

### WEEKLY NEWS

WEEK 6 . TERM 1 . 13TH OCTOBER 2023



ASPIRE IN ALL THAT WE DO

### **KEY REMINDERS**

### Have a great half term break

We would like to wish all our students a fantastic half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 30th October.





NUT FREE SCHOOL - To safeguard our students, staff and visitors it is imperative that peanuts, nuts and anything nut based are NOT bought into school or consumed on the premises.

### Key Dates

### 30TH OCTOBER

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR WHOLE SCHOOL

#### **3RD NOVEMBER**

YEAR R- 6 HALLOWEEN DISCO

### 9TH NOVEMBER

YEAR 11 AND 13 PARENTS EVENING

### 17TH NOVEMBER

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

### 28TH NOVEMBER

GCSE MUSIC RECITAL EVENING

### **ASPIRE Points Totals**



**BADER** 



**CARTER** 



**HOPKINS** 



**JOHNSTON** 



**RAVILIOUS** 

4945

3930

4033

4011

4818









### **VICTORIAN DAY**

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year and got stuck into their Victorian topic. They have developed their historical skills of chronology and evaluated evidence to see if progress during the Victorian era was positive. The children have been enthusiastic, curious and engaged in their learning throughout the term. On Tuesday, the children dressed up for a 'Victorian Day', with some Victorian lessons, Victoria sponge making, toy making and drama activities. All day, the children gave their full energy and had lots of fun to finish off their Victorian topic.











### **RESTART THE HEART**

Year 5 and 6 were visited by the Ambulance Service this week and took part in a 'Restart the Heart' workshop. Throughout the day, they learnt how to keep safe and procedures to follow if they are in an emergency situation. The children were respectful, asked good questions and have learnt a valuable life skills.















### RECEPTION SUPER













### **OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

We are pleased to announce our new Primary Student Leaders, who will be working alongside the Y11 Community Champs. We had a lot of applications, and the final choices were very difficult to make - through application and interview, the following students showed all the qualities we needed, and demonstrated a flair for the area they are representing. Their first job is to help construct our Primary Student Council representatives. We are very excited to be working with them.























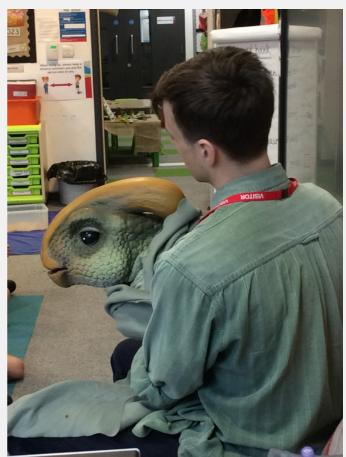




### **Dinosaur Workshop**

In Year 1 this week we had a fantastic time at our dinosaur workshop. We were all palaeontologists and discovered hidden fossils in the sand and then identified them. We also met three baby Dinosaurs – Poppy, Patrick and Jake!









### GREAT FIRE OF LONDON



On Monday, Year 2 had the best time with Hands on History learning about the Great Fire of London. They looked at artefacts, made houses, played games and dressed up. In the afternoon the children enjoyed The Great Bucket Race, where they used ping pong balls to represent how water was transported from the Thames to help put out the fire. A big thank you to Hands on History for a fantastic day.











### **World Poetry Day**

As part of our celebrations for World Poetry Day, some of our Primary students visited Beechwood Grove Nursing Home to share some of their favourite poems.

They enjoyed listening to the various poems, and then the residents supported the children in writing acrostic poems about different minibeasts.

Many thanks to the staff and residents for inviting us for the delicious snacks!











# GH SPORT \*\* SUCCESS

### 2023 U11 Albion Cup

On Friday 6th October, students from Gildredge House School travelled to the Brighton & Hove Albion Training Ground in Lancing to take part in the 2023 U11 Albion Cup East Sussex Qualifiers. There were 11 primary schools in attendance from Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings with the goal of qualifying for the Sussex finals later in November.

The Gildredge House team completed the group phase with results of 4-0 win, 5-0 win, 1-0 win and a 0-0 draw. Gildredge qualified for the semi finals. In the Semi finals, Gildredge won a closely fought contest 1-0 to reach the final where they took on Ocklynge school, Eastbourne.



