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Celebrates...



I am delighted to have an opportunity, within the pages of this newsletter, to share some of this academic year's achievements – so far! I do hope you will find the articles both interesting and

informative. Perhaps they will prompt you to get in touch with us to discuss ways in which we can nurture, inspire and educate your child – if so, please don't hesitate to call me on **01258 881865** or email me at **admissions@miltonabbey.co.uk**

Claire Low - Head of Admissions

## Our Entrepreneur in Residence winner!

Our Entrepreneur in Residence competition winner for 2017/18 was announced at the end of term; many congratulations to Amelia (MVI) whose business idea of making washbags out of recycled materials caught the eye of our Entrepreneur in Residence Nick Wheeler, Founder and CEO of Charles Tyrwhitt Shirts. Amelia was a very worthy winner, she really took on board Nick's advice to her in their one-to-one business workshop and came back with an improved product and a clearer business plan to clinch the prize. Congratulations also to the two runners up, Henry (IV form) and Luchino (MVI). Next year, we look forward to working with a well-known British jewellery designer, Creative Director and Entrepreneur... that's all I can say at the moment!



## Our first lambs herald the start of Spring

Spring has sprung on the School Farm as a number of ducklings have hatched and our first lambs have been born. The recent addition of a new animal shelter will provide a warm home for the newly born lambs who will be monitored and cared for by the Countryside Management and Equine pupils at the start of the Summer term. The pheasant laying pen is stocked ready to begin producing fertile eggs that will ultimately hatch to provide us with our game birds for the next shoot season. The egg collection, incubation and rearing of the young birds will be carried out by pupils as part of their BTEC curriculum and this is a particularly exciting and rewarding time of year.

The farm's laying chickens are about to be moved to a new enclosure created by the pupils, so that they can enjoy fresh ground and continued security. The spring grass is just about to appear to provide grazing for our ewes and lambs, ram and goats after a long winter on supplementary feed.

Milton Abbey farm continues to develop in order to provide as much diversity and hands on learning as it can to support the requirements of the School across many curriculum areas.

### Sixth Form Open Day

1 December 2018 • 10.00am to 12.30pm

### Lower School Open Morning

19 May or 13 October 2018 • 10.15am to 1.00pm

### Taster Day

(for 2019 & 2020 entrants)

5 October 2018 • 9.45am to 4.30pm



## Milton Abbey announces new Girls' House

Milton Abbey School will open its second girls' day and boarding House in September 2018 in response to the high demand for girls' places at the School. This is very exciting news for Milton Abbey and a clear endorsement of its unique educational offer and the move to full co-education five years ago. Girls are contributing at the highest level across all areas of school life in a way that would have been inconceivable only ten years ago.

Mrs Emma Williams has been announced as the Housemistress for the new girls' House, Damer House. Emma, who currently teaches French and Spanish at Milton Abbey, says of her appointment, "Working at Milton Abbey has been an eye-opening experience for me; in educational terms its range of both academic and vocational courses, which allows pupils to create an educational package tailored to their needs and interests, is unique. Added to this is the 'full-boarding' offer with a plethora of activities and sports available seven days a week. Delivering such an offer is not for the faint-hearted and the last three years I have spent here have proven that every day brings a new opportunity, a new experience for both pupils and staff. I am thrilled to be appointed as the Housemistress of Damer House at a very exciting milestone in the future of Milton Abbey."

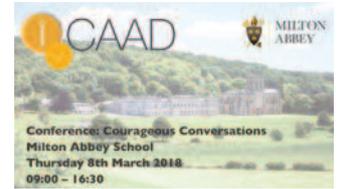


## IMPRESSIVE WIN FOR CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING TEAM

Well done to our clay pigeon shooting team who won the Millfield Shooting Cup this term for the second year running. The team, including Jack, Fin, Matvey and Josh, beat 31 other schools with their impressive score of 108 - a fantastic result!

# Courageous Conversations

'Ground-breaking' was how our Courageous Conversations conference, run by iCAAD, on 8th March was described by those who attended. Setting aside a whole day from our School calendar to devote to discussing topics such as mental health, addiction and gender issues, which are often swept under the carpet, sometimes with devastating consequences, was definitely new territory for us but the overwhelmingly positive feedback we had from parents, staff and pupils very much vindicated our decision to do this. The Headmaster was really encouraged by anecdotal feedback from staff, pupils and parents about how much they got out of the day, how the talks have instigated conversations that previously were too tricky to broach and how much more confident are pupils are about talking about what were pretty much 'taboo' subjects a few years ago.



