



A message from the Chair of Governors, Elsa Mason

It is great to be reflecting on the autumn term. There have been amazing achievements from our students which you can read about in this newsletter, both inside and outside of school, across a huge range of areas including sports, arts, academic and community.

The enrichment programme is going from strength to strength and continues to bring an energy into the school week that benefits all. I have certainly found it inspiring and uplifting to hear about them all.

The presentations evening we enjoyed in September and the Christmas concert have been a fabulous success and a credit to all the staff students and families involved.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas time.



A message from the Headteacher, Mr Savidge

“I am writing this having just finished our termly achievement assembly. One of our priorities this year is being “Ready to Learn because Every Lesson Counts” and it was wonderful that so many students have been rewarded for attendance, positive attitude to learning and for reading which are all included in this priority. The school continues to go from strength to strength with a celebration of the GCSE and A Level students results at the presentations Evening back in September and seeing our former students as they make their way to university and into apprenticeships. The Enrichment programme continues to expand and you can see some examples of what students experience in this newsletter. Look out for updates on Enrichment on our social media including the recent animal encounters. We had our annual Christmas Concert last week when we welcomed the community into the Alex Hall to showcase the talents of our students. It was a superb evening with students performing to a packed hall. This always kickstarts Christmas for me. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”



'Christmas Wreath' By Nina



'A Skye Full of Stars' are pleased to support Zac with his cricket journey.

Zac plays for Durham Academy and was selected to play for North of England Under 15 Cricket Squad.



Huge congratulations to Year 9 Martha, who competed in a Young Kennel Club obedience competition with her 13 month old poodle, River.

This was River's very first competition, where competitors have to work together with their dogs, to complete a set of challenges set by the judge.

Both River and Martha were amazing and actually came first! This has qualified them for Crufts 2025!!

Well done Martha and River - can't wait to see your progress on Crufts!! 🐾 🐕 🏆

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- West Midlands (Durham local authority), England
- Yorkshire (North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, South Yorkshire local authorities), Scotland
- Wales (East of Striggy, Llanelli and West Norfolk, North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth local authorities), England
- South West (Torquay and Brixham), Wales
- Unconquered Coast (North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, East Lindsey, Boston and South Lincoln local authorities), England
- Northern Ireland

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Go to <https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/needsassessment/> with a valid Currys store ID, call 01844454316 to receive a form for good.

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The Digital Poverty Alliance is an initiative of the Learning Foundation, a charity that works to improve the lives of people in need.



'Robin' By Imogen

Reminder—Nuts

Just a polite reminder to all our students/parents/carers, we are a nut free school.

Please check the ingredients on any food products brought into school.

2025 Apprenticeships

- ↪ Level 3 Business Administration
- ↪ Level 3 Mechanical Engineering
- ↪ Level 3 Machinist

Starting September 2025



Scan the QR code to go to the applications link.

Closing date for applications Sunday 10th Feb 2025

Any questions, please contact:

apprenticeships@siemens-energy.com



SIEMENS Energy

Business Excellence Centre, Low Mill Business Park, Ulverston, LA12 8EE



Look out for details on our website for our Apprenticeships open day, starting 11th February 2025. We'll see you there!

"LEARNING IS A LIFELONG PROCESS"

Remembrance Assemblies



**"In Flanders Fields, the
poppies blow Between the
crosses, row on row, That
mark our place; and in the
sky The larks, still bravely
singing, fly Scarce heard
amid the guns below"**

Millom School paid tribute to Remembrance Day to honour the services and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

This year's assembly focused on War Horse; the role of animals in war, the dignity of both humans and animals in the face of suffering, and the kindness that can be found in soldiers on both sides of a conflict. There were moving musical tributes, readings and displays of remembrance art. Lest We Forget.



"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them"

A Level Results 2024

A massive well done to our year 13 students who collected their A-Level results in August.

Students have secured places to study Medicine, Architecture, Film and Environmental Science at university, alongside a number of apprenticeships with local companies.

We are so proud of all students' achievements and wish them every success in the future.

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"NEVER STOP LEARNING, BECAUSE LIFE NEVER STOPS TEACHING"



PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL OF ANY
STUDENT ABSENCES BEFORE
9.30AM.

THANK YOU.

