



MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Lionheart Educational Trust



February Newsletter April 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our latest newsletter. I am pleased to report that our building works are still on track with our Sports Hall due to open in May. This will provide much-needed facilities for our budding sports stars. This opening will also enable our school hall to return to being a dining hall, something we have missed having this year. Other works include have a second covered area being installed on one of our playgrounds which is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Finally, towards the end of this academic year, the last remaining mobile classroom is to be demolished. Mr Creissen, our Head of Humanities, is very excited as he will have a new six classroom Humanities block ready for September so will be able to have all of his team together.

Behind the scenes we are busy trying to organise educational trips and visits alongside some fun activities for the end of year. Since joining Martin High, I have heard a lot about the Eclipse festival and the Bowline event and I am looking forward to taking part in them this summer. Recently we have been able to inform our Year 8 parents about two opportunities; a theatre trip and a PGL activity residential. I am particularly pleased about this as this year group missed out on the Outdoor Pursuit trip in Year 7. We have tried our best to reschedule this, but we have been unable to agree suitable dates and are going to have to admit defeat. I have asked our finance team to organise refunds with regard to this.

Finally, as we continue to deal with high levels of absence with learners and staff, I would like to thank all of our parents for their support over the last term.

Phil Cooling

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EVENTS

LGBT History Month



1st February marked the start of LGBT History Month, which celebrates LGBTQ+ people, raises awareness and combats prejudice with education. Throughout February we'll be sharing resources and assemblies to help educate our students, and all members of the MHS community.

We began the month by sharing an LGBT+ song a day with form groups. This sat alongside the history of the musician, and the experiences that those individuals have encountered.

Our highlight so far has been the story of Dusty Springfield (1939-1999), who was an English singer and record producer and bisexual woman. Dusty struggled with her sexuality from a time when being gay may have seen to be the end of a pop stars career. Eventually Dusty came out as bisexual to a newspaper in 1970. Though Dusty still struggled with defining or labelling herself.

We'll also be running a LGBT+ History Month Badge Design Competition. This year's theme is 'The Arc is Long'. The link between art and activism have long gone hand in hand. Art is often used to challenge societal views, powers and discrimination, inequality and inequity. Further information will be shared with students in Form times as well as through the Art Department.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week this year is 7th-13th February where the theme is 'Growing Together'. We recognise that in order for us to truly flourish as individuals, we need to ensure our wellbeing is being cared for.

Our Wellbeing Prefects and House Captains created an engaging assembly for all year groups informing them about the importance of looking after our mental, physical and emotional health every day. The assembly highlighted the importance of positive mental health in children, shared information about different types of mental health conditions, brought attention to signs that your mental health is declining and shared helpful coping mechanisms and where to locate further support.

We would like our school community to spend some time reflecting and discussing ways to further support and maintain their wellbeing. As a Trust, we have therefore created a wellbeing booklet that you as families can use to view resources, read information and try new activities. If you have younger children, there are activities for them to also get involved so that the whole family can have fun and get involved together.

United



Each week learners have opportunities to reflect on current issues linked to diversity and inclusion including at a local, national and international level. Teaching global issues as part of PSHE and UNITED allows learners to share their voice across numerous topics. #ITMATTERSTOUS has been developed for all Trust schools as a way to communicate our on-going work; including fundraising with purpose and PSHE campaigns. We want our learners to truly believe that they can make a difference to the ever-changing world around them, that their words matter and to encourage them to be upstanders by channelling their passions in the fight against injustice.

This half term in UNITED we have discussed:

- Homelessness
- Human trafficking
- The current refugee crisis
- Holocaust memorial day.

In 2021 Lionheart Educational Trust launches our Global Issues curriculum series where we began with a focus on Afghanistan and the plight of its people and as part of this raised money for UNICEF by learners participating in a non-uniform day and a bake sale which alone raised over £100. In January we focused on the traumatic realities of refugees. Learners had an informative UNITED session leading to a series of discussions about the current refugee crisis. Some learners chose to write messages of support for refugee children around the world as part of our wider Trust campaign. Some of these messages will be shared in the wider community in the coming weeks.

STEM



Our Year 8, 9 and 10s took part in the Smart Build STEM Challenge delivered at the Martin High School by Matthew at Smallpiece Charity Trust. Throughout the day our learners worked as a team to plan, design and put together the electronics for an irrigation system. They used many skills and learnt many more such as soldering resistors and LEDs to a circuit board. The learners were engaged throughout the day and on task. We had numerous compliments about our pupils from Matthew. The 60 learners who participated in the previous STEM challenge were also awarded their Bronze CREST Certificates. We are very proud of our learners. A big thank you to all the staff at The Martin High School for supporting the STEM workshop on the day.



