

# LATITUDE

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CELEBRATING  
**Last Term**

*The School continues to go from strength to strength thanks to our amazing students, our committed staff and our highly supportive parents!*

*We have seen real improvements in Teaching and Learning and the consistency of expectations across the school this term, and as this edition of Latitude shows so much more happens at school to enrich students experiences than just the taught curriculum.*

*Staff: Thank you for making all of this possible and for your amazing energy and commitment to our students.*

*Students: Well done on your involvement and making the most of every opportunity - you make it all worthwhile.*

*Parents: Thank you for being so supportive and working alongside us to help your children succeed.*

*We have many plans to continue our drive to make this school excellent in every way it can be so I am really looking forward to 2025.*

*Chris Doherty*

Chris Doherty  
Headteacher



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TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

## Child Development go back to... **Little Admirals**

I took our wonderful Year 11 Child Development students to Little Admirals on Tuesday 24th September as part of their course.

They were brilliant with the students and loved their day playing with the children and looking at the facilities for their upcoming tasks in their assignments.

Thank you for being so brilliant girls! I couldn't be prouder!

Miss Cooper



TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

## PD Day **one**



Admiral Lord Nelson School

# OPEN EVENING



# Duke of Edinburgh BRONZE AWARDS 2024

Congratulations to all students who received their Bronze Awards.

It was an absolute pleasure to oversee your award.

Thank you all for coming, you all looked so incredibly smart!

*Mr Sharp*



# Hot Chocolate Friday with the Headteacher

Hot Chocolate Friday is an opportunity for Headteacher, Mr Doherty, to invite learners who have gone above and beyond during the week to share a hot drink and a chat together



What better way to end the working week than with your hands around a mug of marshmallow topped hot chocolate? 🍌

Well done everyone!

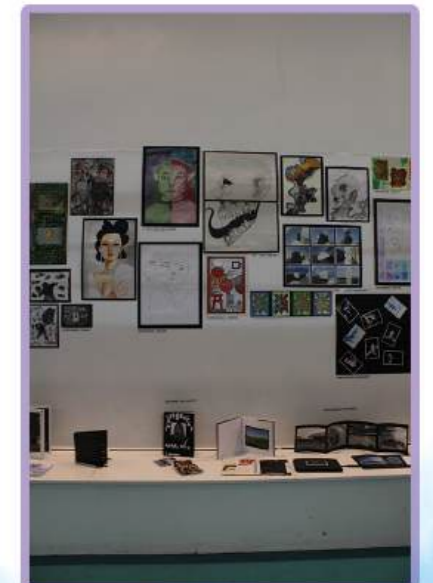


# ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION



On Wednesday 16th October, we hosted our annual Art & Design Exhibition!

We proudly displayed a huge array of work from our talented 2024 GCSE students. Visitors were also greeted with beautiful piano music played by Year 9 student Razvan and Year 11 student Upamanyu, as well as tasty appetisers made by some of our GCSE Food and Nutrition and Design champions! Thank you to everyone who attended.



FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

# PD Day **TWO**



WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Year 7

# SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

The Year 7 Speed Networking event was a resounding success, providing students with an exciting opportunity to explore a variety of careers. 😊

Engaging with professionals from diverse fields, the students were inspired, asked thoughtful questions, and gained valuable insights into future possibilities. 💬

We hope the event had sparked curiosity and empowered students to start thinking about their paths early, making it a truly enriching experience. A big thank you to all the professionals and participants who made this event such a triumph! 😊

Mrs Riches



"I loved careers day. It was a chance for all kids to discover jobs and find new interests. My mum volunteered for the careers day. She thought it was funny and she really enjoyed the kids trying to guess what job she did. For me, I like guessing the jobs. I was really interested and had a great time." - scarlett

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Mary Rose 5 take on...

# BAKE OFF!

MR5 hosted a Bake Off competition on Friday. All the entries were incredibly delicious, but the judges, Mr Waldren and Mr Ringrow, decided the winner was Jayla P in Year 9 with her Biscoff blondies.

