

Wallingford School - House Newsletter



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Resolutions or Aspirations

By Mr Keeling, Assistant Headteacher

Much like the whole of 2020, the end to term 2 in the lead up to the Christmas Holidays feels slightly different. We are all used to getting together to mark the end of another calendar year, to share stories of the past 12 months, and to come together as a school community in the Sports Hall to wish each other well until the New Year.

This year – like with so many other things – we can't gather in that way. What we can do is look to what next year may bring, and with that comes the ritual of resolution making. We've all been there as the clock strikes midnight on December 31st promising to not eat chocolate for a whole year; or to go for a run every day!

A resolution is defined as the firm decision to do or not do something, and if 2020 has taught us anything it is how quickly decisions on what we can and can't do can so quickly be taken out of our control. So I have been searching for something a little less black and white than resolution making. After all, as soon as you break

a resolution it feels like a failure. That left over Quality Street you accidentally have on New Year's Day; or the morning you hit snooze on the alarm because you can hear the rain pummeling your bedroom window.

This year when Auld Lang Syne kicks in I will be making New Year's aspirations. Things that I hope to achieve in 2021, things that I can work towards. Working for something implies that there will be failure along the way, things that go wrong, obstacles to overcome. But with an aspiration those blocks and bumps in the road are all part of the journey. And that is very much more in keeping with how life, and how school really works. A mixture of triumphs and failures but with an end aspiration in sight, an aspiration that needs both to happen for learning to progress.

So I hope that you may all think of the aspirations you might have for yourself in 2021. And in the absence of a foot stomping gathering on the last day of term. Have a wonderful break, look after yourselves and your families, and keep yourselves safe until we see you next year.

Winter Wellbeing

Kindness at Christmas



For all of us this year, the Christmas period will look different in many ways.

However, aside from presents, Christmas dinner, and Elf the movie, essentially, it is kindness, good will, and generosity of spirit that are at the heart of the festive season. Within our wonderful community we can all play a small part in helping to keep this notion alive, and preserve the essence of what Christmas is really about. This can be done in simpler ways than you may have thought possible. The "gift" of kindness, whether it be towards a friend, a family member, or a member of the public, can spread some cheer during this alternative festive period. Please see the next page for a few ideas - the list endless.

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Something small could make the biggest difference to someone else this Christmas time, and you too can enjoy fulfilment that the gift of giving generates.

Music for Mental Health – Create a Winter Song Playlist

Music is a powerful tool to connect with emotions. Most of us have experienced a sudden flashback to an event, person or place upon hearing a certain piece of music. Music stimulates many areas of the brain at once and often people find that songs which are specific to them, bring peace and happy memories to the surface.

Try putting together your own winter playlist that you can listen to when you need a lift.

Use a variety of diverse tunes that are all personal to you and take you back to a happy memory.

Listen to it in the car, or when you're out for a run, whilst you're doing the washing up or simply on a dull and cold evening indoors.

Second Term Successes!

In the ever-changing situation we find ourselves in, our pupils continue to adapt and thrive. Term 2 has been a busy one to say the least. Here's a glimpse at what our wonderful students have been up to...

Maths

Dr Staley - Teacher of Maths and UKMT Coordinator.



**United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust**

This year's Senior Maths Challenge results are easily one of the best sets of results we have ever had!

The Year 11's sat a test designed for 6th formers, and the following Year 11's have done exceptionally well earning themselves the named certificates. They should be very proud of themselves as indeed we are.

Zoe Batt	75	Silver
Nathaniel Gauden	73	Silver
David Carvalho	68	Bronze
Albert Glendinning	65	Bronze
Evie Potter	67	Bronze
Ben Harford	64	Bronze
Rebecca Pocock	57	Participation

Languages

Mrs McGarrick - Curriculum Team Leader for MFL

Bonjour / Hallo!

We are missing our MFL trips here in the Languages department, so



we thought we would share with you some of Ms Thirlwall's ideas of how to stretch and challenge yourself in Languages (from the comfort of your own home...)

Consolidate vocabulary you learn in class

Please visit: www.linguascope.com

Username: wallingford
Password: wunderbar

This website contains a wide range of topics we cover in class from Year 7 up to Year 11 at the Beginner and Intermediate levels. This is for nouns only and is a really fun way to practice spellings of words for vocabulary tests as well as learning how to pronounce them. The site also has its own tests and you can even print a certificate!

www.quizlet.com

Setting up an account on Quizlet is free and you will find hundreds of vocabulary and grammar items to practice here in fun and interactive ways.

You might also try Quizlet Live in your lessons!

Read for pleasure

Purchase a bilingual reading book – this is a great way to learn new words using a story with which you are already familiar.

Have a look at www.thefablecottage.com

This website is free and you can read fairytales in French, German, Spanish and Italian. It breaks each story into small sections and you can practice your translation skills, then look at the answers!

Explore new grammar

If you enjoy grammar and feel you'd like to learn more complex structures, why not have a look at: www.languagesonline.org.uk

This website is a great resource for the key tenses and difficult areas of grammar. You can match verbs together and practice your endings here. It is quite a formal website, but a really rigorous way to practice your verbs.

