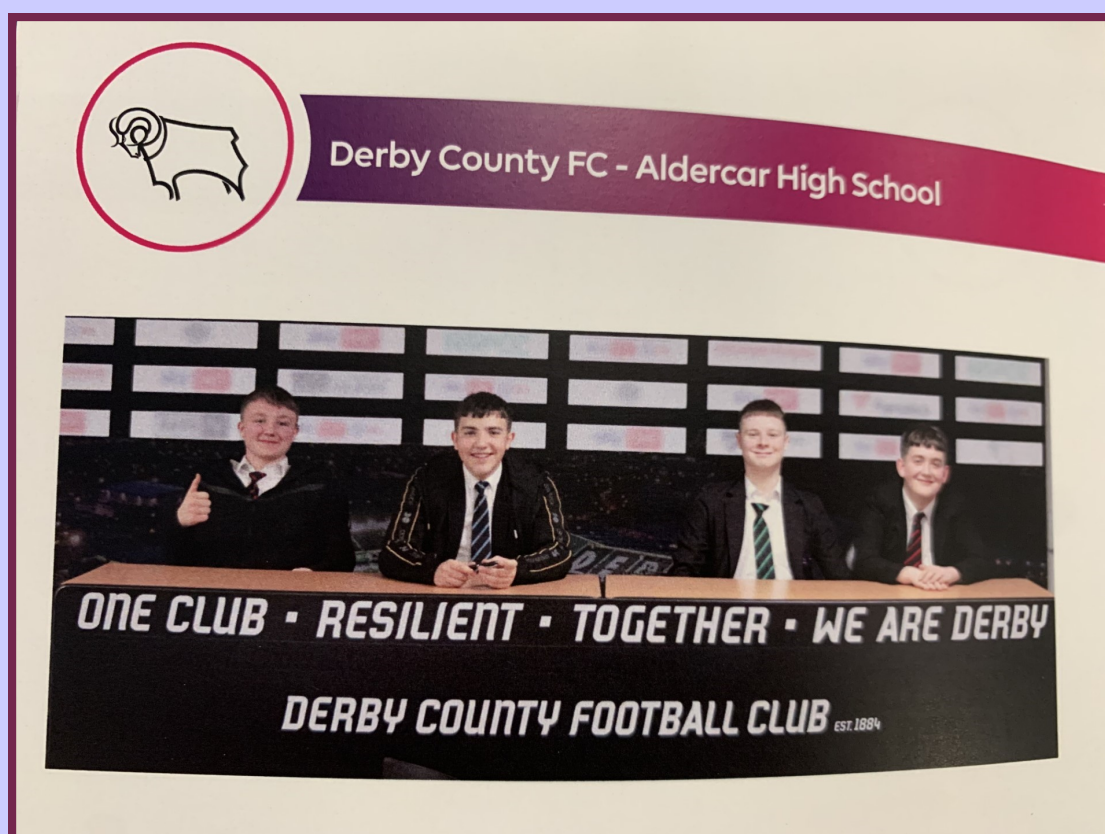
*"Our project idea is to recycle plastic bottles to make bird feeders and reduce plastic waste in our school.*

*To do this, we will do a bottle collection at our school and raise awareness of recycling, as our school doesn't have recycling bins. We will also develop and run workshops and assemblies for infant and junior schools to help spread awareness of the importance of recycling and the impact on our environment,*

*Our school will benefit by becoming more aware of recycling and having the correct bins for plastic bottles, as there is currently a lack of recycling bins in our school.*

*We also had the idea of supporting other young people because we didn't have that when we were their age, so we will go to the local school where we will support a number of younger children by improving their knowledge and awareness of recycling and the environment.*

*Our intended impact will be to make younger children more aware of recycling and try and reduce landfill waste or at least reduce the amount of rubbish our school throws away."*





## Animal care after school club

As the academic year draws to a close, we had the last meeting of the animal care club. Mrs Spray would like to thank all students who attended. To end the club for the year, the students were treated to spending some time with Mrs Spray's pet tortoise. They were able to exercise, handle and bathe her. It was a lovely experience for our students. Keep an eye out for the dates we will be meeting next academic year and come along!

From September 2023 Aldercar High School will be running Level 2 BTEC Technical Diploma in Animal Care for Year 10 and Year 11 students.

We would appreciate any donations to help us as we get the course started. Items we need include harnesses, leads, water bottles, empty pet food packets and first aid equipment. Anyone with resources or links to animal care businesses who may be willing to be involved should please email [cspray@aldercarhigh.co.uk](mailto:cspray@aldercarhigh.co.uk).



## Woodland Trust Green Tree School Award



We have recently been awarded the Bronze Award for this environmental schools scheme. We have planted over 800 trees on our school site over the last few years as well as the special dedication tree for King Charles III's Coronation. We have been learning about a range of environmental issues in Geography lessons and we've supported World Earth Day with a campaign to tackle climate change. We also ran a house competition to recycle batteries as part of the Big Battery Hunt 2023. Well done to all those who have taken part. We are now working towards the Silver Award for next term.

## King Charles III Coronation tree planting

As part of the King's Coronation celebrations, Aldercar High School planted trees at the front of the school to mark the occasion.



## House competitions

This year we have seen another fantastic competition between our four houses (Gregg, Shipley, Ormonde and Howitt). It has been one of the closest competitions since we started. We are very pleased to announce that the overall winners, with attendance and behaviour awards included in the final count, is Ormonde. Well done to team Ormonde.