## EQUESTRIAN COMPETITIONS FOR MILTON ABBEY GIRLS

It has been a busy term of competitions for Milton Abbey's riders, beginning with the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) Eventer's Challenge at Hickstead. Six girls took part in total including Tabitha, Hannah and Rebecca, who are all studying BTEC Level 3 Horse Management and have their horses stabled at Milton Abbey, and Rowena, Abigail and Minna who are recreational riders who enjoy making the most of Milton Abbey's beautiful surroundings.



The Moreton NSEA Show Jumping competition followed, where nine girls took part, all flying the flag for Milton Abbey School. Particular congratulations go to Kitty who came first in the Individual County Qualifier, and to Rebecca who was the highest placing individual in the 90cm category. The Milton Abbey team who competed at 90cm came fourth out of 23 teams.

## Sixth Form galleries visit

Milton Abbey's Sixth Form artists and photographers have been busy over the last few months, and enjoyed a day at the London galleries with Miss Fenwick, Mrs Burton and Art Technician, Polly Hughes this term.

The highlight of the day for many was the exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, a major retrospective of the German photographer Andreas Gursky. Gursky's photographs are about collective existence and are monumental pieces which depict vast landscapes, teeming crowds and massive man-made structures. There was something for all of the pupils to take away from this exhibition and for some it directly related to their exam assignment, so very relevant and worth making the journey for.



Later in the term, they had the opportunity to attend the Judy Pfaff Show at Messums Gallery in Tisbury. The group were amazed by work on show by Judy Pfaff, an acclaimed American artist who has won numerous awards for her installation art, and were also fortunate enough to meet Johnny Messum who was present at the gallery during the visit.

# CCF visit Britannia Royal Naval College

Milton Abbey's Royal Naval section of the CCF visited the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth this term. Arriving on a Friday evening the cadets settled down for the night on an old Minesweeper, the 'Hindustan'.



They spent the following morning on the river learning how to helm and crew a picket boat – a 45 foot motor boat. After lunch the pupils were introduced to the basic principles of ship dynamics, pushing models up and down a test tank and looking at stability. At this point they were introduced to Midshipman Thomas Laarberg, an old Miltonian from Damer House who gave a very good student's eye view of life at Dartmouth College. The final stop was the bridge trainer, a sort of flight simulator for ships. Everyone had great fun conning a frigate into Portland Harbour in all weather conditions and it was surprisingly realistic, so much so that some felt a little queasy. The cadets had time to stop off for an early supper on the way home to celebrate Barnaby's birthday and round off an excellent trip.



## Excellent result for runners at Studland Stampede

A big well done to Milton Abbey's cross country runners who attended the Studland Stampede on Thursday 1 February. All our runners had a great time, particularly Aly who finished 1st in the Intermediate Girls' race, Ella who finished 1st in the Senior Girls' race, Rob who picked up 2nd place in the Senior Boys' race and Finn who finished 3rd for the Junior Boys. An excellent result in very chilly conditions!

## Design and technology trip to Mini plant

A group of Milton Abbey's Fifth Form enjoyed a trip to the MINI car plant in Oxford recently as part of their GCSE Design and Technology studies. They watched hundreds of new MINIs passing through key assembly stages including welding, wiring, engine marriage and cockpit fitting, and had the chance to witness thousands of robots busy working on each car.

Pupils got first-hand experience of practices such as JIT (Just in Time) and were able to evaluate the positive and negative effects of automated technology on the structure of the business and employment. The group also learned about the sustainable operation elements of production and how much of the MINI plant uses renewable energy sources.



## NEW SPORTS COACHES ENERGISE MORE AREAS

Our Sports staffing has continued to develop with each sport now having specialist coaches delivering inspiring sessions.

This year the programme has benefited significantly from the additions of Martyn Peel (1st XV Rugby Coach), George Scott (PGA Golf Professional), Amelia Potter (Lacrosse coach) and Andrew Slater (Triathlon Coach). Golf has made a fantastic start under George's headship. Numbers have gone from 3, last term, to well over 40 who are either involved during sports time or have individual lessons.

Cycling has also gone from strength to strength and we now offer two road teams who compete regularly, and we are one of the few schools to offer a genuine cycle programme.

