



MGS TIMES

March 2015



Easter Newsletter 2015

Welcome to the Easter Newsletter. I was only saying to a member of staff last week that I cannot believe we are near the end of the Spring Term already. Like all schools a lot has gone on since Christmas and I hope that this Newsletter gives you a flavour of life at MGS over the last few months.

Firstly, I wish to thank the students for once again making my role such a pleasure to undertake. It has always been incredibly rewarding working with young people and seeing them develop and become young men and ladies of the future; and this is particularly evident during the months of February and March when the School completes the process of appointing the next year's Student Leadership Team: the School Captain and School Vice-Captain, and also the individual House Captains and House Vice-Captains. The current Year 12 is a delightful year group with many very strong candidates for all of these positions, which makes our job very difficult, but also incredibly encouraging. Thank you again to all of the students who considered themselves for the roles and it is pleasing to know that there are a large number of them who desire to give service and leadership to the School in their final year.

There have been many enjoyable days during the last term, but Friday 13th March was a particular good one. It was the day the School acknowledged the bi-annual Comic Relief campaign, and also was the annual fixture of rugby matches between Maidstone Grammar School and Oakwood Park Grammar School. For Comic Relief, not only did the School have the usual non-uniform day and the wearing of red noses and the many hundreds of cakes on sale, but also two events took place that drew in the crowds: the Students vs. Staff Chilli Eating Competition and MGS's Got Talent. Both were very entertaining and well received by the students. The School Hall was packed full of students at lunchtime watching the great 'talent' that MGS has got to offer. Many, many thanks to the Prefect Team led by Lydia Ross, the School Vice-Captain, who organised the day; and particular thanks to Adam Hunt and Jordan Chambers of Year 12 who planned and hosted the talent show. The final sum raised by School was just under £2,000 which in this year will be matched by the Government. Well done everyone.

Following the events at School on that day, it seemed most of the student body moved over to Aylesford Rugby Club to watch MGS take on OPGS. Five matches took place: the U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s and Seniors. As the afternoon turned to evening, more and more students arrived to support their respective schools as well as the need for a well insulated coat! All five matches were played with great respect and camaraderie amongst the players, watched by many spectators who conducted themselves in the spirit of the game and in line with the values of the School. Congratulations to the U13, U14, U15 and Senior Squads for being successful, particularly to the senior squad who kept us on edge right up until the final whistle winning 10 - 7. Well done to everyone; a very proud day to be a Maidstonian.

Moving on to teaching and learning, I am very pleased, and hope you are too, with the introduction this year of Attitude to Learning grades. These grades were introduced back in September to assess how each student approaches their learning in each subject they study. They have been extremely useful for teaching staff to acknowledge outstanding effort and to also identify and challenge any underperformance. I hope that you too have found them useful as you can now see not only how well your children are performing but also how they approach their work.

In addition to these Attitude to Learning grades we have also encouraged students to make use of their own electronic devices in lessons. From the outset this development has been based on creating a culture of trust, and I am pleased to say that the students are responding to this positively. I have observed many lessons this year with a significant number of them allowing students to make use of their devices to aid learning. Conversations with a number of students about the concept have all been encouraging. As more and more teachers develop opportunities for students to make use of their devices, it is hoped that this development will make a real positive difference to teaching and learning and cultivate skills that can be drawn upon in the future.

Each newsletter I will be updating you all with progress on the MGS Development Fund. The Fund now has its complement of charitable trustees that reflect the entire School community: parents, staff, governors, Old Maidstonians and friends of the School. You will have noticed from recent Parentmails that we are now creating a Development Fund Committee: a group of people that will promote the values of the Fund and oversee its operational running. We are nearly complete with this and will be having our first meeting very soon. Following the launch of the Fund to you all this year, we will now focus on the next step to build on the initial interest. About 90 families have made a donation or promise of a donation, and these, over the next five years, will raise in excess of £50,000. Once again, thank you to those who have made offers of help; it is very much appreciated, and to everyone else, if you would like to help or find out more, then please contact the Development Office, the email address is developmentoffice@mgs-kent.org.uk.

