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SIXTH FORM

🌟 A Term of Achievement, Opportunity and Community October 2026 🌟

🏅 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Success

Our Sixth Form students continue to embrace challenges and develop valuable life skills through the **Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award** programme. We currently have **28 students enrolled**, with even more Year 12 students set to join this year.

The Gold Award is a highly respected programme that encourages young people to build resilience, leadership, independence and confidence through volunteering, physical activity, skills development and expedition experiences.

We are extremely proud to celebrate the achievements of **Ellen and Silas**, who successfully completed their Gold Awards during their time at MCS. Their dedication and perseverance have earned them invitations to **Buckingham Palace** to receive this prestigious award. What an incredible achievement and inspiration to future participants!

🎓 Scholars' Evening: Celebrating Excellence

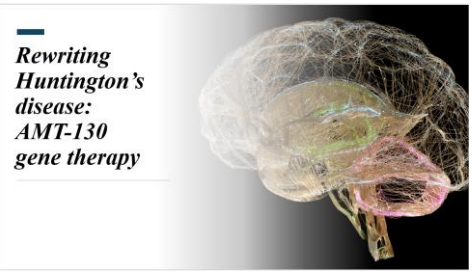
On **8th October**, we hosted our annual **Scholars' Evening**, one of the highlights of the Sixth Form calendar.

Fifteen EPQ Scholars showcased the outstanding independent projects they have been researching over the past year. Family and friends were treated to fascinating presentations covering an incredible range of topics including:

🚙 Formula One racing
🚀 Space exploration
EU European policy
🩺 Medical research
🚂 The design and construction of an impressive model railway

The evening demonstrated the curiosity, dedication and academic ambition of our students, reinforcing just how much can be achieved through independent study and passion for learning





💼 Careers and Futures

Students in Years 12 and 13 have been busy exploring their next steps through a range of careers activities this term.

At the **MCS Careers Fair**, students had the opportunity to speak directly with universities, employers and apprenticeship providers, helping them make informed decisions about their futures.

For our Year 13 students, the **UCAS application season** is now well underway. Staff continue to support students in producing strong, competitive applications as they prepare for university and apprenticeship opportunities.

Meanwhile, Year 12 students are beginning to consider that important question:

❓ "What Next?"

Individual careers interviews have also started, ensuring every Sixth Form student receives personalised guidance to help shape their future ambitions and aspirations.

🌟 Student Leaders Making a Difference

Our student leaders have once again been exceptionally busy this term!

They have represented the Sixth Form community through:

- ✅ Supporting Year 6 Open Events
- ✅ Delivering Head of House assemblies
- ✅ Organising Macmillan Coffee Morning bake sales
- ✅ Preparing for our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening

They have also become regular stars of the **@SixthFormMCS Instagram page**, featuring in promotional videos and enthusiastically participating in Mrs Bowers' latest filming projects!

Thank you to all our student leaders for their enthusiasm, commitment and positivity. You are fantastic ambassadors for MCS Sixth Form.

📸 **Follow Us**

@SixthFormMCS

Stay up to date with Sixth Form events, achievements, opportunities and student successes throughout the year. 📱 ✨

📢 **Sixth Form Open Evening**

Wednesday 5th November | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students and families to discover everything our Sixth Form has to offer.

Current Year 12 and Year 13 students: We need your help to showcase what makes our Sixth Form community so special. Your experiences and enthusiasm are the best advertisement for life at MCS!

🏆 Come along, get involved and help inspire the next generation of MCS Sixth Form students.

👋 **Staffing Updates**

As one chapter closes, another begins.

At the end of last term, **Mr Percival** left MCS after many years of dedicated service as **Study Centre Manager**. We thank him sincerely for everything he contributed to Sixth Form life and wish him every happiness as he enjoys married life in Southampton.

We are delighted that **Ms Ansell** has stepped into the role and is already doing a fantastic job within the TGC, supported by **Mr White** in his role as Assistant Head of Sixth Form.

This term, **Mrs Chambers** has moved to Top Site to support Year 9 students as Pastoral Support Assistant. We thank her for her tremendous contribution to Sixth Form and wish her every success in her new position.

We also extend a very warm welcome to **Ms Xiao**, who joins us as our new Sixth Form Pastoral Support Assistant. We are excited to have her as part of the team.

⭐ Looking Ahead

As we move further into the academic year, we continue to be inspired by the talent, determination and sense of community shown by our students every day.

Whether through academic achievement, leadership, community service, careers preparation or personal development, our Sixth Form students continue to make us immensely proud.

Here's to another successful and exciting term at MCS Sixth Form! 🎉