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## MAA Careers 'Speed Dating'

On Friday 2 February our Lower Sixth Form had the opportunity to hear from four former pupils and a special guest, who were able to pass on their experience of working successfully in a wide range of different careers, during a Careers 'Speed-Dating' session. Pupils were split into groups and had twenty-minute sessions with each of the speakers. Our special guest was Fiona Leacock, of Leacock Aircraft Sales, an international company based in Dorset.



## Presentation from author Rose Prince

We were delighted to welcome author and cookery writer for The Telegraph, Rose Prince, who visited Milton Abbey to present prizes to winning Business Enterprise Hospitality pupils. The successful pupils completed their Business Enterprise unit for their Level 3 Hospitality qualification by selling homemade products on the Hospitality stall at the Friends of Milton Abbey School Fete last June. The stall was named the 'Capability Bakehouse, Kitchen and Smokery', and was the most successful stall at the fete raising more than half the day's funds.

At the beginning of the task the pupils were unaware that they would be competing for cash prizes for the most dedicated and hardworking pupil. The Bill Ainscough Award for Artisan Food Enterprise was won by Isabelle for her production and sale of macaroons. Runners up were Amelia and Annabel. Amelia made fudge in a variety of different flavours whilst Annabel prepared and cooked parmesan biscuits and chilli jam. The girls also created bespoke packaging and labels. However it wasn't just their hard work in their own endeavours that made them successful, they also supported the other pupils in their Hospitality class and created a real team effort. Alongside Hospitality teacher Elka Charlton, the pupils were supported in their task by Rose. Head of Hospitality, Leonie Monaghan, said, "We are enormously proud of our pupils and the tremendous effort that they put into this task. They raised a lot of money for the School's charities as well as completing their coursework for this unit."

# HOLKHAM HALL VISIT

Last Michaelmas term the Middle Sixth Land Based Studies pupils went on a three day study tour of the impressive and innovative Holkham Hall Estate in North Norfolk. The estate, the ancestral home of the Coke family, consists of 25,000 acres of deer parkland, woodland, varied farming enterprises, an anaerobic digester supplying gas to the national grid, a national nature reserve, a pheasant shoot and beach. This was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to see land management of the highest quality, achieved by significant investment to ensure the sustainability of the estate. The core message from Lord Coke was that he wanted to leave the estate in the best condition for generations long into the future – something we hope will inspire our pupils who will one day manage swathes of our countryside and rural businesses.

The pupils spent the first morning with the head game keeper viewing the game larder and having a recap on trapping pests and controlling predators. A very instructive tour of the kitchen garden followed, where the students sampled the raspberries and grapes straight off the vine. The next day saw a tour of the anaerobic digester - this modern method of using silage for renewable energy production was a big hit with the students who enjoyed watching the heavy machinery and at least one was heard to say "this is proper farming, I love it!". The afternoon was spent touring one of only two privately owned national nature reserves and learning about the challenges that increased access can cause to a



delicate site. The evenings were spent at an activity centre where the boys and girls threw themselves into climbing, archery, laser quest and the Jacobs ladder. This was a very useful confirmation of knowledge trip for the Middle Sixth which also helped to show them the range of career options that become open to them once they obtain a Countryside Management qualification.

## BTEC DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH TRIP

Middle Sixth Form BTEC Design and Technology pupils visited London this term to research the marketing and selling of design-led products. The group first visited Covent Garden where they looked at designs on offer in the market and spoke to some of the artists about the process of designing and marketing their work. The afternoon was spent at the Design Museum where pupils took part in a workshop led by one of the museum's resident designers, which involved completing product analysis exercises on a range of lighting products from the museum's collection.



The group then visited the 'Designer, Maker, User' gallery where pupils studied twentieth and twenty-first century designs through the eye of the designer, manufacturer and user.



## Sporting success and whole school involvement

Milton Abbey sport has enjoyed another good term on the sports pitches. Our philosophy within sport is to simply try and ensure that every Milton Abbey student is fully engaged in sports and prepared for a lifetime of participation. Our mix of traditional team sports and exciting individual sports is certainly helping pupils find a sport that they enjoy. Fixtures and competitive opportunities play an extremely important part in developing this culture and it has been fantastic that we have been able to play over 110 fixtures this term. On a number of Saturdays we have had over 180 Milton Abbey pupils representing the school in matches which is a fantastic achievement.



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