Linked to the Development Fund and our 10 Year Plan I have been having a number of conversations with governors and staff about the creation of a Performing Arts Department. Part of the 10 Year Plan is to re-develop the part of the School where we teach music and drama; wishing to build a new Performing Arts Centre in the future. To begin this process it is important that we create a department that can develop the teaching and learning of those subject areas, offer exciting new opportunities within our Extra-Curricular Programme, and make a contribution to the wider community in our outreach work. Music and Drama will still remain in the curriculum but will be delivered in a more exciting and complementary way to illustrate the links between the two subject areas and hopefully inspire more of our students to take a keen interest in them. The creation of a Performing Arts Department from September has been received extremely well, and I am pleased to say that I have appointed a really strong team to lead the department to begin to raise the profile of performing arts within the School. We look forward to seeing how this develops.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the recent Old Maidstonian Supper that took place at school last Friday evening and the Old Boys' Rugby and Football matches against the School on Wednesday. These annual events provide an opportunity for former students of the School to gather once again with old friends and acquaintances and catch up on lost memories. The events certainly encapsulate the School motto: *Olim Meminisse Juvabit*, and hearing 100 former students at the Supper sing the School Song with passion is incredibly memorable. Also memorable is watching the old boys run round the pitch still thinking they have the fitness they used to have! It is hoped that your children, when they become Old Maidstonians, return to their school and maintain the strong allegiance they have for it.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break.

Mr M Tomkins

Please do share any successes achieved outside of school with us so that we can include them in our termly newsletters and provide pictures where possible. Send to: school@mgs-kent.org.uk

CCF News: Restrictions have to be placed on outdoor activities in the winter months because of the weather conditions that prevail but notwithstanding, there has still been a lot going on. The National Radio Net Signals Competition took place over the weekend 29 – 30 November 2014 and included working through the night. This year contacts could be made with American stations operating in Germany and Afghanistan to add a bit of extra interest and challenge. Considering that we do not have a specialist signals trained platoon, considering the fact that we had a delayed start because of a rugby match on the school field, and considering that someone plugged the antenna into the wrong socket for about an hour.....we did rather well. Our team was placed 7th out of the 25 teams that entered.

For the Year 9 recruits, two Weapon Handling Safety Camps were arranged over two weekends in January and February. Every participant passed the Weapon Handling Safety Test and this allowed them to test their live firing skills on the 25 m indoor range back at school.

RAF Section: The RAF section entered a team in the regional finals for the Air Squadron Trophy but despite an impressive effort were beaten into 3rd place for the second time in two consecutive years. This was a great disappointment for them as only the 1st and 2nd placed teams can go through to the national final where MGS has featured many times over the years. The team did, however, take 2nd places in Aircraft Recognition and Command Task, and they did win the Drill element of the competition! The Army Section has been preparing a team for the 11 Brigade Military Skills Competition at the end of April with a training weekend over the 20 -22 March running parallel with a Method of Instruction Cadre being run by our Cadet Training Team dedicated instructor.

RAF cadets have attended their own Method of Instruction Cadres in both February and March and reports show a very high level of achievement and success. In the March Cadre, Cdt Lucas Sheppard was awarded the honour of best junior cadet and LCpl Alex Bor was the best senior cadet.

Flying is back after the recent problems with the Grob Trainer Aircraft but gliding is off due to maintenance record checks!

Four Army cadets have gained places on a very demanding Leadership Course at Nesscliff in Shropshire during Easter and on Friday 10th April the Tri-service Adventure Training Group departs for a week of activities in Snowdonia. Kayaking, rock climbing, gorge walking, ascent of Snowdon, high ropes activities along with an adrenalin rush 'powerfan' 100 foot drop and a 'sky ride' feature among the activities.