Watch films and TV shows in the language you are studying

Language Learning with Netflix is a free Google Chrome extension that allows you to watch films and TV shows with subtitles of the language you are studying. This is fantastic for learning new words and also great listening practice.

Do some French/German baking!

Here is a recipe for some German Lebkuchen: www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/recipes/spiced-lebkuchen/



And another one for a French Bûche de Noël: www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/buche-de-noel
Thank you very much to Ms Thirlwall for these fantastic ideas!

In other MFL news: we are all really proud of Ms Maly for gaining her Masters in Education from Oxford University which she passed with a Merit. Very well done to her!

We would also like to say a big thank you to Ms Juin-Rimbert and Mrs Keeling who are our MFL interns this year and we are looking forward to working with them full-time from January onwards.

Joyeux Noël / Frohe Weihnachten

Art

Mr Bowen – Head of Expressive Arts

Merchant Taylors Photography Competition

The winners and runners-up in this year's Merchant Taylors Photography Competition were decided at the beginning of December by the Company's Master, Mrs Jane Hall, and two of her Wardens, Mr Peter Magill and Mr Martin Robb. After a lengthy and lively discussion of the excellent photographs that had been shortlisted - from 17 schools - their choices were as follows:



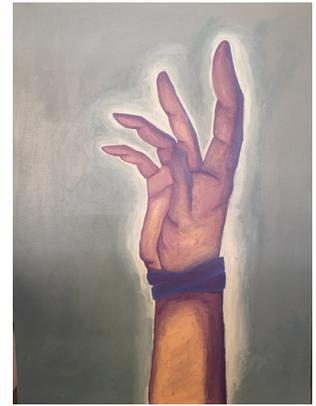
Winner of the Junior Category - Fingers crossed by Jamila Makoka (7SMD) and Winner of the Staff Category - Turn your face to the sun by Mrs Pike.



They will both receive £100 as well as national fame and bragging rights that their artwork was exhibited in London! Please congratulate them if you see them. It's a big deal - did I mention that there are 17 schools involved in this competition? The Art department is absolutely thrilled!

Year 11 Artists

Two Year 11 artists who have been working particularly hard in the last few weeks are Phoebe and Lucy. Phoebe created a detailed and sophisticated copy of Vermeer's beautiful



'Girl with a Pearl Earring' in her sketchbook. Lucy also created a magnificent painting of a hand reaching into the sky. Incredible work from just two of our incredible Year 11 artists. Lots more to come!

Year 8 Ceramics

Humans started using clay about 30,000 years ago. 8SBO started using clay last week. And it looks like they enjoy it and they have some skills too. For example - Tom did brilliantly and his arm was in a sling!



English

Ms Ward – Teacher of English

This term began with a flurry of assessments for KS3 and Y10. We were particularly impressed by the dedication shown by those who put considerable time and effort into their preparation; well done! Although we continue to teach from the front, we are finding new and exciting ways to develop English learning. This is helped tremendously by the students' willingness to adapt and have a crack at new things: from singing animal anthems aloud as a class to developing speaking and listening skills by playing 'Just A Minute.'

Y7 have begun studying Animal Farm. We are continually impressed with how the students tackle tricky political concepts with enthusiasm and tenacity. Who knew we had so many experts on mid-century Russian history? It is always edifying to see how thoroughly enraged students become about the injustices faced by the animals on the farm. The empathy and compassion which they develop as we read is wonderful to see.

We have begun reading a plethora of ballads with Y8, including The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. Our students are adventuring tempestuous seas, supernatural crewmates, and spiritual revelations while journeying with the enigmatic Mariner. We look forward to reading their creative writing which will detail the Mariner's perilous journey.

Our Y9s have begun work on the Argument and Persuasion unit; they will be learning how to make a series of convincing arguments in order to persuade their audience. Be prepared for much ferocious debate on why they should be allowed to go to that party, wear that skirt, skip that chore...(!)

Y10 have finished reading A Christmas Carol and are now studying an assortment of nonfiction texts in preparation for English Language Paper 2. Students have read a range of impassioned speeches, and have considered what makes good writing. They are also beginning to think about their Spoken Language topics and they could learn a lot from our current Y11.

Term began with Spoken Language Exams for

our Y11s. Students gave speeches on a range of compelling topics, ranging from affirmative action and apartheid in South Africa to drag balls of New York and their influence on Western culture. We were wholly impressed with the passion and eloquence with which students spoke on topics which were clearly meaningful to them. After finishing Romeo and Juliet, students have begun preparing diligently for their upcoming mock exams. Good luck!

Write for Rights Campaign

Emma Woods, Year 11

Earlier in December Ellie Heywood, Maya Gitsham, Phoebe Hope and I held a stall every lunchtime for Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign. The campaign uses letter writing to urge for the immediate and unconditional release of various human rights defenders around the world who have been imprisoned for their work or journalism. Special UK focuses this year included Nassima Al-Sada, a Saudi Arabian women's rights activist who campaigned for the right to drive in 2018. She has been in prison facing terrible conditions ever since.

