

Mildenhall College Academy



# NEWSLETTER



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## Farewell Year 11!



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## Dates For Your Diary

Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday 24th July 2019
A-Level Results Day	Thursday 15th August 2019
Uniform Shop	Tuesday 20th August 2019 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 22nd August 2019
PD Days	Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Students Return	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Year 12/13 Enrolment	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Sixth Form Lessons Begin	Thursday 5th September 2019
Open Evening 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Thursday 3rd October 2019
Awards Evening 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.	Awards Evening
October Half Term Break	Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2019
Students Return	Monday 28th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year which I hope you will enjoy reading. This will be my final newsletter 'editorial' to you and I am taking this opportunity to let you know that my role is changing. In September I am taking up the post of Regional Education Director for the secondary academies which are a part of Academy Transformation Trust in the East Region. This will mean that I will be working with six secondary academies across Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex, one of which is Mildenhall College Academy. The others are: The Nicholas Hamond and Icenic Academies in Norfolk, Westbourne Academy in Suffolk and The Hathaway and Mark Hall Academies in Essex.



Whilst I shall be based at Mildenhall College Academy, I will not be able to remain as Principal of MCA and carry out the role of Regional Education Director. I am pleased therefore to announce that Miss Hood, who has this past year been Head of Academy, will be the new Principal of Mildenhall College Academy.

On a personal note I would like to thank you all for supporting me during my time as Principal at MCA. Your help, kindness and encouragement have brightened every day and strengthened my resolve to push hard to make MCA the successful academy it is today. I am glad that I will continue to play a part in the future of the academy from the perspective of my new role.

There are a number of other staff changes to tell you about. Leaving are: Mr Ward, Vice Principal, Mrs Randall (English), Mrs deCort (Media Studies), Mrs McGinty (Spanish), Miss McKenzie (Maths), Mr Salt (PE), Mr Pickard (Science), Mrs Thomas (Science), Mrs Polk (Art) and Miss Emery (Cover Supervisor). We would also like to thank Mr McLelland and Mrs Bunn – both temporary English teachers- for helping us out since Christmas. I would like to thank all of the staff leavers for their work at the academy.

Our new staff starting in September are:

Mr J Oxley – Vice Principal

Mr A Hodgson – Faculty Leader for MFL

Mrs H Robinson – Assistant Faculty Leader

Miss E Reason – Spanish/French Teacher

Miss J Kortus – English Teacher

Mr A Fahy – Media Studies and English Teacher

Mrs B Billson – Geography Teacher

Mr J Uttridge – PE Teacher

Miss M Wilson – PE Teacher

We are looking forward to them joining us. We are also welcoming back Mrs Kireia, English Teacher, from her maternity leave and Mr Goodenough has been appointed as acting Vice Principal (Pastoral).

It remains for me to wish everyone a very enjoyable summer holiday and I look forward to seeing our Year 11 and Year 13 students again on the results days in August.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Byles".

Mrs S Byles  
Principal

On Friday 13th May 2019 we welcomed Kieran Miles from Ducolife Ltd into the academy. Kieran spoke to the Business Studies students about being an entrepreneur, the process of design, being bold and creating a marketing brand.

He spoke about how the idea came about as a result of wanting to have more adventures in his life. Kieran and a friend took up indoor climbing about three years ago and discovered that climbing clothing was not particularly practical or desirable, so they printed up their own t-shirts and the brand 'Duco' was born. The chosen brand name 'Duco' means 'I Lead' in Latin. They wanted to design high-performance, environmentally-friendly sports-wear with an edge.

Kieran spoke with passion about how the products were designed. He also explained how Ducolife Ltd is the exclusive team kit sponsor of the Great Britain Climbing and Paraclimbing Team for the 2019 season and beyond. To maintain their reputation as an environmentally friendly company Ducolife Ltd plants a tree for every product it manufactures and ensures sustainable sourcing of its fabrics and materials.

He also spoke to the students about the need to be bold – describing how they recruited reputable directors from large organisations by just emailing them or calling them. His advice to the students

was that if you want to try something or do something, then ask.