RN Section: has a week-long visit 'afloat training' on the Clyde Fleet Tender in the June/July Extended Learning Week; sailing, canoeing and rafting at Mote Park is due to restart; summer camp places have been obtained for the RAF Section. Also in the Extended Learning Week, the Army Section annual camp takes place at Wathgill near Catterick, Yorkshire. Wathgill has been visited before and has always produced a demanding but very fulfilling challenge but there are some staffing problems – and indeed these will become more acute in the near future as the Contingent Commander, OC Army Section, and the SSI are due to retire soon. Any adults interested in joining the Army Section to help to ensure the provision of opportunities for the development of our young people and citizens of the future are encouraged to make themselves known to the Headmaster or the Contingent Commander MGS CCF.

LCpl Kieran Hearn (RAF section) has been awarded a flying scholarship which will provide him with 13 days paid for flying instruction to take him just five hours away from obtaining his private pilot's licence and LCpl William Wilson (Army Section) has been awarded a place at Welbeck- the Defence Sixth Form College.

Thank You MGS community!



Nabbongo is a large primary school in a ru-ral district in the Eastern re-gion of Uganda in Africa, with about 1,000 children on roll.

The main school buildings were constructed in the early 1960s. During the turbulent times (1970s and 1980s) the school was regularly used as refugee centre for people fleeing civil fighting. The furnishings and re-sources were vandalised and everything of value was stolen. Due to lack of money at national and local levels the school buildings fell into a state of decay. The political situation has stabilised and the government is offering free primary education for all children. This means that Nab-bongo is over-crowded, with children of all ages who are seizing the opportunity to learn; classrooms built for 30 children accommodate up to 80.

There are no resources of any kind, usually one text-book kept by the teacher, so chalk (often in short sup-ply) and the blackboard are essential. Children lack pens, pencils, exercise books, etc. The church and com-munity of Marden (Kent) visited the school after raising money to repair walls and construct a new roof and extended verandas and later, a fence.

During a recent visit by Naomi Lumutenga, a former teacher of MGS, it was observed that blackboards were in a very poor condition. They were scratched and faded and it was apparent that only the children who sit in the front three (out of ten) rows could see the board.

Meanwhile the Headmaster of MGS was contemplating doing 'something different' for Christmas 2014. Nabbongo Primary School became the lucky beneficiary of the Christmas 2014 gift from MGS, of refurb-ished blackboards which have transformed learning at the school.....

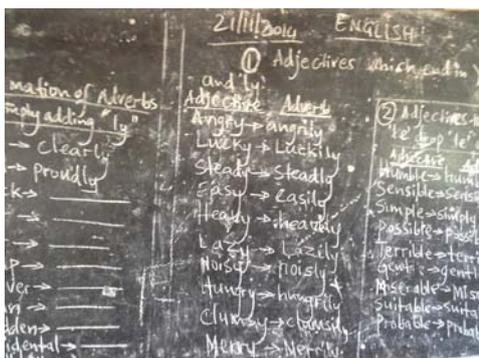
From Nabbongo Primary School (Uganda)



Work in progress:

A local builder was contracted to repair the blackboards and he quickly engaged his team to ensure that all 13 class-rooms were back in use within a week.

Before:



After:



Appreciation from the pupils.....

As reported on the front page children do not have textbooks and they do not have access to any other resources (e.g. library or internet); they are entirely dependent on copying notes from the blackboard. Can you imagine the struggle of coping with an English lesson when you are sitting at the back? Although there are about 80 children in each classroom (designed for 30!) the children are very disciplined and they just get on with their work, grateful for the privilege on learning. Teachers reported that they get through more work in a lesson because children work faster, now that they can read what has been written on the blackboard.

The school, its management and the entire community are extremely grateful for the ‘...thoughtfulness and practical assistance extended by a community in England, to a community in Uganda who they don’t even know!...’

It might not be apparent when looking at the ‘new-look’ black-board but, for the children at Nabbongo Primary School learning was enjoyable because they were able to all see the board.