Every lunchtime last week, students in Year 11 and Sixth Form had the chance to write cards to activists like Nassima, with a message of support and solidarity. Over 65 cards were collected and will be sent around the world to demand justice. It was really encouraging to see so many people getting involved with the action. Many thanks to Nabila Hafiz, Ava Vacarri, Martha Heydon, Cassia Bennett, Aaron Crook and Silas Allum for their hard work coordinating the Sixth Form stall.

Mr Lyons, Head of Year 11 adds, "This is another fine example of Year 11 playing their part in school life."



Design and Technology

Miss Isaac – Curriculum Team Leader for DT

“Holding out for a Hero”

Congratulations to Miss Walker and her team of trusty helpers who have won Jack FM’s Local Heroes Award for their contribution to the Wallingford community during lockdown by providing 10,000 visitors to keyworker and vulnerable groups. Well done!!



“Our fantastic Year 10”

This term we wanted to celebrate our amazing Year 10 pupils. Every year we are always impressed with the levels of enthusiasm and joy our Year 10 GCSE pupils show for our subject areas, but this year has been especially special due to external influences. Despite having missed a large section of school at the end of Year 9 this year’s cohort has started their GCSEs with a bang. Here are some photographs to celebrate what they have achieved so far...

Graphic Products...



Food Preparation and Nutrition...



Resistant Materials...



Textiles Design...



A message from the school nurse service

Dear Wallingford Students,

I am still offering socially distanced face to face contacts in my office in the sports centre reception area. I normally work Mon-Friday 9-3pm, some days I have to be out of the office but please do leave me a note or send me a message. I know it's tricky to meet up or pop by due to the year group bubbles and changes to breaks. You can contact me by phone, email or ask for help from a parent or teacher.

Claire Forno - Specialist Community Public Health Nurse-School Health Nurse

Mobile: 07769283179

Email: claire.forno@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk or fornoc@wallingfordschool.com

Website: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people

You can also access the school nurses in **Wallingford Community Hospital** on 01865 904225.

Helpful websites:

oxme.info/cms/

www.giveusashout.org/

Childline: www.childline.org.uk

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk

OxWell School Survey Update

Researchers at University of Oxford would like to thank students and their families for supporting the OxWell School Survey 2020.

<https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalhealth>

The results are being used to help understand how young people experienced the first lockdown and the impact on their mental wellbeing. Schools will soon be able to access anonymous online summaries of student responses from their own school, as well as being able to compare findings to the overall survey results.

The hope is this will help guide how best to provide any support that might be needed. They are also preparing a data tool so that students at school can access summaries of some findings. Please see their up-to-date information on the survey and how the data are used here:

<https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/research/schoolmentalhealth/parent-information-sheet-1>

House Points Update...

As ever, our students have been busy earning lots of House Points across the curriculum for all sorts of wonderful reasons. We are incredibly proud of how many pupils have begun climbing the rewards ladder earning themselves badges as they reach each step.

It goes without saying that the competition between the Houses remains fierce. Every single point really does count in the race to become the Champion House for 2020/2021.

Here are the new rankings across the board and there has been a change in the lead...

Year	Bigg	Blackstone	Christie	Matilda
7	1st	4th	2nd	3rd
8	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
9	3rd	1st	2nd	4th
10	4th	3rd	1st	2nd
11	2nd	4th	3rd	1st
Total	3rd	4th	2nd	1st

A huge well done to all of those in MATILDA HOUSE this term, your hard work has shot you into first position at the end of term 2.

BRONZE AWARD

As mentioned above, more students than ever have reached the first step on the rewards ladder. Each of these students have earned 25 House points (or more!) since the previous Newsletter was published at the end of Term 1. This earns them their Bronze badge and certificate. Well done!

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students listed below. Keep up the good work and we hope to be celebrating more awards in the next edition.

William Andrews	Matilda	49
Flynn Pearce	Matilda	49
Cassia Turl	Matilda	49
Cecilia Upcraft	Bigg	49
Alice Venner	Matilda	49
Douglas Blake	Blackstone	48
Jessica Harris	Christie	48
Katiee Holton	Matilda	48
Bethan Hooper	Christie	48
Zachary Lumley	Bigg	48
Cara Peet	Matilda	48
Lewis Strange	Matilda	48
Lottie Tandy	Christie	48
Lyla Boardman	Blackstone	47
Summer Comber Lye	Bigg	47
William Lewis	Bigg	47
Dylan McGuffin	Matilda	47
Emelia Ratcliffe	Matilda	47
Luke Silvester	Christie	47
Hannah Simmons	Christie	47
Erin Youhill-Partridge	Matilda	47
Jessica Casey	Christie	46
Fred Hendy	Matilda	46
Macey Lowe	Christie	46
Malee Makoka	Christie	46
Jun McCaw	Matilda	46
Taylor May Morris	Bigg	46
Fin Beardall Richards	Matilda	45
Tom Cheeseman	Bigg	44
Tomasz Chyzewski	Christie	44
Caspar Grace	Christie	44
Dylan Haincock	Matilda	44
Rudy Lovelock	Christie	44
Lilly O'Callaghan	Christie	44
Joseph Shaw	Blackstone	44
Jessica Titchener	Blackstone	44
Gary Weber	Christie	44
Evie Biernat-Jones	Matilda	43
Katrina Clayton	Christie	43
Joseph Greetham	Christie	43
Sian Mare	Blackstone	43
Jasmine Martin	Bigg	43
Isabella Quinton	Matilda	43
Ella Ramsay	Blackstone	43
William Rawlins	Bigg	43
Ella Robson	Christie	43
Nell Bowden	Bigg	42
Madeline Brewer	Matilda	42
Orlaith Daniel	Blackstone	42