This was a really unique opportunity to give the students a chance to hear from someone who is actually running an enterprise and who has worked through the process of problem solving to designing and marketing a product.

You can learn more about the journey of Ducolife Ltd by visiting their website at: [www.ducolife.com](http://www.ducolife.com)





We recently received a letter from a 91 year old gentleman named Mr Cant who was a student at Mildenhall Senior School (the site of what is now MCA<sup>6</sup> Sixth Form Centre) between 1940 and 1943. Mr Cant was enquiring into whether we had any information from the school around that time.

Mildenhall Senior School closed in 1976 when much of Suffolk became a 'three tier' education system. However, the buildings of Mildenhall Senior School on Wamil Way continued to be used and they became Riverside Middle School, for children aged between 9-13. As luck would have it current MCA History teacher, Mr Lewis taught at Riverside Middle School from 2002 up until its closure in 2012 when he transferred to MCA. As part of the closure process, we had a huge clear out and one of Mr Lewis' tasks was to pass on the original log books, admissions registers and punishment books from the opening of the school in 1939 to the Suffolk Records Office in Bury St Edmunds. During this process he worked with the record office to produce scans of some

of the interesting documents found in the archives. Mr Lewis focussed on the Headship of Mr Arthur Mothersole and the senior school during World War Two.

Mr Lewis is in contact with Mr Cant and continues to share information. Mr Cant is very happy and has given us an extra insight into the school during those years by sharing stories. In an early email Mr Cant said:

"I was thrilled to receive your e-mail in response to my letter. To know that you have CD Roms covering the early period of WW2 is amazing."



## Be Safe when you BBQ

Please follow these important safety points before you BBQ:-

- Ensure that your BBQ is clean and well maintained.
- Use your BBQ in a well ventilated and illuminated area, on a non-combustible surface such as a patio or concrete area.
- Do not use Gas BBQs near any naked flames.
- Never leave BBQs unattended.
- Ensure BBQs are properly extinguished after use.
- Ensure that you use the recommended fuel for charcoal BBQs.
- Dispose the used charcoal carefully into metal containers.
- Keep small children and animals away from the BBQ.
- Never consume alcohol when using a BBQ.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!

**Andrew Sheldrick**

School Fire Liaison Officer

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## Meet the Governor - Mr Richard Goodenough

After studying a degree in Sports Therapy at the University of Chichester and flirting with the concept of professional cricket I decided to re-train as a teacher.

After a short spell of teaching at King Edward VI School in Bury St. Edmunds I joined Mildenhall College Academy as a teacher of PE in 2008. I was soon promoted to the role of House Leader and then into the role of Assistant Principal. I joined the Academy Committee in 2013 as a Staff governor and more recently converted to a Community governor. I am passionate about improving the lives of the young people who live in our community and I am determined to improve their Teamwork, Resilience, Ambition, Inquistiveness, Togetherness and Success.





On Monday 20th May 2019 Year 9 Business Studies students visited Wildtracks Outdoor Activity Park in Kennett as part of their Marketing and Human Resources Unit. During the day, students had the opportunity to have a go at archery and battlefield live as well as enjoying a presentation from Brodie Troller (Marketing and Activities Manager) followed by a tour of the site.

During the talk, Brodie spoke to students about how Wildtracks market their activities; their competitors; pricing strategies; their business type and their target market.

One of wildtracks unique selling points is the fact that they do more than just go-karting and have several different activities for different groups including archery, off road driving, motorcross as well as go-karting. Their main competitor is Red Lodge Karting which is located just across the road. Both businesses have very similar prices but what sets them apart is the different activities available at Wildtracks compared to Red Lodge Karting who focus on one activity.