A number of Primary 3 (Year 3) children spent the previous day painting and cutting out letters which would deliver a ‘Thank You’ message to Maidstone Grammar School, on behalf of everyone at Nabbongo. Sunset over Nabbongo; children can now leave looking forward to tomorrow! Learning has improved....

Appreciation from:



Year 12 Harvard Model United Nations Trip – January 2015

It was with considerable excitement that we boarded the plane at Heathrow T5 bound for JFK International, New York. After 6 months of build-up we felt ready to represent MGS in the Harvard Model United Nations 2015. Driven by a passion to win we embarked across the Atlantic, arriving in NY eight hours and many films later. MGS had arrived in the United States!



The first few days were spent exploring the Big Apple and visiting some of its iconic sites such as the Empire State building, the Statue of Liberty and Wall Street. All this was made even more exciting by the fact we were in the middle of Winter Storm Juno, leaving Mrs Acaster, Mrs Mills and Dr Everett the joyous task of trying to hold us together as a group when what was billed as a "pleasant stroll" around the stunning Central Park turned into a scene from *The Day After Tomorrow*. A stand out moment was when we as junior representatives of the UN had a snowball fight with a group of Russian tourists! A truly unforgettable experience in one of the world's most scenic parks. Overall New York was like no city we'd seen before, we were all sad to leave but driven on by a visit to our country's NY missions and the UN building which added to the reality of the tasks that lay ahead. Our minds began to turn to an even colder Boston.

After a five hour Greyhound bus journey the time we had all waited for eventually arrived as we settled into our hotel and unpacked our suits, the reality of the conference set in – and it was amazing!

Though the tours of the historic city and Harvard University were brilliant, the topic on everyone's lips was their respective committees. The chance to be in a room with students from across the world, debating not from our own perspectives but from that of our delegated countries, either New Zealand or Lithuania, and working together to try and solve real world problems was a once in a lifetime opportunity. The topics were diverse too; you could be meeting someone else on your Economic Council for lunch when you bump into your friends on the Empowerment of Women or Nuclear Disarmament committees. The icing on the cake came after hours of intense discussion in the form of the delegate dance, a party put on by all the HMUN staff for all 3000 pupils attending. Though we may never find out what exactly the legendary 'Matt from Algeria' did to bring the disco to an abrupt end, we will all take away the laughter we shared and our new found international friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. We are also extremely proud to have had one person win the prestigious 'Outstanding Delegate' prize in his committee, a first for MGS in recent years.



When I asked everyone how they would sum up the trip, the general consensus I received was this: though the great landmarks and the activities we undertook made it a phenomenal trip, what made it such an amazing experience were the people that went, not just an assortment of pupils and staff but a group of friends in which togetherness was prevalent throughout, the MGS HMUN team 2015. This sentiment couldn't be truer of both the pupils and the staff that shared this incredible adventure, a once in a lifetime experience for all involved. **Harry Webster (HMUN Head Delegate)**



Year 7 BBC School Report

BBC School Report is the project managed by the BBC School Report Team which gives school pupils opportunities to make their own news reports for real life audiences. At MGS each year, we involve the whole of Year 7 and run the event over two days.

In February, the pupils enjoyed an exciting and revealing introduction to the world of news-reporting in an active two hour session led by John Young, who will be known to many for his appearances on South East Today.

Thursday March 19 was BBC School Report Day and Year 7 pupils joined their counterparts in schools up and down the land in becoming reporters for the day. Pupils wrote up stories gathered from neighbours and relatives; they interviewed a rich cross section of MGS students with stories to tell (from West End performers to county and international sports stars); they decided their running order and finally put together and performed a short South East Today style news programme.

In the afternoon, in an exciting climax to the two days, the pick of the news readers recorded a “live broadcast” of the best of the news stories to a packed audience in the Big Hall.