Luke Hudson	Christie	42
Adrian Lorenzo Garcia	Blackstone	42
Millie McKeown	Bigg	42
Theodore Sen	Matilda	42
Jasmine Willers	Blackstone	42
Libby Young	Christie	42
Booker Ellis Ansell	Matilda	41
Sophia Bishop	Matilda	41
Samuel Collett	Matilda	41
Oliver Eaton	Christie	41
Benjamin Evans	Blackstone	41
Samuel Harpham	Bigg	41
Orlagh Markey	Bigg	41
Gracie-Jane Marriott	Christie	41
Elliot McSweeney	Blackstone	41
Mollie Pearce	Blackstone	41
Kye Richardson	Matilda	41
Ellie Vine	Blackstone	41
Cian Wyse	Matilda	41
Liesl Collins	Matilda	40
Oliver Eggleton Gibbs	Blackstone	40
Charlotte Hebbes	Christie	40
Ben Heriot	Matilda	40
Benito Manfredi	Blackstone	40
Kabir Marriott	Matilda	40
Isaac Powell	Christie	40
Emilie Walker	Christie	40
Archie Wheeler	Bigg	40
Lewis Wood	Christie	40
James Bethel	Bigg	39
Emma Carr	Blackstone	39
Millie Cox	Bigg	39
Suzanna Lawson	Bigg	39
Erin McHugh	Bigg	39
Laura Miles	Bigg	39
Noah Simpson	Matilda	39
Juan Toerien	Christie	39
James Vine	Bigg	39
Amanta Anish	Bigg	38
Rosemary Archer	Christie	38
Thomas Ball	Christie	38
Andrew Goodwin	Blackstone	38
Gregory Jarman	Blackstone	38
Samuel Shaw	Bigg	38
Jordan Sheppard	Matilda	38
Joseph Swaine	Matilda	38
Beth Tanner	Blackstone	38
Martha Wood	Christie	38
Evie Andrews	Matilda	37
Seth Conway	Matilda	37
Madeleine Cornut	Bigg	37
Shannon Crook	Christie	37
Tyssul Davies	Matilda	37
Tom Fanstone	Christie	37
Olivia French	Christie	37
Frederick Keable	Bigg	37
Archie Kennedy	Matilda	37
Jagoda Kruszynska	Bigg	37
Christopher O'Reilly	Christie	37
Yesith Pathiraja	Christie	37
Jake Reeves	Bigg	37
Annabelle Robinson	Christie	37
Daisy Rogers Lawrence	Blackstone	37
Jack Seymour	Blackstone	37
Eloise Sheppard	Christie	37
James Taylor	Blackstone	37
Tallulah Welch	Christie	37
Sebastian Biddulph	Bigg	36
Daniel Churchill Coleman	Blackstone	36
Annabel Collins	Blackstone	36
Zachary Field	Christie	36
Katie Garwood	Blackstone	36
Charlotte Hull	Christie	36
Emanuel Levi	Christie	36
Alfie Lewis	Matilda	36
Henry May	Matilda	36
Isla McAlpine	Matilda	36