Well done everyone!

STAR BAKER!



# A Day with Photographer **DAVID TUCKWELL**

During PD day, Year 10 students were treated to an exciting and inspiring visit from professional photographer David Tuckwell, who led an engaging workshop on the art of photography. David, known for his stunning landscape and documentary photography, began the day by sharing his own impressive portfolio with the students, giving them a glimpse into his creative process and how he captures the world through his camera lens.

David's presentation started with a selection of his own work, showcasing a variety of landscapes and documentary photographs. Showing his successful images that have been shared online, in magazines and collaborating with [mydogsighs](#).



David then took the pupils out of the classroom for a photography session, where they were able to create their own landscape images around the school grounds. David provided valuable tips on framing shots, understanding light, and using the surrounding environment to create abstract compositions of the school building.

Miss Dixon

Raku Firing with Ceramic Artist

# Alice Crowe

Year 10 Fine Art students had the opportunity to work with Portsmouth ceramic artist Alice Crowe during their creativity PD Day. Alice started the day by talking about her work as an artist and introduced students to the technique of Raku firing.



From there it got a lot more hands on! Students glazed their own clay pot with raku glazes and then under Alice's careful supervision they completed a raku firing in small groups. It's an unpredictable process and there were flames but the results were absolutely amazing! The students had a great day, learnt lots and all went away with at least one raku fired pot!

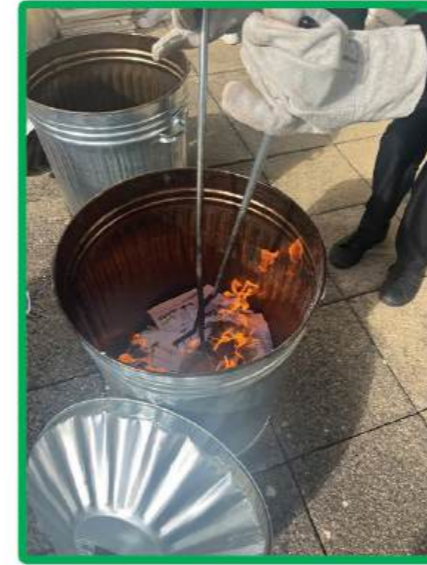
*Mrs Clooney*

"I enjoyed getting to work with an artist. It was an amazing experience. Learning from a professional about raku firing was really fun."

- ELLA B

"A highlight of the creativity PD day was the raku firing workshop, where visiting artist - Alice Crowe taught us how to fire our premade pots. It was a hands-on, engaging experience, and watching the firing process transform our pieces with unique colours and textures was amazing."

- NETHARA E



"EXPLORING RAKU FIRING WAS TRULY FASCINATING AND UNIQUE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SPECIAL HELP OUR CLASS RECEIVED FROM ALICE CROWE. I LOVED SEEING HOW RAKU POTTERY WAS CREATED AND THE AFTER COLOURS OF WHAT WE GLAZED. THE COLOURS WERE ABSOLUTELY MAJESTIC AND EXTRAORDINARY. EMERALD, BURGUNDY AND NAVY-BLUE. OUR CLASS RECEIVED LOTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT RAKU THAT WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF BEFORE. IT WAS A REALLY GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR A PD DAY!"

- NEDA M-F



Warrior House:

# HARVEST BOX

During October, Warrior House prefects collected donations for their Harvest Box scheme.

Lots of tinned food, toiletries etc. were generously donated which were organised into boxes to be given to the local food bank. Thank you to everyone who contributed - Your kindness and generosity goes a long way!



Mary Rose

# HALLOWEEN DUCK COMPETITION!

Before half term, Mary Rose tutors were competing to create the best Halloween themed duck 🎃🦆

🥉 In 3rd Place: MR3 with a stop motion video 🎬

🥈 In 2nd Place: MR1 with a 'Blair Witch' style video 🧛‍♀️

🥇 In 1st Place: MR10 with a hand-crafted haunted duck house 🏠👻

Well done to all who entered! 😊



In Association with Woodland Trust

# YEAR 7 PLANT 250 TREES!



In November, Year 7 classes took it in turns to plant trees over the course of three days.