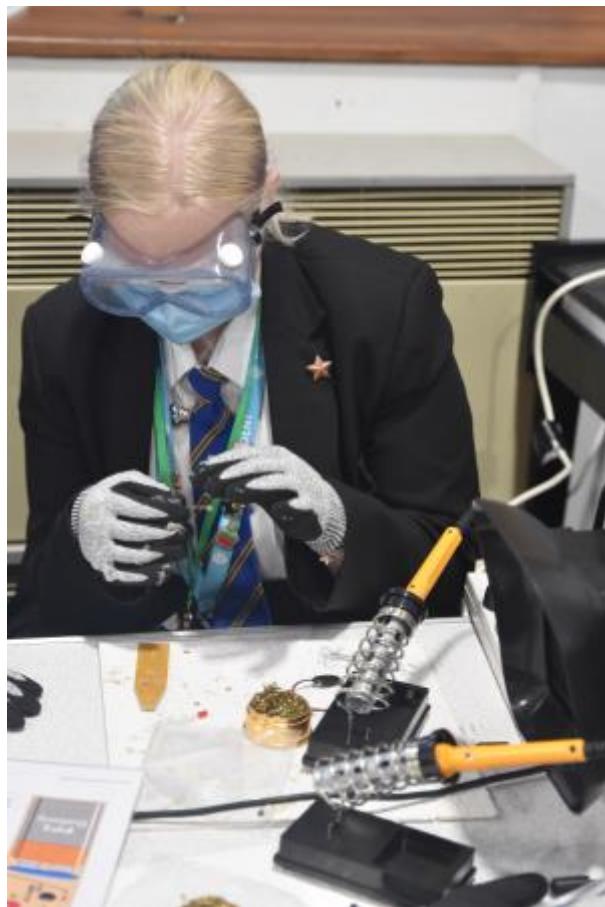














Feb Half Term Virtual Work Experience

There are a number of opportunities from different businesses this half term giving students the chance to gain some work experience.

Here are just a couple of examples -

Be Extraordinary - Manufacturing & Engineering Insight Day - Bentley Motors: 15/02/2022
10:00am – 3pm

RAPP Virtual Design Insight Session: 15/02/2022 4:30-6:30pm

Trafalgar Entertainment Virtual Insight Day – exploring roles behind the stage: 16/02/2022
10:00am-3:00pm

Each individual experience will state what age group it caters for when you access the link.

Virtual work experience looks excellent on a CV and is great for gaining experience of the workplace. Students can sign up [here](#)

All they need to do is set up an account, then they can search for an experience!

Wellbeing Workshops



Year 7 and 8 learners have begun having their wellbeing workshops being delivered to them by practitioners from Relate as part of the Community Chill Out Zone project. These workshops have been well received so far as they provide our young people with coping strategies to improve their emotional resilience. Common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and low mood have been discussed and learners have been able to look at how they can help themselves and where they can

receive support. The feedback thus far from the practitioners highlights just how engaged and well received the sessions have been and that our learners have been truly representing their school in a positive way.

Library



Apprenticeship Fayre

Thank you to all providers who attended our Apprenticeship Fayre on Monday 7th Feb. Some of notable attendees include Leicestershire Police, The RAF and Severn Trent Water. Lots of excellent questions were asked and answered, and some great feedback from providers reflects very positively on Martin High students. If you require any more information about apprenticeships, please do contact georgia.murray@martinhigh.org.uk

TRIPS

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

On the 2nd February the Creative Arts department took 65 year 7 and 8 learners to Nottingham Theatre Royal to watch the matinee performance of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. This was such a fantastic experience for all the students and staff involved. A great treat within the schools well-being week too ☺

The show was a real inspiration showing the creative arts in its professional glory from the performers, to the orchestra, the stage and set design, to the costumes, sound and lighting and even puppetry! A really inspiring and creative show.

All the students loved the experience and were a credit to their families and the school.