Orla McNulty	Matilda	36	Robert Higham	Blackstone	31
Eve Mooring	Bigg	36	Troy Horne	Matilda	31
Teigan O'Neill	Blackstone	36	Lillibelle Lewis	Blackstone	31
Annabel Parker	Bigg	36	Jaryd Norris	Blackstone	31
Charlotte Southgate	Christie	36	William Passey	Christie	31
Eva Mae Spindlow	Christie	36	Charlie Sheppard	Matilda	31
Sophie Anderson	Blackstone	35	Lucy Simons	Christie	31
Sophie Bailey	Christie	35	Tara Smith-Dawson	Blackstone	31
Seth Bissell	Bigg	35	Aine Stanley	Bigg	31
James Bradford	Matilda	35	Archie Stickley	Bigg	31
Blake Dixon	Matilda	35	Malakai Stow	Bigg	31
Reanna Drummond	Blackstone	35	Bea Swaine	Blackstone	31
Freya Launchbury	Bigg	35	Evelyn Taylor	Blackstone	31
Kaitlyn Lawrence	Bigg	35	Tori Taylor	Christie	31
Ciaran Murphy O'Connor	Bigg	35	Connor Williams	Matilda	31
Seren Old	Bigg	35	Joshua Corringham	Bigg	30
Finlay Paul	Christie	35	Lola Davis	Blackstone	30
Laila Porter	Bigg	35	William Eaton	Matilda	30
Will Ryman	Matilda	35	Casey Elford Lewis	Matilda	30
J-Kobi Toomer	Blackstone	35	Shannon Garlick	Bigg	30
Neive Busby	Blackstone	34	Madalyn Gesner	Christie	30
Lauren Campbell	Christie	34	Ben Gray	Christie	30
Isabelle Day	Christie	34	Samuel Jones	Blackstone	30
Emily Dunn	Matilda	34	Emma Leader	Christie	30
Tim Dunn	Matilda	34	Ben Philips	Blackstone	30
Beth Green	Christie	34	Henry Plant	Christie	30
Thomas Guard	Christie	34	Edward Potts	Blackstone	30
Krystal Hunter	Blackstone	34	Charlie Wells	Matilda	30
Jayden Jones	Christie	34	Marwa Alali	Matilda	29
Thea Keith	Christie	34	James Brock	Blackstone	29
Ryan Kerry	Christie	34	Vincent Brown	Bigg	29
William Kitchener	Christie	34	Aston Castle	Blackstone	29
Narao Lorenzo	Blackstone	34	Emily Comber Lye	Matilda	29
Malcolm Monet	Christie	34	Skye Eaton	Christie	29
Shia Moulton	Blackstone	34	Max Fanstone	Matilda	29
William Powell	Christie	34	Molly Flynn	Matilda	29
Morgan Ratcliffe	Christie	34	Adela Giurma-Handley	Christie	29
Marcus Shaw	Blackstone	34	Eve Hannigan	Matilda	29
Enya Wilson	Blackstone	34	Kieron Hatton	Christie	29
Caitlin Araujo	Blackstone	33	Charlotte Hermsen	Bigg	29
Noah Bennion	Matilda	33	Phoebe Marks	Bigg	29
Kyle Cummings	Matilda	33	Charles Mortimer	Blackstone	29
Rachel Daly	Bigg	33	Mario Pasalau	Blackstone	29
Oliver Elsmore Wickens	Blackstone	33	Charlotte Reynolds	Matilda	29
Daisy Gray	Bigg	33	Zachary Shepherd	Bigg	29
Zachary Harbord	Blackstone	33	Joshua Simpson	Christie	29
Adam Hill	Blackstone	33	Charlie Stokoe	Bigg	29
Bethan Lewis	Blackstone	33	Orla Sullivan	Blackstone	29
Ruby Lucas	Christie	33	Jonas Toms	Blackstone	29
Thea McSweeney	Blackstone	33	Mabel Whitehead	Bigg	29
Aimee North	Matilda	33	Rachel Anderson	Bigg	28
George Painter	Blackstone	33	Emily Bailey	Christie	28
William Pitts	Bigg	33	Sacha Buccheri	Blackstone	28
Benjamin Pollard	Christie	33	Rowan Carberry	Bigg	28
Sky Smith	Bigg	33	Bradley Franklin	Blackstone	28
Lily Sparrey	Christie	33	Jasmine Gellatly	Matilda	28
Nola Stevenson	Bigg	33	Poppy Gould	Blackstone	28
Emily Strange	Blackstone	33	Alvin Haboni	Blackstone	28
Emilia Watkin	Christie	33	Naomi Hall	Blackstone	28
Nathaniel Watkins	Bigg	33	Grace Hendy	Christie	28
Kalleb Allen	Matilda	32	Karla Jansen Van Vuuren	Christie	28
Edward East	Blackstone	32	Luke Lawson Cole	Bigg	28
Archie Gadd	Bigg	32	Isabella Lowe	Bigg	28
Hollie Green	Bigg	32	Theo McGregor	Blackstone	28
Jakub Jedrzejowski	Bigg	32	Edward Painter	Blackstone	28
Karishma Marriott	Matilda	32	Annabel Quinton	Christie	28
Ferne Organ	Christie	32	Mathilde Smith	Bigg	28
Hannah Page	Bigg	32	Chloe Snowsill	Bigg	28
Isaac Porritt	Christie	32	Alfie Stocker	Bigg	28
Yolanda Scrowston Ramirez	Christie	32	Leemarri Cameron	Christie	27
Harry Tunney	Blackstone	32	Myah Carson	Bigg	27
Stanley Vowles	Blackstone	32	Samuel Csibi	Christie	27
Asa Acock	Matilda	31	Owen Dumper	Blackstone	27
Maia Bridgeman Hughes	Bigg	31	Dylan Evans	Christie	27
Max Busby	Christie	31	Cameron Garrett	Christie	27
Ronan Cronk	Christie	31	Nathaniel Gauden	Blackstone	27
Lucy Guard	Christie	31	Ben Guilford	Blackstone	27