The trees that were planted by the students were provided by Woodland Trust. These included hazel, English oak, hawthorn, wild cherry, silver birch and rowan 🌳🌿🌱

They were planted around the perimeter of the school field - 250 in total!

The students behaved beautifully and they are looking forward to seeing their little saplings grow over the next five years 🌿

A huge thanks to Mrs Popescu for organising this incredible experience, as well as Andrew Beecher who volunteered for all 3 planting days! 😊

# DEBATE COMPETITION!

On Wednesday 13th November, Key Stage 3 students took part in an internal debate competition as part of their training for external competitions in the future!

The judges were Mrs Holness, Mr Jarvis and Year 11 student Aimee, who all said that the standard of all the students was excellent!

The final winners were...  
**AADVEE & NIAMH!**







## BOYS FOOTBALL!

Over 50 boys in Year 7 have represented the school in fixtures against other schools so far this year, they have had some mixed results in the league so far but have had some great performances and played some lovely football. The Year 7 boys team have also successfully made it through to the next round of the Portsmouth Cup. Well done Year 7!



The Year 8 boys team have played some fantastic football in their league and cup games so far this year with some high scoring games and very convincing wins. They have represented the school very well and have also successfully made it through to the next round of the Portsmouth Cup. Well done Year 8!

The Year 9 boys team put on an excellent display in the first round of their cup game, beating Priory 3-1 to also progress through to the next round of the Portsmouth cup. Well done Year 9s! More league games will be coming up for them very soon!

The Year 10 boys team have also successfully made it through to the next round of the Portsmouth Cup following their first-round victory against Trafalgar. They have also had some great results in the league this year, undefeated so far! The Year 10s have been playing some brilliant attacking football, creating lots of chances and not conceding many goals. Well done!

The Year 11 boys team unfortunately lost their first round of the Portsmouth cup game against a very strong Mayfield side. They played well during the game and created some great chances but unfortunately the result went the other way. More league fixtures will be coming up for them soon!

Mr Probert

## YEAR 7 AND 8 GIRLS FOOTBALL!



⚽ Kicking off the new football season for Year 7/8 girls! ⚽

On Tuesday 2nd October, we had our girls playing against Mayfield. What a strong start we had winning 5-3, some amazing talent!

Goals scored from Millie, Aaliyah x2, Lyra and Izabella. I'm excited for what's to come for this team!



The Year 7/8 girls suffered their first defeat on 15th October against Trafalgar. They battled hard but unfortunately, it wasn't enough. Goal scored by Millie and player of the match was Lola.



Once again, on 25th November, the girls battled the cold/wind to play against a strong Priory team. Unfortunately they suffered a loss but did well to get a goal back in the second half. Goals scored by Millie - Player of the match was Lola.

Miss Conaghan

# SPORTS CORNER!

## KS4 BOYS BASKETBALL!



Our KS4 boys played in their first Basketball game this year on Wednesday 25th September, against a strong Mayfield team.

They played brilliantly, in what was a super display of Basketball. They came out with a 24-16 win in the full court game after warming up playing small sided across court games. The boys showed great sportsmanship throughout and all finished congratulating each other and thanking me for hosting.

It was a real pleasure to be amongst such thoughtful and respectful athletes. Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Cooper

## YEAR 11 CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH!



On Wednesday 24th October, Year 11s took part in a charity football match, V Side vs E Side! ⚽

Huge well done to V Side (Mr Fuller's team) for winning on penalties! 🏆

## GIRLS NETBALL!



A massive well done to Year 7/8/9/10 girls this term for their commitments and efforts to Netball Club and Fixtures. I am really impressed with the level of enthusiasm and determination of the individuals and it has been a pleasure to train them.

Year 8 & 9 Netball Tournament was a success against the local Portsmouth school with several draws and wins.