In a fantastic battle, unfortunately, Gildredge House were on the wrong end of a 2-0 result which saw us finish as runners up in the tournament. The students were disappointed but their efforts were rewarded with qualification to the Sussex finals to be held on November 10th. We are all so proud of their efforts.



# GH SPORT \*\* SUCCESS

### **Eastbourne Schools Cross Country**

Congratulations to the students who represented the school at this event.

12 of the 24 students that took part finished in the top 10 of their races, with 6 finishing in the top 5. Three of the four teams scored less than 30 points, the lowest being the Year 7 boys with 24. The Year 8 students competing in the U14 race did particularly well competing against Year 9, with 4 finishing in the top 10.

When finalised, the overall team results will be announced in assembly.













### **SECONDARY NEWS**

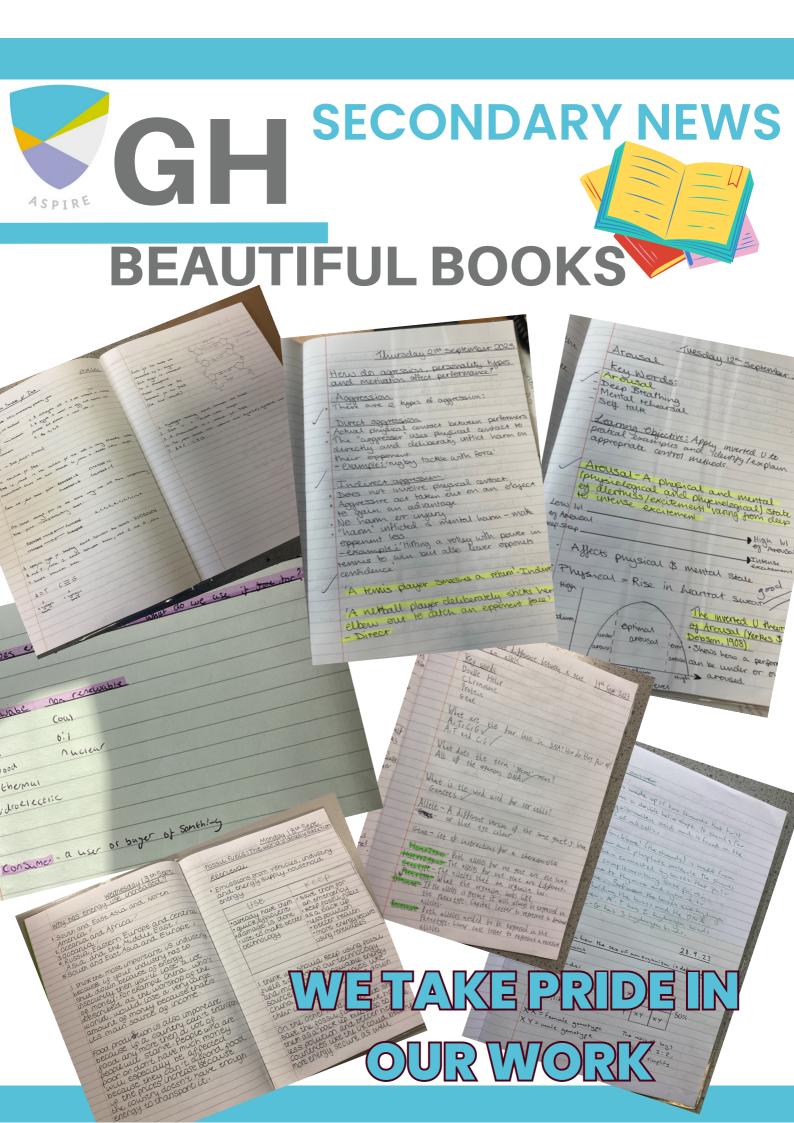
### Preparing for the Ski Trip to Austria



On Wednesday 11th October, 37 students from years 9 and 10 went to Knockhatch Ski Centre to prepare for the ski trip to Austria in February. It was great to see them all learning a new skill and having great fun while doing so! The ski instructors were very complimentary of our students and said how polite they all were and were very impressed with how quickly they picked up skiing. We are all very excited about the ski trip in 4 months time. Thank you to Miss Decota–Green who helped on the evening.









### **SECONDARY NEWS**

### Gildredge House Halloween Writing Challenge

Have you heard of the Ghost of Gildredge House? Do you know who they are and how they suddenly appeared at our school?