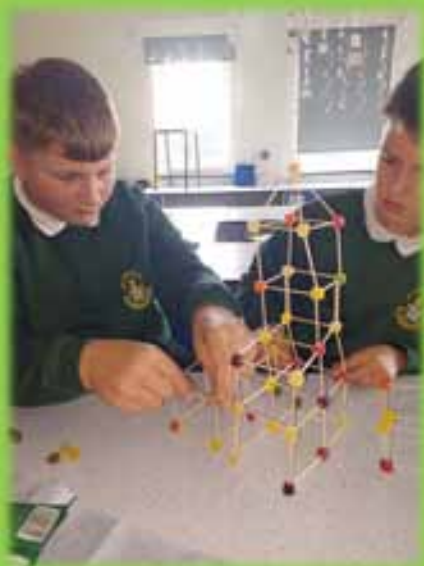
GCSE Results 2024

Congratulations to our students who collected their GCSE results in August

Some brilliant individual achievements, not just in terms of attainment but also in relation to progress against targets. So many students have secured their first choice of 6th form or college course, or apprenticeship.

#takepart #betterlearner #gcseresults





Enrichment Wednesday's.

On Wednesday afternoon all students take part in Enrichment Activities. These activities are run by teachers, support staff and by visiting agencies and companies who are experts in their field. Students will participate in up to 6 enrichment activities over the course of the year, mixing with students from all year groups.

Enrichment allows our students to develop interests and talents in a range of areas. From Lava lamps to mountain biking– there is something for everyone!

#enrichment #takepart #betterlearner #takeresponsibility





Mountain Biking Enrichment: A Thrilling Adventure on Two Wheels!

What an incredible start to this year's Mountain Biking Enrichment program! The weather has been our ally, blessing us with fantastic conditions throughout September, October, and November. Our pupils have been nothing short of amazing—showcasing impressive biking skills, unwavering commitment, and remarkable progress, especially during Block 1.

Each six-week block culminates in an exciting full-day ride, and we've made an exciting change to the route this year! Say goodbye to Grizedale Forest and hello to an epic adventure through Coniston, Hodge Close, and Iron Keld. The grand finale? A breath taking descent from Tarn Howes all the way to the Bluebird Café—a ride that's as exhilarating as it sounds! This new route has been a big hit with pupils, offering a perfect balance of challenge and fun.

A massive shout-out to Wharton's Garage for generously letting us use their car wash to keep our bikes sparkling and ready for action. With their support and our students' enthusiasm, Mountain Biking Enrichment continues to roll forward in top gear! 🚲♂️📺🌟

Keep pedalling and stay tuned for more adventures!



Congratulations to the amazing Year 9 students who on the 17th October graduated from the Future Pathways scheme with Morgan Sindall Engineering. Students have worked really hard at pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and developing their leadership and communications skills amongst others. Well done all and thank you to Mrs Knowles for the organisation.



‘Christmas Tree’ By Ben

On Thursday 21st November, BAEs travelling road show visited Millom School. Students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13, attended slots throughout the morning, where they were able to explore the different apprenticeship functions that BAE offer. Students received advice about applications for applications this year and also after post 18 options, for those who will be heading to sixth form, college or university.

Thank you to [BAE Systems](https://www.baesystems.com) for a great morning.

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

Early September saw our annual Year 5 and 6 open evening, where we invite students in those year groups to visit our school to see what is like to be a student here.

Key Stage 2 to 3 transition is a very important part of the journey through education. The more a student knows about what to expect at secondary school, the better prepared they will be.

This year was exceptionally busy, with over 200 visitors on the night, first attending an introductory session with Head Teacher Mr Savidge and Director of Learning for KS3, Mrs Drage. After that, our visitors took themselves off around the school to see each subject area in action.

There is always lots to see and do on open evening and this year was no exception. Introductory experiments in Science (including handling of internal organs!), sample work and sewing techniques in Technology. In PE, there was an opportunity to get trampoline techniques taught and then over to Performing Arts where there were demonstration performances and an opportunity to join in.

Thanks, as ever, to the staff for all the effort they put in to welcoming the students to our school but, more importantly, a huge thank you to all our current students who gave up their time to show guests around, demonstrate activities and generally show their pride in the school they attend. We are grateful and proud of them all.



YEAR 12 AND 13 FIELD TRIP

The year 12 and 13 Geographers started their trip on the east coast for a day of field work along the coast, starting at Flamborough Head. Students the next day spent the morning at the UK university and apprenticeship fair at Old Trafford, finding out more about the options available for them post 18. They travelled to The Trafford Centre for some dinner, shopping and some bowling, with Mrs Moore and Mr Mitchell coming out on top. Hopefully the year 13 students have found the trip useful to confirm their choices for next year, with the year 12 students just starting this process for September 2026.



Year 10 Geographers Explore Leeds: An Unforgettable Adventure!

This year's Leeds fieldwork trips were a smashing success, even with the second group braving temperatures that dipped below zero! The city centre transformed into a frosty wonderland, adding an extra layer of excitement to the day.