Lola Gunn	Bigg	27
William Hamilton	Christie	27
Emmison Harris	Bigg	27
Evie Hill	Blackstone	27
Oliver Hollis	Matilda	27
Aimee Holton	Matilda	27
Noah Liddy	Blackstone	27
Blessed Mamina	Blackstone	27
Skye McGirr	Blackstone	27
Sophie Partis	Matilda	27
India Pharoah Madle	Matilda	27
Stanley Sharp	Christie	27
William Soper	Christie	27
Edward Thomasson	Matilda	27
Josh Tinsey	Matilda	27
Edison Veseli	Bigg	27
Lily Walker	Blackstone	27
Eve Bright	Blackstone	26
Alexis Czyz	Matilda	26
Peter Fegyveres Nagy	Blackstone	26
Daisy Miners	Blackstone	26
Toby Mould	Bigg	26
Ben Pocock	Matilda	26
Thomas Pollard	Blackstone	26
Ellie Ratcliffe	Bigg	26
Oliver Reed	Matilda	26
Juliet Tharme	Christie	26
Jonty Walker	Christie	26
Sam Warrington	Blackstone	26
Finlay West	Matilda	26
Priya Wilford	Bigg	26
Poppy Ayling	Christie	25
Ella Beasley	Blackstone	25
Rory Campbell	Blackstone	25
Sophie Cooper	Bigg	25
Bonifac Csizmadia	Christie	25
Emmy Dawson Evers	Bigg	25
Megan Druce	Bigg	25
Jacob Gunn	Matilda	25
Shruti Gurung	Blackstone	25
Amelie Hart	Matilda	25
Thomas Henderson	Christie	25
Kimberley Maslen	Bigg	25
Isaac Masters	Christie	25
Kai Matthews	Christie	25
Cora McNulty	Bigg	25
Oliver Pepper	Bigg	25
Luca Porritt	Christie	25
Zara Richardson	Blackstone	25
Georgia Ruff	Matilda	25
Arthur Stewart	Blackstone	25
Tilly Stratton	Matilda	25
Daniel Toal	Blackstone	25
Max Verhoeven	Matilda	25
Madison Veseli	Christie	25
Beau Williams	Blackstone	25

SILVER AWARD

In outstanding efforts, some of our students have now earned a whopping 50 points (or more!) taking them to the next rung on the rewards ladder and gaining them their Silver certificate and badge.

We are thrilled to be celebrating the following students' hard work below.

An enormous CONGRATULATIONS to you all!
Gold is now in sight.

Oliver MacDougall	Matilda	98
Harvey Brewer	Christie	97
Alexa Morgan	Matilda	94
Amber MacKenzie	Bigg	88
Katie McCarthy	Matilda	85
Esme Hurley	Matilda	83
Lottie French	Matilda	81
Hannah Underhill	Blackstone	79
Alyssa Rawson	Bigg	77
Fletcher Stickley	Matilda	76
Daniel Snellgrove	Christie	75
Joseph Sibley	Bigg	73
Joshua Skeels	Christie	73
Grace Smyth	Bigg	73
Annabella Baroni	Christie	72
Ellie Mae Cook	Bigg	72
Sophie Eagling	Bigg	72
Evie Garnier	Bigg	72
Ursula O'Brien	Bigg	72
Jessica Clayton	Blackstone	71
Luca Watkin	Matilda	71
Alfie Mason	Matilda	70
Anna De Vince	Christie	69
Gethin Jenkins	Matilda	69
Erin Ridgway	Matilda	69
Rosa Arnold	Matilda	67
Paige Bachelor	Bigg	67
Lily Jones	Matilda	67
Lily Girnary	Blackstone	66
Eve Jarman	Christie	64
James Underhill	Bigg	64
Thomas Debney	Christie	63
Alice Hull	Blackstone	63
Arthur Liddy	Bigg	62
Jamie Bennett	Bigg	61
Amy Crook	Christie	61
Matthew Clark	Christie	60
Sebastian Draganel	Christie	60
William Veck	Blackstone	60
William Venn	Matilda	60
Rosie Wilkes	Matilda	60
Jacob Backhouse	Bigg	59
Amelie Brett	Christie	59
Lydia Gibson	Blackstone	59
Oliver Sampson	Blackstone	59
Beatrice Tharme	Blackstone	59
Katie Wells	Matilda	59
Zoe Earl	Matilda	58
Millie Tyndall Miners	Christie	58
Hedamoljude Chadengad	Matilda	57
Chiana Cleak	Christie	57
Liam Frost	Bigg	57
Isabelle Gesner	Christie	57
Fraser Ramsay	Blackstone	57
Eleanor Walker	Matilda	56
Matthew Hindle	Matilda	55
Harry Marsh	Bigg	55
Sean Stuart	Christie	55
Freddie Webber	Matilda	55
Thomas Anderson	Bigg	54
Edward Mould	Bigg	54
Darci Bell	Blackstone	53
Bonnie Gesner	Matilda	53
Isobel Smith	Blackstone	53
Abigail Spence	Christie	53
Georgia Cuddon	Bigg	52
Mia-Lynn Forrester-Ley	Christie	52
Elliot Frost	Christie	52
Alfie Gallagher	Matilda	52

Sophia Pellegry	Matilda	52
Alyssa Reeves	Blackstone	52
Darcy Bennett	Matilda	51
Finlay Hillier	Christie	51
Jamila Makoka	Bigg	51
Herbert Potts	Christie	51
Jasper Robinson	Christie	51
Reubun Taylor	Bigg	51
Danni King	Matilda	50
Daisy Parker	Matilda	50
Daniel Pooley	Bigg	50
Isabella Salbany	Blackstone	50
Alfie Salter	Christie	50

GOLD AWARD

For the first time ever we are celebrating a set of Gold awards that have been earned this term. The following 5 students have gone above and beyond in their day to day efforts and received over 100 house points since the start of the year!