Share your inside information about the ghost by entering our Halloween Writing Challenge titled "The Ghost of Gildredge House."

- Open for all of Years 7-9.
- No more than 1.5-2 pages of writing.
- Deadline, Tuesday 31st October 2023

All entries can either be handed into your English teacher after Half Term or emailed to c.mccart@gildredgehouse.org.uk
Winners will be announced in assembly and their stories will feature in the new library.

Please enter....if you dare!



# PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENTS

The Performing Arts department is looking forward to their busiest term yet by introducing its new Music club rota as well as gearing up for a brace of concerts and productions.

Gildredge House is extremely encouraging of students taking part in Performing Arts and we are proud of the opportunities that we offer.

As well as the ongoing clubs, which students can attend when they wish, here are some dates for your diary:

- 28th November: GCSE Music Recital Concert
- 12th December: GH Christmas Variety Show
- 13th Dec: The Witches Drama Production

Auditions for the Christmas Variety Show will take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November during break times. We welcome any student from Yr5 upwards who has a talent at anything to audition. We'd like to see music, poetry, dance, acrobatics, magic, comedy, impressions and anything else that can inspire and amaze our lucky audience.

### Performing Arts Clubs (KS3/4): Term 2 2023





	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:10am-Tutor					
1st Break	CLOSED	GH ORCHESTRA	GCSE Coursework	GCSE Coursework	Practice Rooms Only
2nd Break	Secondary Choir	CLOSED	Practice Rooms Only	Music Tech Club	Keyboard Club
After School	CLOSED	Guitar & Ukulele Club	Drama Club (The Witches)	CLOSED	CLOSED

### MUSIC SCHEDULE



MON 1.35PM
SECONDARY
CHOIR

TUESDAY

III.20AM

ORCHESTRA

TUESDAY 3PM
GUITAR &
UKULELE
CLUB



WEDS 1.35PM

\$ FRI 11.20AM

PRACTICE ROOMS

BOOKING

THURSDAY
1.35PM

MUSIC
TECH
CLUB

### NOTES

Don't forget that you can also have a free taster lesson on any instrument you like!

Ask your parent/carer to email:

a.willis@gildredgehouse.org.uk



### GILDREDGE HOUSE SECONDARY CHOIR

Perform at concerts!

YRS 7-11

Mondays at 2nd Break in PA2

Represent the school!

Sing Christmas songs! Have fun and meet new people!