Year 8 Real Game Programme

In January, all Year 8 students were off-timetable, taking part in **The Real Game** programme as part of the school's Careers Education Programme. This was delivered by qualified Careers Advisers from the CXK Service.

The Real Game is a unique careers exploration programme. Each student is assigned a job role for the day, which is randomly selected. They are given information about their role, including a job description, qualifications and training they need, salary, holiday entitlement, weekly working hours etc. Within that role they have to learn to budget their money and time, in order to secure accommodation, transport, food, luxury items etc. as well as being able to take a holiday and engage in leisure activities. Students quickly learned how difficult it was to budget for everyday items, and that their salaries did not always stretch to the dream cars and properties they would like to have in the future! Many started to appreciate that, in working life, having free time was often as important as earning a high salary. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, with students gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of the variety of occupations open to them in the future and the importance of being able to balance time and money.



German: On Wed 7th January, the Sixth Form German students went to London to see the "Germany; Memories of a Nation" exhibition. On arrival, we found Nick Robinson reporting in front by the VW Beetle in front of the exhibition. On further enquiry, it was revealed that the reason for this and our strict time slots was that the Prime Minister was meeting Angela Merkel in order to visit the exhibition that very afternoon! Unfortunately we never got to see them but the students were very excited and the exhibition closed to the public soon after we left.

The exhibition comprised one hundred or so articles which represented Germany and what it has meant to be a German. From the Renaissance to reunification and beyond, the show used objects to investigate the complexities of addressing a German history which is full of both triumphs and tragedies.

With the help of Neil MacGregor's Radio 4 podcasts, students were able to navigate through Germany's many political changes – from the Holy Roman Empire through unification in the 1870s and the troubled 20th century to today's economic powerhouse at the centre of Europe. They explored art by Dürer, Holbein and Richter, and marvelled at technological achievements through the ages which gave the world Gutenberg's printing press, Meissen porcelain, the Bauhaus movement and modern design icon the VW Beetle.

After this the students went to the Goethe Institute to have a tour of its facilities and an explanation of how to use their online resources to enhance their learning. The day was a great success and it was very exciting to see Mr Cameron and Mrs Merkel standing where we had on the news that night.

Debating Society: the MGS Debating Society has had a bumper year so far, seeing our numbers grow each week. Topics of debate have ranged from the legality of dangerous dogs to the concepts and limitations of free speech in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris. The societies leader, Harry Webster has done an amazing job of bringing back the spirit of free debate to MGS this year, and achieving the 'Outstanding Delegate' award on the recent Harvard trip goes to show the quality of members. A special mention should also be given to regular attendees for their dedication in turning up each week for lively and respectful disagreements that often push Room 49 to breaking point!

Art: the new photography darkroom has been built and will be a big addition to A-Level Photography.

Harry Webster 6H2: Won The Kent Messenger Competition to shadow MP Helen Grant for a week. He will be visiting Parliament, viewing the House of Commons debates and work alongside MPs, Government Ministers and local Councillors. The experience will also provide a front row seat to what promises to be an exciting General Election Campaign. The competition process reflects the way in which a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate is selected, including: presenting a CV, having an interview, giving a short speech and undertaking a Q & A session with a small judging panel.



Achievements and Successes:

Rugby: The Year 9 rugby team had a fantastic season - at 15 a side, they started the season with a very depleted and understrength side losing narrowly to Chislehurst and Sidcup GS. Since that game they went the entire season undefeated, with 9 straight victories against the very best rugby schools in Kent. A particular highlight was a 17-7 victory against arch rivals Judd. The team was led superbly by captain Tom Haywood who was also leading try scorer with a very impressive 13 tries. However, it was a real squad effort that saw an impressive 33 students represent the side and in 10 matches the team scored a massive 370 points.