A massive CONGRATULATIONS to each of you, what a fantastic achievement.

Enya Lee	Matilda	137
Samuel Hillier	Matilda	121
Cayden Johns	Matilda	110
Rory Leslie	Matilda	107
Harvey Copeland	Matilda	101
Archie Tibbles	Matilda	100

The next two awards to work towards...

PLATINUM AWARD

DIAMOND AWARD

We look forward to seeing what you achieve in the New Year - good luck!

Farewell & Thank you!

Saying a heartfelt goodbye and thank you for their incredible contribution to the Wallingford Community:

Paula Duggleby - Wellbeing Manager and 6th Form Tutor (24 years)

Jill Bowyer – Art Teacher and Year 10 Form Tutor (12 years)

Cat McWhinnie - SENDCo (6 years)

John Mehers - Cover Supervisor

A Warm Welcome...

We have welcomed:

Ben Wiggins – Facilities Manager

Craig Bunyan – Cleaning Supervisor

Jonathan Pearce – Caretaker

Jill Jarvis – Kitchen Staff

Gina Collins – Teaching Assistant

Stacey Hames – Teaching Assistant

We look forward to welcoming:

Karen Johnstone – Breaktime Assistant

Wendy Hodges – Teacher of Art

Messages from the Heads of Year...

Mr Lyons, Head of Year 11

I have been so impressed with Year 11 in the last term. They really do have a tricky year to contend with, especially after the year they had during the first half of their GCSE courses. As expected they have not only taken the year in their stride, but have continued to go above and beyond with some of the work they produce. These pictures are a selection of Year 11 students' food exam final pieces. They look incredible. One of my favourite parts of my job is going into the food room when they are cooking and speaking to them all about their creations! (and of course trying some!).



I want to wish all of Year 11 and their families a really Merry Christmas. I hope you all get to spend some quality time with your extended families and a well-earned break.

Thanks, Mr Lyons

Mrs Pike, Head of Year 10

Year 10 – You Make Me Proud

It was the beginning of September, when all through the school, came Year 10 eager and willing to learn.

The classrooms were ready with care and attention, armed with sanitiser and spray and learning resources.

The young people were all tidy and fresh in their uniform, with a full stash of new stationery at the ready.

With a new Head of Year, they settled in their new courses and made an amazing first impression.

Whilst manoeuvring their first term as KS4, they quickly got used to the new routines and became Friday interform quiz superstars – Well done ACH.

With an awesome bunch of tutors and a sad goodbye to Mrs Bowyer, we have had quite a term.

Now, MSI! now, EN! SV and SDO! On, ACH! on, SGI! On, DI, and JBO!

I wish all of you a merry HO! HO! HO!



Thank you to all Year 10 parents, teachers, the amazing Year 10 Form Tutor teams and most importantly an incredible group of young people. Have a lovely Christmas and see you in the New Year!

Mrs Pike

Mrs Burns, Head of Year 9

Hello Year 9,

As 2020 draws to a close and as we head into this festive period it is a time for reflection, not just of ourselves but an awareness of our friends, families, communities and society. The impact the pandemic has had on the economy, on health and isolation has taken a toll on us all and as we settle down for the break it is a chance to be mindful.

Many individuals have lost their businesses, their jobs and their source of income. So, before you ask for the latest phone or the latest fashion trend, don't forget to spare a thought for those of your age group who will go without this year, whose parents can't afford presents, whose loved ones can't get home or those that will be spending it alone, shielding.

2020 has been difficult but it has given us one great thing ... The chance to be mindful, a chance to reflect and an opportunity to change. 2020 will allow us to bring Christmas back to its fundamental principles. The chance to turn away from materialism, a chance for family to focus on the family, for parents and carers to focus on their children. And for us to appreciate what our loved ones do for us. The chance to be grateful for the warmth, shelter and care that you have, for many will go without all three this Christmas.

Wherever you are and however you will be spending it, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all afresh and ready in 2021.

Take care of yourself and each other!

Mrs Burns



Mr Choi, Head of Year 8

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to a well-earned rest over the Christmas period as it has been a very busy half-term! Students have completed their first batch of assessments, parents have received progress reports, and this was followed by our first ever virtual Year 8 parents' evening. We also managed to fit in a non-uniform day to raise money for the Aspire Charity and some very competitive and highly spirited house matches took place. With regards to the latter, it was great to see so many of you participate and it is lovely that this great tradition was still able to continue.

This term we focused on recognising stress as a natural response. By recognising signs of stress, e.g. increased heart rate or sweaty palms, you can learn to try to regulate your feelings, build resilience, or ask for support if you need it. I also want students to continue working on setting personal goals and targets, rather than comparing themselves to others. Hopefully by doing these two things students will have a growth mind-set and will be better able to look after themselves and their emotions.

Well done to students who have achieved Bronze and Silver awards in house points, you will receive certificates and badges in the New Year. During the holidays please enjoy your time with loved ones and take this time to recharge and come back ready for 2021.