Year 7 stole the show winning all of their games, this is a massive success as the majority of these girls have never played netball before. I am extremely proud and they have huge potential for future success in the sport.

Upcoming Fixtures are booked in and I look forward to taking these teams and hopefully returning with wins!

A special mention to the Year 10 girls and boys who have had fixtures cancelled but attend every training session regardless.

Mrs Wooden

# OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



## CONGRATULATIONS HENRY!



We'd like to congratulate Henry in Year 10 who represented his gymnastics club at the South Region grades qualifiers in September, coming 1st and was crowned South region champion for his age group. He will now represent team South at the grades final in November at Telford! 🏆

He recently attended his 3rd England camp at Lilleshall National Sports Centre. Due to having a successful camp, he was selected to represent England at the Horizon international cup in Greece. 🇬🇷

Horizon Cup is an exciting international Artistic Gymnastics tournament, especially made for up-and-coming gymnasts from all over the world. 🌍

Henry's amazing results were:

- 2nd all around 🥈
- 1st Pommel 🥇
- 2nd Floor & Rings 🥈
- 3rd Pbar & High bar 🥉

What an amazing experience - Congratulations Henry! 🎉

## WELL DONE BROOKE!

On 16th November, Brooke in Year 11 took part in the Gymnastics Mezzo Cup Final (after qualifying in June) competing against teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and her team won gold in the Junior Level 6 category for Vault, Trampoline and Track and became UK national champions, her team also won the overall best score for the whole of Level 6 for Trampoline!



## WELL DONE BELLA!



We'd like to give a big well done to Bella in Year 7 who competed in a Gymnastics Competition in October... and is going to the British Nationals! 🏆

She also earned the title of Southern Region Champion with some amazing results:

- 🥈 Overall
- 🥈 Beam
- 🥈 Floor
- 🥈 Vault
- 🥈 4th Bars

Keep up the amazing work, Bella! 🎉

## CONGRATULATIONS JACKSON!



Huge congratulations to Jackson in Year 11 who has been offered a 2 year scholarship at Brighton Football Club! 🏆

He has worked very hard for this and we are extremely proud of him!  
Well done Jackson! 🎉

## MARITA ATTENDS HER FIRST SESSION OF HAMPSHIRE YOUTH PARLIAMENT!



Our students' accolades go further than sport!

On 31st October, Marita in Year 7 attended her first session of Hampshire Youth Parliament!

The meeting took place in Winchester where they discussed/debated various topics, including:

"Jobs, Money and Opportunities" with specific focus on youth volunteering and skills development.

Marita became a member of Children's Parliament during her time in primary school, aging out and entering her first year in Hampshire Youth Parliament recently.

They meet once a term and she represented Admiral Lord Nelson as well as herself in wanting to effect positive change forever community and country.

We are very proud and look forward to what she can do in the future.

Well done Marita!

## WELL DONE PETER!



Huge well done to Peter J in Year 7 who recently sat his Grade 1 keyboard exam with Rockschoool and passed with a merit! What a fantastic achievement!

## ZAC'S ARCHERY SUCCESS!



Zac in Year 11 shoots for an archery club, Fort Purbrook Bowmen. He has just received his certificate for the field and 3D, for his group U16, for the year!

He has won a lot of medals and trophies from archery

competitions, and has competed all over the UK, from local to Gloucester.

He uses a sighted curve and is coached by an ex Olympian!

Keep up the amazing work Zac, and well done!

## HOPE'S SYNCHRONISED ICE SKATING COMPETITION!

In December, Hope in Year 8 competed in the first Synchronised Ice Skating Competition of the season, TROPHY D'ECOSSE 2024 (Dumfries, Scotland).

She skated in two teams for Solent Synchro, her first team was Solent Splash and they got Gold, and her second team was Solent Waves and they got Silver! 🥇🥈

All the teams from Solent Synchro got placed, & Hope's came back with one Gold, two Silvers, & three Bronzes! What an achievement! Keep up the great work Hope!