Another thing we learnt during the talk was how the company conducts their market research. They use both primary and secondary research to ensure they keep sales up and remain successful. However, demands will never stay the same so Wildtracks get regular verbal feedback from customers and activity leaders as well as using feedback forms and reviews from websites such as trip advisor (this is all primary research). If the response is negative then the staff at Wildtracks will try their best to retrace the problems and give the customers an opportunity to get a refund or return to Wildtracks and have a free session. In terms of secondary research, Wildtracks look at competitor websites in order to compete fairly and successfully with them as well as using a census – information about the local area – to find out about popular and high demand in the area.

During our tour of the site we created a SWOT table talking about the local business and their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. There were many strengths including: the range of activities; the range of tracks for different abilities; the family friendly environments and friendly, trained staff who lead the activities. There were few weaknesses that could be easily resolved such as the amount of litter around; the lack of certain activities at certain times of the year and a lack of refreshments around the site.

***Millie Chadwick, Year 9***



### Bake Off Competition 2019

The Bake-off Competition for Year 7 and 8 was held on Monday 1st July 2019. We had two joint winners, sisters Lucy Shingfield and Katie Shingfield.

The contestants had to make a scone of their choice. Lucy made a lovely sweet scone of milk chocolate with white chocolate chips and Katie made a savoury scone of mature cheese and sweetcorn.

Both were amazing entries and tasted great. Well done to the girls who won themselves a £10 WH Smith voucher each.

### Student Voice

The academy has widened its student voice and introduced some new committees. These include a Wellbeing Committee, Policies Committee, Environmental Committee and Peer

Mentoring Committee. Students nominated themselves to be part of these committees and we look forward to seeing the new initiatives and ideas that they come up with.



**Right:**  
Environmental  
Committee



On Tuesday 18th June 2019 Year 9 and 10 Geography students were privileged to receive a visit from Dr Harriet Allen, a Cambridge University lecturer.

Dr Allen gave a talk on the research that she conducts in the Mediterranean and the relevance of Geography in the modern world.

Dr Allen started off by talking about the loss of biodiversity globally and why this should concern us all. We learnt roughly how many species there are worldwide and that (surprisingly) insects make up more than 60% of them!

Dr Allen's main research focus is on the distribution of lynx in Spain and Portugal. She said that although she has spent a large part of her career studying and tracking them, she has never seen one in the wild! She finished off her talk by outlining the skills that studying Geography helps to develop. Geography enables you to develop a range of skills from critical thinking to communication skills and data analysis. The GCSE students were able to relate to a lot of this as many of them had just come back from their coastal data collection in Cromer.

Aina Hassan in Year 9 said, "I found Dr Allen's speech very motivational and inspirational" which is a view echoed by many students.



Year 9 student Kiera Cole said, "I never knew there were so many ways we could help wildlife". Dr Allen is passionate about protecting biodiversity and the students were able to see clearly the importance of conservation.

Aina and Keira both agreed that, "Geography can lead to so many career options and it was interesting to find out which ones are available".

We'd all like to thank Dr Allen for giving up her time to speak to the students. They left the room buzzing about Geography and the possibilities ahead of them.

Year 13 celebrated the end of their time at Mildenhall College Academy with a Midsummer Ball at Lynford Hall on Friday 28th June 2019. The students and staff in attendance were treated to a delicious three course meal, followed by speeches and dancing.

In her speech Mrs Sanders-Pope, Director of Sixth Form, congratulated the students on their hard work throughout the Sixth Form and told the audience how proud we were to call them our students.

We wish all of the leavers the best of luck for the future.



# NEWS - YEAR 11 PROM

Our Year 11 prom was held on Friday 5th July 2019. The evening was a huge success and the students had an enjoyable time celebrating the end of an era as they look forward to the next stage of their lives.



