



MOUNT GRACE SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS AND SUCCESSES!



In February we held our Careers Fair, we think this is the first one since the 1960s! The Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Chris Myers and his Consort Cllr Chris Gray opened this fair. We had stalls from all walks of life, including, but not limited to Warner Brothers, the RAF and the Police. All year groups were given an opportunity to visit the stands and some came away with some fabulous freebies!



On Thursday 21st March the Music Department held its annual Battle of the Bands. Talented student musicians took the stage showcasing a diverse range of musical talents drawing in an enthusiastic and supportive audience of staff, friends and family. The line-up featured a range of bands from year seven all the way through to sixth form. Each band demonstrated impressive musical prowess, with

skilled musicians. The chamber choir gave an exceptional performance of 'Fly me to the Moon' and 'Mad World' and our school choir finished off with a performance of 'Viva La Vida' accompanied by a string quartet. Adding an element of friendly competition to the event some staff members were tasked with judging the event. The bands were scored on Musicianship, Cohesiveness, Showmanship, Creativity, Appearance, Audience Response and Overall Presentation. I know that students have very keen to know who has won and I am delighted to announce the results: 1st Place Winners Petrol Station Flowers Joint 2nd – De Manic & The Unknown 3rd Place – 2 Inch Mirrors 4th Place – Y7 Band 5th Place – Lime Green 6th Place – Gangsta Grannies 7th Place – The PJ's A massive well done to everyone who participated and a special congratulations to the winners Petrol Station Flowers – Anna G, Eva F, Harry H, Olivia L, David Z, Oliver C & Jess M (6th Form and Y11 students).



April was full of various trips and excursions, Years 7 to 9 took a trip into London to watch 'The Lion King'. The students were captivated by the stunning visuals and intricate costumes and they were superbly well behaved throughout. In fact, the following day the school received an email from a member of the public who had sat behind our students. The email was full of praise, commenting on their exemplary behaviour and made particular reference for the respect and enthusiasm the young audience showed. #itsthemountgraceway

On the last day of term, prior to Easter we also experienced sunshine and rain in the metaphorical sense when we said goodbye to some longstanding members of staff. Ms Felton and Mr Say have both served Mount Grace School for 20 years and 11 years respectively. On a sunnier note, I am delighted that following a total of 3 days of rigorous selection processes with over 50 applications we welcome new staff to complete and add capacity to the senior leadership team:

- Mr A. Pisani – Deputy Headteacher: Curriculum and Achievement
- Miss B. Budu – Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour and Pastoral
- Mrs S. Shah – Head of Finance