# Annual Awards Evening



## Child Development return to Little Admirals!

On Monday 2nd December, it was time for all of our Year 10 Child Development students to go and get some hands on experience at Little Admirals Pre School.

The girls have learnt about the physical, social and intellectual development of children aged 1-5, so went for their first visit to the pre school to start to see how the children play and get some ideas for when they design and develop their own activities that they will then go on to deliver.

Our students were superb! It was brilliant to see them engage and play with the children at Little Admirals. They showed such care, patience and real level of maturity in helping and supporting the children. I could not have felt anymore proud of them. Well done to all the Year 10 students that were involved and thank you to the staff at Little Admirals for working closely with us to give our ALNS students such a positive experience.

Miss Cooper





### Trafalgar Day

On Monday 21st October, before school, Dylan, Callum and Ms Barnes went to Ophdockyard for the Trafalgar Day ceremony on HMS Victory, remembering the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson.

It was a very prestigious occasion which they were proud to be part of. #trafalgarday #21stoctober1805



### Remembrance Day

It is always an honour every year to attend the Portsmouth remembrance service at the Guildhall on behalf of the school. On Sunday 10th November, thanks to Jayden, Maya, Beth and Ted, a wreath was laid on behalf of the school. Thanks to Mr Jarvis for his support.



It is such a poignant occasion and important to remember all those who served in the armed forces on our behalf and all those who are still serving. It was extra special to see some students from school as cadets marching in the parade.



Ms Barnes



### VR & AI Session with Holocaust Educational Trust

Year 9 students took part in an event at school run by @holocaustuk.

Using VR technology students were taken back to the 1940s and followed the life of Manfred from Germany and his experiences at Stutthof concentration camp.

All the students agreed that it was an amazing experience. Thanks to Miss Wellham for organising this amazing event. #holocausteducationaltrust





Mary Rose Museum Learning Centre:

# PULLEY'S WORKSHOP

Students from Years 7–9, selected by the History Department, recently attended a special trip to the Mary Rose Museum.

The visit was organised following an invitation from the museum to participate in a professional photoshoot for their educational program, website, and social media platforms.

During the trip, students engaged in a hands-on workshop titled "How to Raise the Mary Rose," which offered insights into the challenges and methods of historical ship recovery. They also enjoyed an informative tour of the museum, exploring the rich history and artifacts of Henry VIII's iconic warship. The experience provided a unique opportunity for students to deepen their historical knowledge while representing their school in a prestigious setting.

*Miss Wellham*



# PD Day THREE

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER



# FESTIVE MEALS!





## Donations for **Sophie's Legacy**



THANK YOU to our Warrior and Victory prefects who dropped all of your generous donations to Sophie's Legacy's van. @sophies\_legacy 🌈

Your generosity will go a long way for children in hospital this Christmas. Well done to all 🎄

## Christmas card competition!

Huge well done to Nethara for winning 1st Place in our Admiral Lord Nelson School Christmas Card Competition, and Moneesha for coming in 2nd! Both of your designs were beautifully creative. 😊

A special mention to our runners up: Isabelle O, Oscar K, Zethea A, Neveah D, Perry E and Erin H! 🎄



## House Christmas Trees!



**WINNERS = VICTORY!**

# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES!



VICTORY WINS THE HOUSE CUP!





# Dates for your Diary\*

- ▶ Thursday 16th January: Year 9 Parents Evening
- ▶ Monday 20th January: INSET Day 3
- ▶ Thursday 6th February: Year 9 Parent Curriculum Information Evening
- ▶ Friday 7th February: PD Day 4
- ▶ Thursday 27th February: Mentoring Day & Careers Fair
- ▶ Thursday 13th March: Year 8 Parents Evening
- ▶ Wednesday 19th March: INSET Day 4
- ▶ Wednesday 26th March: PD Day 5
- ▶ Monday 31st March: School Production Week
- ▶ Tuesday 1st April: PD Day 6

*\*Subject to Change*



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