**Congratulations to the following students who have all achieved 100% attendance since September:**

## **Year 7**

Vincent Boyce  
Joshua Carr  
William Clark  
Ryan Crowe  
Patrick Donkin  
Teddy Hyde  
Archie Maloney  
Liam Mann  
Nigel Martins Da Silva  
Arthur Miller  
Angelina Mortukane  
Sean Neale  
Charlie Pearson  
Ruby Philpot  
Oliver Rayner  
Samuel Smith  
Sophie Sparkes  
Jacob Wragg

## **Year 8**

George Allison  
Ethan Dolphin  
Lubko Ellison  
Jessica Garrard  
Chelsea Locke  
Aron Mazey  
Benjamin Peck  
Hayley Robinson  
Lina Santos-Nunes  
Katie Shingfield  
Lucy Shingfield  
Emilia Street  
Gemma Willingham

## **Year 9**

May Barker  
Keira Bolton  
Eric Chen  
Henry Donkin  
Harvey Gathercole  
Luke Ibbs  
Sam Johnson  
Adhelle Kellogg  
Chloe Lucas  
Lewis Mooney  
Lydia Ready  
Kristers Sipcenoks  
Emily Stokes  
Lewis White  
Ryan Willingham  
Kacey Wragg

## **Year 10**

Callum Bourbery  
Daniel Coster  
Ana Gashi  
River Treadwell  
Daniel West  
Michael Zawiasa

## **Year 11**

Annalise Brown  
Maria Buckles  
Leah Creedy  
Phoebe Garrard  
Eden Handy  
Alexander Mathew  
Emma Morley

Corey Sadler  
Zoe Smith  
Georgena Snowdon  
Robyn Storey  
Savannah Thorby

Special congratulations to the following who have achieved 100% attendance over two or more years:

## **2 years**

George Allison  
Aron Mazey  
Ben Peck  
Lucy Shingfield  
Emilia Street

## **3 years**

May Barker  
Eric Chen  
Emily Stokes  
Kacey Wragg

## **4 years**

Daniel Coster

## **5 years**

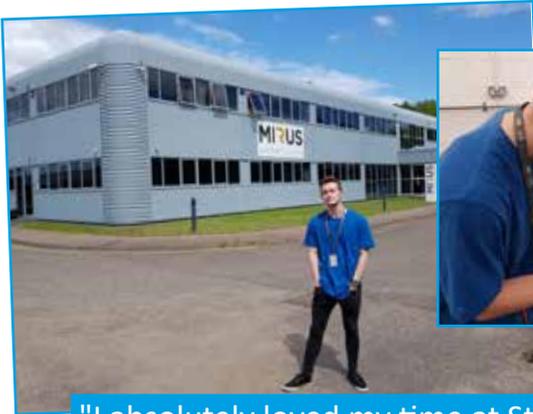
Maria Buckles

# NEWS - SIXTH FORM

We would like to extend our thanks to all employers who offered work experience placements to our Year 12 students. The students really enjoyed their placements and have gained a valuable insight into the world of work. Below is a pictorial snapshot of their week. We could not illustrate all placements as there were so many:



"I've enjoyed my work experience so much! Every day I have experienced a different environment"  
**Jessica Talbot - Sanofi**



"I absolutely loved my time at Stewart Griffiths, Platform Architect Hawk Twin Aisle. They gave me a true taste of what the industry of Aerospace Engineering is all about. "  
**Guilherme Cavaleiro**



"Every Friday the children have to talk about their favourite part of the week and some of them said it was meeting me!"  
**Maisy Holder - Elveden Primary School**





Mildenhall College Academy is proud to announce the new Prefect Team for 2019-20.



The academy would like to thank the one hundred students who applied to become prefects. The team was eventually selected as a result of a staff vote.



The Prefect Team are an essential part of academy life as they are the public face of MCA. They will be present for parental and other stakeholder events as well as performing duties within the academy.

To train the prefects for their new roles they spent a day teambuilding at 'The Playground' in Barrow which was very much enjoyed by the students.



## Junior Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 30th April we had one hundred and twenty students from Years 7 and 8 take part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge.

Of the students who took part we had twenty eight students receive a bronze certificate, nine students receive a silver certificate, and five students receive a gold certificate.

Further to this we had two students progress to the next round. Chloe Palmer, from Year 7, who took part in the Olympiad Challenge, and Aron Mazey, from Year 8, who took part in the Kangaroo Challenge. These students took part in the second round of the challenge on Tuesday 11th June 2019. Chloe

achieved a Merit in the second round while Aron achieved a Qualification.