The team finished off the season in style with victory in the St Olaves 7's competition. On route to the final MGS beat the very impressive teams from Ravenswood and Judd. We played Colfe's in the final and won 21-17. This was a fantastic achievement considering it's the first time that MGS has ever won this prestige tournament in its 20 year history. Congratulations to the squad of: Tom Haywood, James Hoyte, Oliver Leyland, Dan Thomas, Simon Coppard, Luke Reeves, Louis Skinner, Henry Warby, Oliver Ferris, Callum Game, Alfie Stemp and Owen Hughes.



Girls' Rugby: We played a triangular match at MGS against Dartford Grammar School and Simon Langton to start our season and managed to win both of the matches convincingly, beating Dartford Grammar 40-0 and beating Simon Langton 20-15 in a match that was played in rapidly fading light and saw Rowen Hughes nearly have her head taken off by an extremely high tackle!!

These matches were great preparation for the Benenden Kent 7's Tournament, of which we were the current title holders. We went to the tournament on a freezing cold and very windy March afternoon, feeling nervous with the pressure of being the current champions weighing heavily upon our shoulders but these nerves soon became a thing of the past once we started playing the matches. We won our first game against Kent College Pembury 25-12 who put up a good fight, with try's coming from Rowen Hughes, Ellen Petrie, Annabelle Hodd and Jess Atkinson. Our second game saw us playing against Benenden Bee's which was thankfully an easier game. During the game Ellen Petrie was hit with a hard tackle injuring her leg but still saw us victorious with a convincing 20-0 win with tries from Jess Atkinson, Bethany Nally and Tamsyn McConchie.

We were now through to the finals of the competition which saw us in the final against Benenden A team, who were a strong team and had the home advantage of playing with a large supporting crowd. The final was tense, we were nervous but we had great fighting spirit and determination. The game was close and at half time we were losing!! Although exhausted and carrying injuries we were extremely determined and desperately wanted to retain the title of Kent County Champions. We raised our game and took them on making every tackle count and hitting them hard which paid off as we eventually won 25-12 to retain the title of Kent County 7's Champions with tries coming from Jess Atkinson, Betsy Nally, and Tamsyn McConchie. Well Done Girls, you deserved it!!!

Our victorious team included the following players who all deserve a mention for the commitment, hard work and great performances they have put in this season; Jess Atkinson, Bethany Nally, Tamsyn McConchie, Ellen Petrie, Rowen Hughes, Sasha Smart, Sofia Baluch, Natalie Kidd, Annabelle Hodd, Alice Simons, Phillipa Golding, Erin Robinson and Becky Gillett.



Rowing: congratulation to **Kaan Belton** of Year 13 who won the IM3 1x category in the recent Maidstone Small Boats Head on Sunday 8 March, and was the second fastest single sculler during the entire competition.

Football: **Ruben Sammut** an ex pupil celebrated his 17th Birthday signing a 3 year contract for Chelsea Football Club. He recently played for Chelsea against Spurs in the 1st leg of the FA Youth Cup Semi-Final at White Hart Lane.

Swimming: on Saturday 26 January **William Luckhurst 8E** took part in the 6th UK Cold Water Championships held at Tooting Bec Lido. In his age group he competed in two events and a relay. The relay involved his siblings and the Hon. Handicapper from the Serpentine Swimming Club (Dani Lobo). In this event he picked up a silver medal. At Breast Stroke he also picked up a silver being 0.12 seconds off gold. In Freestyle he picked up a gold and therefore became the UK Cold Water Swimming Champion for his age group. The water temperature was around 3°C.

Skiing: **Ewan Robertson 9CI** won the cup for being the U14 Overall champion and has secured his place for the GB U16 team next year.



Cross Country: In January The Kent Schools Cross County Championships took place at Wilmington Grammar School and drew in nearly 600 runners. **George Duggan 6Cr2** won the senior boys title by 31 seconds, earning him a place in the English schools event being held in Blackburn. **Bashiri Ryan 7H** came 2nd out of 111 competitors in the Year 7 age group.