Please take care of yourselves and 'Happy Christmas'.

Mr Choi



Ms Walker, Head of Year 7

Amazingly we are fast approaching the end of your second term here at Wallingford School already. Where has the time gone?

It feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming you into Year 7.

You have settled in so well and become such an integral part of the school it is difficult to remember a time when you were not part of our daily lives.

Everyone still arrives in the morning with a happy greeting, it is such a pleasure to see you all.

The days are becoming shorter, darker and colder so now is a time, more than ever, to fully embrace every new learning opportunity. It would be so easy to think about the end of term and yet there is still a great deal that can be accomplished and learnt in the days ahead.

Every day is a learning day!

I try to find something new and different each day that I did not know the day before. A great question to ask yourself at the end of each day

is: 'What have I learnt today?' Not what have I done, but what have I learnt! Challenge yourself to think about this every day, tell people at home something that you have 'learnt' and embrace each day as a learning opportunity.

We are so proud about how many of you continue to have 100% attendance. Attendance is so important to your overall experience of school but especially your learning experience. We look forward to awarding lots more House points to those with full attendance in Term 2 or those who have improved their attendance since Term 1.

We hope that you all have a fabulous Christmas break. It may not be quite the same holiday as you would have had in previous years but we do hope that you have a lovely time with the family and friends who are in your bubble.

We also hope that you have a relaxing holiday so that you return to school in January ready to embrace all of the opportunities that 2021 will offer.

From Ms Walker and the whole Year 7 Tutor Team - We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

A message from the Student Leadership Team...

It's been tricky for the Student Leadership Team to do everything that we planned to do this term. However, I for one am proud of what we managed to achieve.

At the time of writing we have raised a total of £1112 for Aspire from the non-school uniform day. To get people in the Christmas



spirit, as we approach an unusual one, we encouraged everyone to wear festive attire. So it was wonderful to see an assortment of jumpers, masks and everything else. We also ran a face mask design competition for which we had over 40 entries and the winners got some chocolate and a couple of the designs were printed and

worn by Mr Marston and some of the SLT, a big thank you to the art and textiles department for the help with that.



There were also various things as part of Sixth Form that we were involved in, including a Halloween dress-up day and the formation of a school garden. So we hope that some of this has made a strange term at the end of a strange year just a little bit more enjoyable for you all and hope to continue this in the forthcoming one.

Joel Light, Student Leader

Santa Mask by Ella Ramsay (7LHR)
Covid Stole Christmas Mask by Ines Garcia (8NIB)



"Christmas starts right here. Talented Year 12 artists worked tirelessly over 4 hours to create our Wallingford Christmas mural. Our [time-lapse video](#) documents the sheer physical effort and joy of creating a large-scale bit of Christmas spirit. How did they all work so well together in such cramped conditions?! The Art department feel proud and humbled. Thank you Year 12 artists!"

Mr Bowen, Head of Art



Are you dreaming of a little Christmas yumminess?! Why not get baking like our Year 10 GCSE Food group, who created some delicious festive treats this week! Merry Christmas everyone!



Hand-washing technique with soap and water



1 Wet hands with water



2 Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces



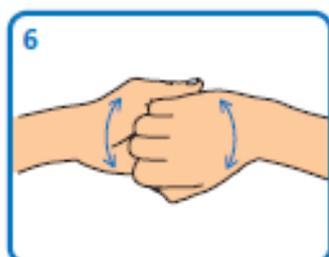
3 Rub hands palm to palm



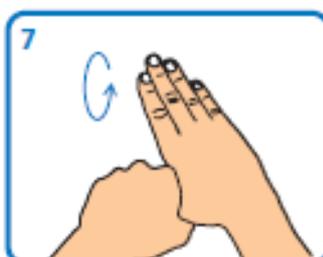
4 Rub back of each hand with palm of other hand with fingers interlaced



5 Rub palm to palm with fingers interlaced



6 Rub with back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



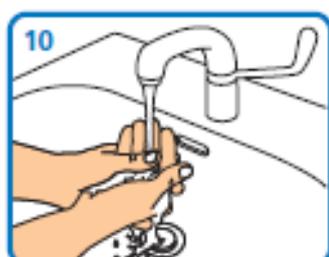
7 Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand using a rotational movement



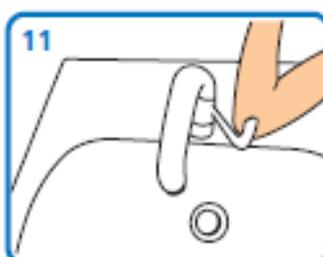
8 Rub tips of fingers in opposite palm in a circular motion



9 Rub each wrist with opposite hand



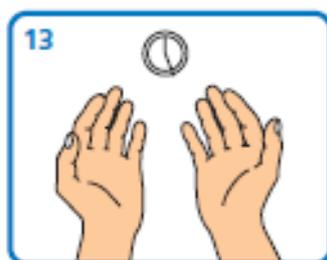
10 Rinse hands with water



11 Use elbow to turn off tap



12 Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel



13 Hand washing should take 15–30 seconds

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