## Poisson d'avril

MCA paired up with Great Heath Academy to launch a 'poisson d'avril' competition.

On April 1st in France, children design fish that they stick on people's backs trying to keep unnoticed. Sometimes, the fish have a little writing on them. The hope is that the fish will stay on the person's back for as long as possible. The great fun is to stick them on teachers' backs.

Great Heath pupils have drawn amazing looking fish and written even better sentences in French. Some of the students at MCA had the opportunity to vote for their favourite fish. Prizes

will soon be awarded to the winning students.

Congratulations to Great Heath pupils for demonstrating such creativity!



## Home to Academy Transport

If you are eligible for home to academy transport provided by Suffolk County Council, you should check the process of your application through the portal you opted-in on. Once this has been approved you need to complete the photo pass application. The Suffolk online applications should be completed before 31st July 2019. If you do not have access to the internet please call them on **0345 606 6173** to obtain a paper application. The pass must be issued in the student's legal name, so please remember to apply for the pass in the correct name. If you have not received your child's pass by 16th August 2019, please contact County Transport to obtain a temporary pass.

Students applying for a place on one of our Brandon or Lakenheath buses should have returned the application to the Finance Office by now. Further information regarding travel arrangement on these routes will be issued during the summer break.

There is a code of conduct which students are expected to follow. This is referenced to on the renewal letters from Suffolk Passenger Transport and the Academies website has a link to it. Please take time to read it and relay what is expected to your child.

## Uniform

Anglia Sports and Schoolwear, the Academy's uniform suppliers, are holding a "shop" in the Academy's gym on Tuesday 20th August 2019 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You can use this to buy uniform (cash or cards accepted, no cheques), try on so you know what to order online and return or swap any unwanted items previously purchased online from them.

When ordering online please order no later than Friday 23rd August 2019 to allow sufficient time for your uniform to arrive. If you have any questions regarding delivery, returns or sizing please refer to Anglia Sports & Schoolwear's website at:

[www.yourschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolwear.co.uk)



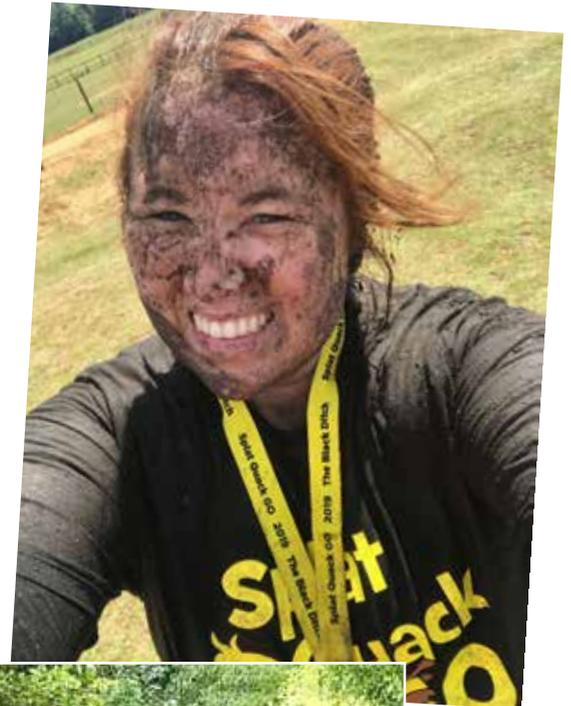
## Splat, Quack GO Mud Run

On Saturday 15th June 2019 English teacher Miss Robson took part in 'Splat Quack GO - Mud Run' to raise money for the charity 'Fresh Start - New Beginnings'. The run was a 6km run with a total of 45 obstacles.

Miss Robson said, "This run was one of the hardest things I've had to do and it's safe to say I am battered and bruised from it."

Fresh Start – New Beginnings works through Suffolk and Norfolk, and was set up to provide a therapeutic service for children and young people up to 21 years who have reported being sexually abused and to offer support for their families. Their aim is to help children and young people make sense of the confusion they feel and to teach them coping strategies to deal with the difficulties they face.