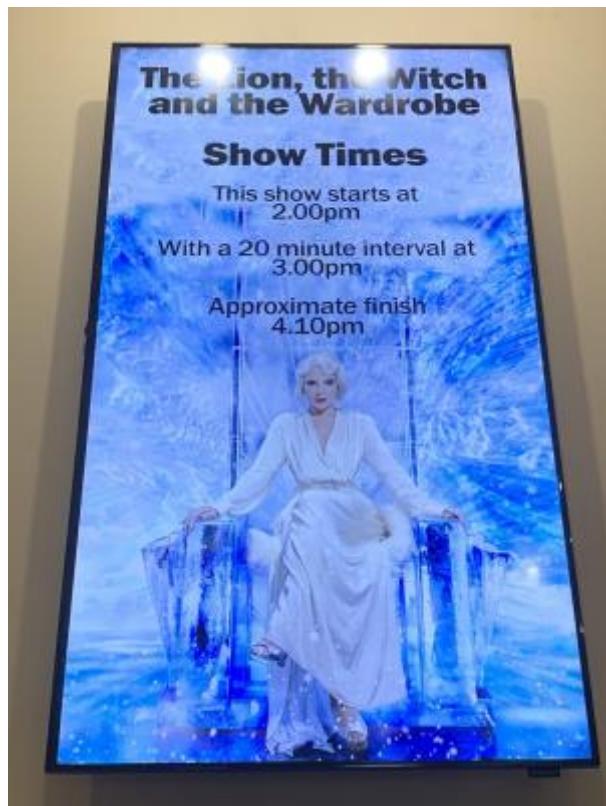
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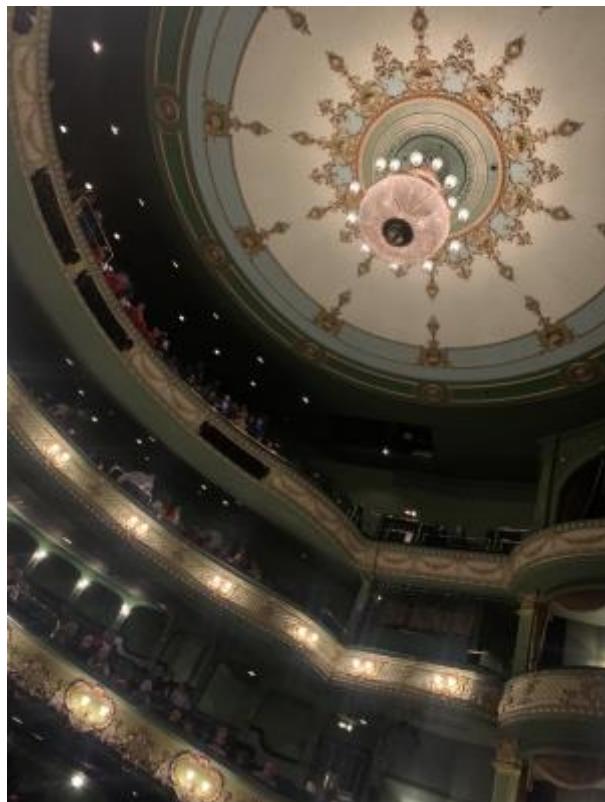
Miss Milner, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Tara, Mr Davison, Mrs Tedder.

#mhscreativearts #performingarts #livetheatre #culturalcapital #enrichment ☺☺☺☺

Please find below some pictures from the day and also some promotional content to get an idea of what the students got to see.

VIDEO: [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe trailer](#)

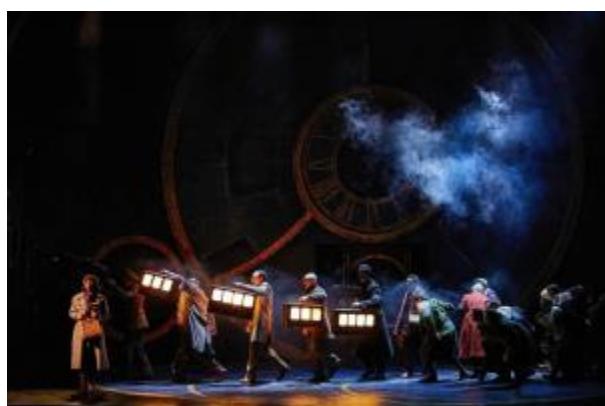












AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

PE/Sports





The Year 8/9 girls travelled to Wreake Valley for a Futsal tournament and came away **tournament winners**.

They won 3 out of 3 games and played some wonderful Futsal throughout. Their win sends MHS through to the next competition.

Star of the match - **Olivia H 8T**





A fantastic evening of sport was had at our KS3 Badminton tournaments on January 20th.

There was an incredible effort from our girls who placed **2nd** overall!!!!