College applications

### THE RETURN OF...



# GILDREDGE HOUSE CHRISTMAS \*\*WARETY\*\*

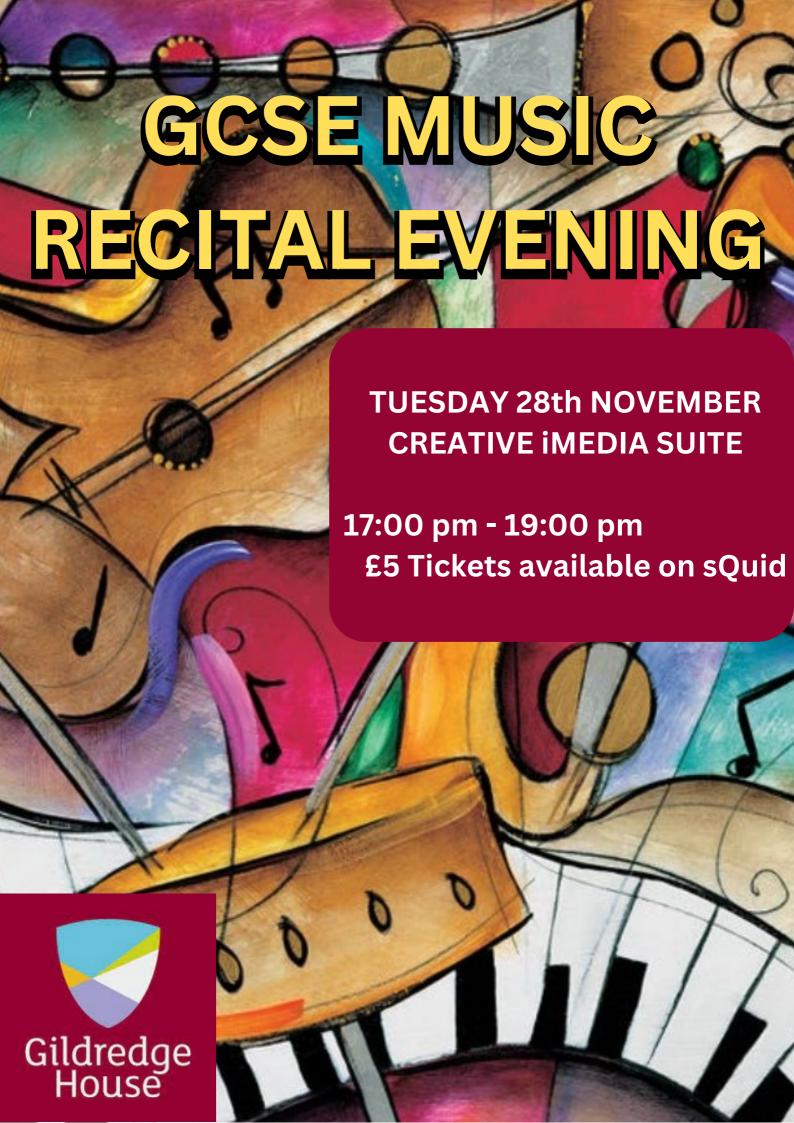






6:00 PM, DECEMBER 12TH 2023

TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH SQUID



### **ATTENDANCE**



### **WEEKLY CLASS ATTENDANCE**

At Gildredge House, we believe that outstanding attendance is important to ensure children are safe and have full access to the educational provision made for them.

We closely monitor attendance for all students in both Primary and Secondary. We celebrate, weekly, the top two classes with the highest attendance rates in both phases of the school.

Week: Commencing 2nd October

### **Congratulations to:**

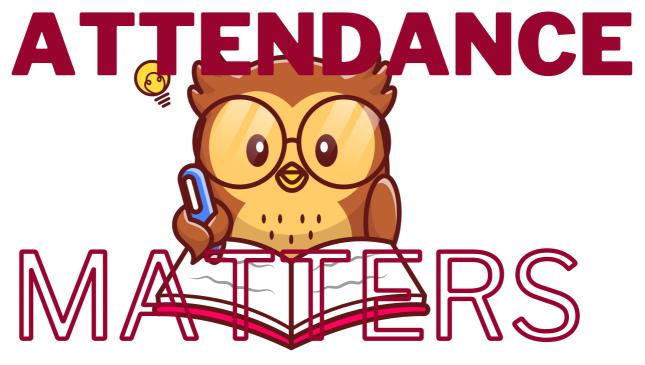
Primary Secondary

4B = **100%** 9R = **98.5%** 

1B = **99.3%** 7J = **97.8%** 

Top year group attendance this week is PRIMARY YEAR 4
SECONDARY YEAR 7

Whole school attendance this week 95%













### **UNIFORM SHOP**

**PRIMARY & SECONDARY** 

The second hand uniform shop will be open on the following dates until the end of the year. Come and visit us in Master's House between 14:30 and 16:00;

Friday 17 November Wednesday 6 December

Please note that the shop is cash sales only

The shop will open again on Friday 19 January with further opening times planned for each month after that.

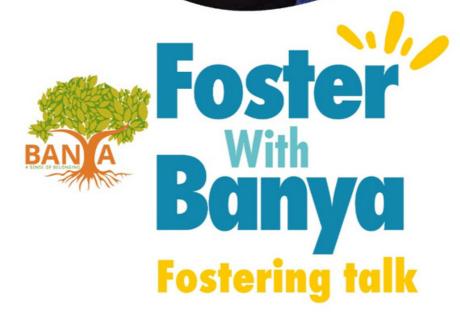
### **CLOTHING DRIVE**

We need your PE kits, fleeces and blazers for resale please! All good quality donations are welcomed and can be handed in to the secondary school reception.

We'd also like your pre-loved dressing up clothes! Anything medieval, roman, space, superhero and Victorian related for resale and swap is welcome.

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Come and talk to our local team on

**14 October 23** 3pm-5pm



**VENUE** 

Giorgios Coffee House 2-4 Cornfield Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4PJ





**CONTACT US ON** 

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### STAFF VACANCIES

# ASPIRE

### in all that we do



WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE BELOW VACANCIES:

- CASUAL EXAM INVIGILATOR
- SECONDARY TEACHING ASSISTANT
- TEACHER OF MATHS
  - TEACHER OF SCIENCE