Earlier this term we had competitions for battery recycling, designing bookmarks and coronation stamps, a science memory test to learn the periodic table and a coronation bake sale for Shipley's British Heart Foundation charity. A huge thank you to Mrs Spray, Mrs Jones, Miss Haslam and Mr Marvin for organising their teams and charity events.



## Sports Day

This years sports day was a great day, despite the weather threatening rain most of the morning. Students from each year group competed in their house groups against each other at rounders, football, bench ball and dodge ball.





## Phoenix Centre trip to Skegness

We took a group of students to Skegness, staying at South View Caravan Park. We had a fabulous week, enjoying swimming, crazy golf, a visit to the circus and a beach day.

A great time was had by all.





## Students raise money for London Trip

Three Year 7 students spent a weekend working hard together to raise some money for their upcoming London trip. They decided that they didn't want to keep asking parents to pay for things and would raise some money themselves.

Florence, Molly and Leah spent an Inset day baking various cakes ready to sell on the Saturday. Collectively they bought the ingredients, planned what they were each making, what time they would start and then set to baking.

Between them they baked and decorated around 50 cupcakes, made 2 different types of flapjack, cornflake cakes, rice crispy cakes, marshmallow rice crispy slices, blondies and scones. The following day they planned where would be the best place to set up their stall, organising their set-up and pricing everything.

Our students raised around £100 which they split between them for their trip to London with school. Well done and those cakes look delicious!



## Big Battery Hunt 2023



Well done to all the students, parents and staff who took part in the Big Battery Hunt 2023. We have recycled 3629 batteries in total!



# Molly raises money for Treetops

Hi everyone, my name is Molly and I am in Year 10. I am raising money for the fantastic charity Treetops. They are very important to me and my family and have given us lots of support over the years so we wanted to try and give something back.

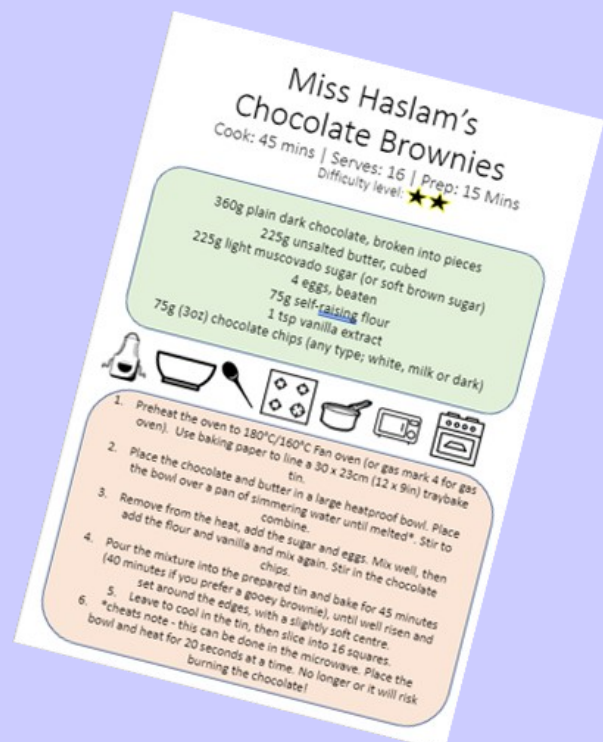


As a keen baker I have made a cookbook with the favourite recipes of my family, friends and teachers. The cost of the cookbook is £2 and all proceeds will go to Treetops Charity.

If you would like to order a cookbook and support this charity, please visit the link below. One code will ask you to complete an order form and the other will take you to the Justgiving page where you can securely pay for a copy of the cookbook.

Happy cooking!

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# Kids eat free or for £1 during the summer holidays



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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# Piano Lessons

**Learn to play piano in school.**

- Lessons on Monday morning
- Immediate start
- Fees from £10
- Subsidies for eligible pupils
- Friendly teacher!
- Practice app & resources

**Ask in school for more details**



## Diary dates

Event	Date
Last day of term	21st July
<b>SUMMER BREAK</b>	<b>24th July-1st September</b>
Summer exam result day-Key Stage 5	17th August
Summer exam result day-Key Stage 4	24th August
Inset day 1: school closed to students	4th September
Year 7 return to school / Year 12 induction day 1	5th September
Year 7 'Welcome back to Aldercar' evening	5th September
Year 8-11 return to school / Year 12 induction day 2	6th September
Post-16 parents' event	6th September
Year 8 & 9 'Welcome back to Aldercar' evening	6th September
Year 13 return to school	7th September
Year 10 and Year 11 options/parents evening	7th September
Year 7 school photographs	8th September
Accelerated Reader/Literacy event	21st September
Duke of Edinburgh silver exhibition	22nd September
Year 13 visit to Coventry University	26th September
Year 5/6 open evening	27th September
Duke of Edinburgh silver exhibition	28th - 30th September
Post-16 open evening	3rd October
Year 11/Post-16 Geography coasts trip	5th October
Year 7 parents' evening	18th October
Performing Arts trip	25th October
Last day of half term	27th October
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>30th October - 3rd November</b>
Students return	6th November
Remembrance bell/Post-16 dress to impress	10th November
Year 10 parents' evening	7th December
Hearing Impaired Christmas performance	14th December
Year 7 and Year 8 Christmas disco	14th December
British Sign Language trip to the pantomime	18th December
Inset Day 2 school closed to students	22nd December
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>25th December-5th January</b>
Inset Day 3 school closed to students	8th January
Students return to school	9th January