A spectacular performance from the boys saw them come out with the win, placing **1st** overall!!!!
This means our boys will go through to the next round.

Our star player award goes to **Dexter B 9M** who won all of his games, and very nearly kept a clean sheet.



Evie P in Year 11 is through to the National School's trampolining final.

Representing Martin High, Evie finished an incredible 4th overall and qualifies for the national finals in Macclesfield.

We couldn't be prouder!

Wellbeing



1 - Starting after February half term with Miss Winchester

Creative Arts

We have a range of lunch and after school clubs on offer in all three subject areas – Drama, Art and Music. Please check out the posters below to find out what is on when every week.

A poster for 'Team MAD Extra-curricular Activities'. It features a blue curtain background with yellow stage lights on either side. At the top, the text reads 'Team MAD Extra-curricular Activities' and 'There is a wide variety of clubs on offer, take a look and see if there is anything you might like to join!'. Below this is a table showing club availability across five days. The table has four columns: 'Day/Time WEEK 1', 'Lunch – 12.30 Year 7 and 8', 'Lunch – 1.30 Year 9, 10, and 11', and 'After School 3.05-4.15'. The rows represent the days of the week. In the bottom right corner is a logo for 'MAD' featuring a stylized face with musical notes.

Team MAD Extra-curricular Activities

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| Day/Time WEEK 2 | Lunch – 12.30 Year 7 and 8 | Lunch – 1.30 Year 9, 10, and 11 | After School 3.05-4.15 |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday | Music Tech Club – iMac Room | No Clubs | No Clubs – Staff Meetings |
| Tuesday | MHS Guitar Ensemble – MU1 | No Clubs | Art Club – ART 2 Music IT – iPad Orchestra |
| Wednesday | No Clubs | MHS Vocals & Guitar – MU1 | MUSIC IT COURSES – 3.30-4.30 – MU1 |
| Thursday | MHS Vocals – MU1 | No Clubs | MHS Sinfonia – MU1 Art Club – ART 2 |
| Friday | Keyboard Club – MU1 Art Club – Art 2 | Glee Club – Drama 1 | No Clubs |

Art Activities
Wednesday Webinars – 3.00-4.15



Garageband iPad Club



After the success of the Turntablism course last term, our Music IT project for this term is 'Garageband iPad'. Starting Tuesday 22nd February, 3.15-4.15 in MU1 and is free of charge. The project is open to pupils in all year groups and pupils from our feeder primary schools, so if you know anyone who might be interested in joining us, do spread the word!

Eco Club





Eco-club has started at school on a Tuesday, 3-4pm. We are going to be improving the surroundings of not only our school but of the local villages too. We will be building hedgehog feeders and houses, we have litter initiatives and students have already had an offer of 500 seed bombs from the BBC to brighten up our environment. Could we ask the school community a big favour please: students are looking for donations of seeds, plant pots and any gardening equipment to help in our endeavours, plus any contributions towards raffle prizes.

Many thanks, The Eco Warriors.

Italian Club



This term, students have had the opportunity to learn Italian once a week in the Italian club. We are meeting up every Thursday after school from 3pm until 4pm in A3. So far, students have learnt how

to introduce themselves, talk about themselves and their Harry Potter house! They also learnt colours, how to order food in an Italian restaurant and how to express their opinions. We have listened to Italian music and watched the Disney movie Luca in Italian. We have also started using Kerboodle quizzes to see who's the fastest and simply the best Italian linguist. The club is open to all students from Y7s to Y11s. On top of learning Italian, it is also an opportunity to meet other students from the school and have a chat about our day! I would like to thank all the students who have participated so far in the Italian club and made it such a lovely, positive and supportive community.

Many thanks, Miss Hardy.

COMPETITIONS AND CHALLENGES

Attendance



2 - (We will take into account any absence due to a positive Covid result)

WIN WIN WIN!!!!

At the end of every term, learners with 100% attendance are put into a draw to win a pizza party for 5.

The winner for last term is.....**Ethan P 7A**

The MHS Attendance League

- **9M** and **7I** top of Premier League.
- **11I** top of Championship League.
- **8A** Top of League One.
- **8M** Top of League Two.

At risk of relegation; **8T, 8N, 9N, 8I, 9A** and **11M**

House attendance - **Voyager** and **Endeavour** have **91%** and just behind with **90.6%** is **Discovery**

Rewards - **Discovery** lead with **11967**, followed closely by **Voyager** with **118824** and **Endeavour** with **11815**

Library/Reading

LIBRARY NEWS!