The charity is local and really does rely on donations and these types of events to help provide this necessary service to children and young adults after unthinkable events in their lives.



## Cricket

The U15 Girls' cricket team (pictured left) represented the academy at the county finals at Copdock Cricket Club on Tuesday 2nd July 2019. They qualified for the finals after winning all five matches against local schools at Mildenhall Cricket Club earlier this term. Standout performers for the girls at the county finals were Jemima Kent and Amari McGee.

## Young Starz Karting Championship

Year 10 student Reece Bright has always loved motorsport and joined the Red Lodge Karting Young Starz Training Club in March 2016. After completing their training programme he has been racing in the 270cc senior category since January 2017.

Young Starz run two, summer and winter 160cc and 270cc, championships during the year. On Sunday 2nd June 2019 Reece

won the winter senior championship racing a 270cc kart. On top of competing Reece has also recently started to volunteer at the training sessions to help prepare younger drivers to race.

### **Right:**

*Reece Bright's  
Winners Trophy*



## Kuk Sool Won

Year 9 student Alana Millington recently competed in the WKSA Kuk Sool Won European Championships at the UEA in Norwich. She took part in two divisions (form and technique) and won Gold in both divisions. We are very proud of Alana especially considering she has only been competing for less than one year.

### **Pictured (left to right):**

*The Grand master, Alana Millington,  
Darren Hart - Master.*



## Rounders

Pictured left are the U12 Rounders team who came second in the Western Area League on Tuesday 9th July 2019 following the finals matches.

Well done girls, excellent team effort!



## Athletics

The Year 8 athletics team (pictured above) competed in the Super8 athletics competition in Bury St Edmunds earlier this term, with each student participating in a track event, a field event and the medley relay.

Congratulations to Darcie Howard, Ben Peck and Freddie Dean who all won their individual events on the day.

The Year 10 athletics team also competed in their format of the Super8 competition this term. Ryan Wilson performed exceptionally accruing the highest aggregate points score of all athletes from the fifteen competing schools.

## Football

The U15 team travelled to Culford for a re-match, following a narrow defeat earlier this year. Once again, we selected a number of Year 9 boys to play one year up, including Matthew Hobbs and Ryan Horne. The latter scored a winner five minutes from time to earn a 4-3 victory for MCA. The pick of the goals came from Olly Hollands, who cut inside a defender and unleashed an unstoppable effort from twenty five yards.

## Basketball

Molly and Jemima Kent (pictured below) both recently received awards for winning the South East U16 Conference - a great achievement and well deserved for a very successful season. Jemima was also awarded most improved player for the second year running.

Jemima also attended the final Eastern region selection for u15 girls at Copleston and has been selected to play for the East at the upcoming national tournament in Manchester.

This is an amazing achievement as the competition was very strong.



## In Other News...

We would like to congratulate Jemima Kent, Amalee Neill-Gourlay, James Peck and Ben Peck who were guests of West Row Academy on Friday 14th June 2019. They opened the new school field and met with students from Key Stages one and two and gave a talk on how they became involved in sport.



Follow the PE faculty on twitter for all the latest sports news  
**@MilPEdept**

## Dance Show

On Thursday 27th June 2019 Year 12 dance students performed their Disney inspired dance show to 60 pupils from St Mary's Primary School.

Jessica Talbot, Jack Learoyd and Tegan Rose all choreographed and performed in the show.



## DO YOU LIVE IN LAKENHEATH?

### GOWARD & EVANS CHARITIES LAKENHEATH Reg Charity No. 253727

The Trustees wish to remind all residents of the Parish of Lakenheath that written applications for both 'Relief in Need' and Education grants (young people under the age of 25) are welcomed in advance of meetings held in March and September each year.

Applications for our next meeting (including those wishing to apply for support for Sixth Form/Higher/Further education) are required by 21st August 2019 at the latest please.

Anyone may feel free to contact the Clerk to the Trustees (in confidence and at any time during the year) :

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