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Raising Funds, Raising Learning

Traditionally this is a much quieter term for the PA in terms of events but that doesn't mean we haven't been planning for future fundraising activities such as June's Summer Football Festival for years 7,8 & 9.

Our main event this term was the Quiz night held at the beginning of February. This annual, sociable event saw 22 teams compete for top 'know it all' spot. This year's winners were The Natural Philosophers followed by The Missing Links with Super Learned Team coming in 3rd place. As always, Debby and Dave Fenton lead an efficient catering team providing a ploughman's supper for all guests along with a bar providing barrelled beer, lager, wine and soft drinks. We are delighted to tell you that the evening raised around £1300.



The PATH Lottery (Parents' Association Two Hundred Lottery) The monthly draw was made at the end of March along with the second end of term **SUPER SIZE JACKPOT** of **£100**. Winners will be announced via Parentmail. If you wish to enter, please go to the school's website and navigate to the 'Community' tab. From there you can access the Parents' page where you will find the Parents' Association. The PATH lottery is explained in full and a form can be downloaded. **Please note that April is the final month that entries will be accepted and will cost just £5 per number which will be entered into April, May and June's monthly draw and the final SUPER SIZE JACKPOT at the end of the summer term.**

We receive regular donations via the **easyfundraising** site where members have shopped online via this website. We now have 245 registered members and have raised nearly £1900 since launching this initiative. This doesn't require you to do much apart from visit your online shop via this site and of course there is still time to makes some last minute Christmas purchases online so **PLEASE, PLEASE JOIN IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY** – it's extremely straightforward and doesn't cost you a penny to sign up.

Please go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mgspa> to register and shop.

Finally the Parents' Association would like to thank all of you who have supported us during this term. Please check our page regularly on the school's website to see what events are coming up and where the funds are spent. Remember, your PA is only as good as the support it receives from **you**, the parents!

Why not GET INVOLVED? There are many ways that you can help. Please contact the Parents Association via the school website, or talk to us at one of our events

We wish you all a Happy Easter !

MGS CALENDAR DATES

Term 5

20 April 2015	-	First day of Term 5
21 April 2015	-	Year 13 Whole Year Photograph
22 April 2015	-	Year 6 Induction Evening
23 April 2015	-	Year 8 Shakespeare Day
29 April 2015	-	Year 7 Study Skills
4 May 2015	-	Bank Holiday
11 May 2015	-	GCE & GCSE Examinations start
18 May-21 May 2015	-	Year 10 Business Enterprise
22 May 2015	-	End of Term 5
25 May - 29 May 2015	-	Summer Break
1 June 2015	-	Inset Day (staff only)

Term 6

2 June 2015	-	First day of Term 6 for students
8-12 June 2015	-	Year 7, 9 & 10 exams in class
11-12 June 2015	-	UCAS & PSHCE Focus Days
11 June 2015	-	Year 12 UCAS Evening
18 June 2015	-	Art Exhibition & Summer Concert
20 June 2015	-	PA Football fiesta & Fun Day
22 June 2015	-	Year 13 Book return day (2—3.30)
24 June 2015	-	Year 13 Book return day (2—3.30)
24 June 2015	-	Year 13 Leavers' Tea in Quad
25 June 2015	-	Year 11 Book Return day (2—3.30)
25 - 26 June 2015	-	Pre Sixth Form induction days
26 June 2015	-	GCE & GCSE Examination end
29 June - 3 July 2015	-	Extended Learning Week
29 June -3 July 2015	-	Year 12 Work Experience Week
8 July 2015	-	1st XI vs Old Boys' Cricket Match
9 July 2015	-	Year 6 Induction Day
10 July 2015	-	Founders Service & Junior Speech Day
14 July 2015	-	Sports Day
15 July 2015	-	Staff/Student Cricket Match (after school)
16 July 2015	-	Reserve Sports Day
17 July 2015	-	Last day of Term 6 (2.30pm Finish)

First Day back in Term 1 (For Students) – Wednesday 2 September 2015

(Please retain)