Library competition winners
The winner of the 'Love Books' wordsearch competition is George T (8B). He won a box of Maltesers! The winner of the book review competition is Jessica M-B (7B). Jessica won a book as a prize.



Congratulations to the following pupils for taking part in the
MHS Reading Challenge

5 Books Read (Bronze certificate)
Joseph F (9B)

10 Books Read (Silver certificate)
Liam J (7T)

20 Books Read (Diamond certificate)
Eliza M (7T) has completed the challenge
and has read 20 books!

English

To begin their studies into gothic horror stories of the 19th century our year 8 students were given the opportunity to enter the Young Writers 'Twisted Tales' writing competition. Students were challenged to write a mini saga of just 100 words where they had to put a twist on a horror story. Some students chose to write from the perspective of a villain, whilst some imagined new endings for famous stories. We are delighted that 77 students' entries have been chosen and will be published. The English department are incredibly proud of our creative writers.

Art & Design



OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Alfie F 7T!



Alfie is a member of the LCFC Junior Team and becoming quite a success on the football field. Here is with the premier cup! We're sure he'll be holding this high one day!

Creative Arts

Musical Instrument Lessons

Here at Martin High School, we recognise the importance that learning to play a musical instrument can have on a young adult. Music is one of life's joys and a great gift. It can enrich lives and open doors to a fabulous range of careers. Giving your child instrumental lessons can have a huge impact, not only in terms of them being able to play a musical instrument, but also in their general well-being, for example:

- ☛ Personal Development in Confidence
- ☛ Communication
- ☛ Social skills
- ☛ Academic Development Concentration
- ☛ Learning & processing information
- ☛ Brain Development
- ☛ Improved motor skills & brain function



We therefore encourage as many pupils as possible to start and learn a musical instrument.

Instruments on offer:

Guitar, piano, singing, oboe, drum kit, violin, viola, cello, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, clarinet and bassoon.

If you are interested in booking lessons for your child, please ask your child to pop and get a booking lessons letter from me when they are next in school, they can find Mrs Shaw in MU1.

New Sports Hall Update





Progress!

We are just a few short months away from completion - with the plans to show our learners the workings of a large building site/bookings for community use/opening day all being planned.

Exciting times ahead.

(We're proud to be working with Stepnell and Surveyors to Education on this project for our brilliant learners.)

Eclipse Festival 2022



We are really looking forward to our 2nd Eclipse Festival after successfully launching it in 2019. We know that over the last couple of years there has been a lot of uncertainty and learners have missed out on a variety of activities due to Covid. We can't wait to celebrate with our learners on Wednesday 6th July the end of another busy year. Learners are already getting excited about the festival after hearing about what it was like in 2019. In 2019 we had a range of live music on a stage, the dodgems, inflatables, laser quest and much more. Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

Food Tech Donations Needed



Do you happen to have a pasta machine lurking in a kitchen cupboard that you no longer use or need? Any donations would be greatly received by the Food department who would make great use of them.

Also, we are always in need of empty plastic tubs, and after Christmas it seems a good time to collect them. Chocolate tubs such as Roses and Quality Street would be perfect.

REMINDERS

- **Parking on site** - On site parking is allocated for staff and visitors only. We ask that parents only park on site if they have scheduled meetings, or if they are collecting a student who is unwell/going for an appointment etc. Drop offs following appointments etc are authorised too. There are allocated disabled bays near main reception for those with the relevant disabled badges should you have need of them.
- **Visitors** - If you need to visit the school but don't have a scheduled meeting we ask that you please contact the school via phone or email to arrange this. It is very important that from a safeguarding perspective we know who to expect on site each day. By doing this we can also ensure that your visit runs smoothly and efficiently.
- **Bringing items into school** - If you need to bring items into the school that are to be passed to your child we ask that you limit these to essential items only. Please also make sure any items are clearly labelled with the child's name and form group.
- **Sanctions** -

C1: Three C1's = 1 hour detention

C2: 1 hour detention

C3: 2 hour detention or internal exclusion depending on reason for sanction

*If the student fails to attend their detention without good reason, it will carry over to the next day and the time will be doubled. Two missed detentions in a row will result in a day in internal exclusion.

- **Office opening hours** - The front office is open from 8.30am -4pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am-3.30pm on Friday's. Parents with scheduled meetings after the office closing time will be met by the member of staff who has arranged it. If your child has had an item confiscated during the school day it can only be collected during office opening hours. Any items not collected on the same day will be locked away safely overnight.

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