A big highlight was once again the Art Hostel, which wowed our pupils with its quirky themed rooms and relaxed, self-service breakfast. From pedestrian counts to land use and environmental quality surveys, students explored the city with enthusiasm, even squeezing in some high-street shopping along the way.

Leeds Market, as always, was a treasure trove of cultures and cuisines. Pupils had a blast choosing lunch from a vibrant selection that included Vietnamese, Thai, Turkish, Indian, Jamaican, and Italian dishes. A true feast for the senses!

Huge thanks to Ricky's Coaches and our heroic driver, Neil, who skilfully navigated a closed M6 to ensure we made it home on time. A round of applause for avoiding an unexpected overnight stay in Leeds!

Well done to our Year 10 geographers for their hard work and fantastic attitude !



Year 11 Field Trip to St Bees: A Perfect Day for Coastal Studies



Year 11 students enjoyed a glorious day of sunshine at St Bees, exploring the effectiveness of the area's coastal defences and its fascinating geological features. The visit provided an excellent opportunity to study the contrasting fragility of the boulder clay and the striking red sandstone of St Bees Head.

Students walked across the wave-cut platform, a natural coastal defence, and examined the condition and effectiveness of various man-made features, including the now-defunct wooden groynes, the sea wall, rip rap protecting the café, and geotextile netting on the boulder clay.

To round off the day, students sampled the café's treats, with cake and ice cream proving to be firm favourites. It was a fantastic combination of hands-on learning and enjoying the best of what St Bees has to offer!



Children In Need



For children in need 2024 we had another 'sponge the staff' event. The children always love taking part in this, not so sure on the teachers! We managed to raise an amazing **£138.45**, which is fantastic. A well done to the sixth formers charity committee on running the event for the children, and to the staff who took part.



Reminder—Uniform

Just a polite reminder to all our students/parents/carers.

Please label any items of uniform, coats, pencil/glasses cases etc. We have a number items handed to Reception daily with no way of identifying the item to a student.



‘Candy Cane’ by Katie



Millom School are participating in our Build My Skills (BMS) programme again this academic year. It helps young people prepare for future careers, working on key employability skills and knowledge.

The programme gives our students access to employers and helps to raise awareness of career options in sectors we know will be recruiting in the near future.

Build my Skills equips young people with the necessary skills and competences to have the best chance of successful careers. 'Build My Skills' embeds an understanding of the link between education and employment, it inspires students to look to the future, think about the jobs they may like and focuses on the key skills they need to develop in order to succeed.

Christmas Enrichment



The Christmas Craft group on Enrichment Wednesdays have been making hand stitched cards, snow globes, hand painted glass bottles– that light up! Gonk decorations and crackers. They then enjoyed a lovely warming festive hot choc !

[#christmascrafts](#) [#handmade](#) [#takepart](#) [#betterlearner](#) [#enjoyyourself](#)



Leadership Roles

The reason I chose to be a senior student is because I wanted to be more involved in the school community, I also liked having the opportunity to be a role model, one I would've wanted when I was younger.

The reason I joined the school leadership, is to try and help the school and to get a better understanding of what goes on and I hope that I can help achieve something important.

Sixth Form Open Evening



A fantastic night at our Sixth Form Information Evening, a big thank you to the staff and the year 12 students who took the time to speak to year 10 and 11 students about the subjects on offer and sixth form life in general.



Christmas Concert

It was a fantastic event with excellent performances from all who took part! Well done everyone!

Thank you to our brilliant compères, photographers and sound and light technicians! Thank you to the community members who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola, this is much appreciated.



Staff Leavers

Corrin Coates

Chris Slater

Stevie Shadforth

URGENT REMINDER!

Products that contain nuts, including chocolate products such as Nutella, Dairy Milk etc. are NOT allowed on site.

Please check the ingredients of products before packing them for lunches etc. We have students with severe nut allergies.

School Reminders

To access Millom School's Main Reception, please use the main entrance at The Millom Hub.

The school phone line opens at 8:15am and closes at 16:00pm. Voicemails can be left before the line opens and after it closes.

If as a parent/carer you would like to make an appointment to see/speak to a member of staff. Please contact the school via telephone in order to do this.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to ring in your child's absence before 9:30am. A reason for absence needs to be given.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhea they need to be 48 hours clear from the last bout to be able to then come back into school.

Any medical appointments need to be made out of school time where possible. In order for us to authorize medical appointments please provide the school with a copy of the appointment card or letter, a picture or copy of this can be sent to school via email or given to your child to hand in to Reception where we will then take a copy of the document.

Holidays should not be taken in term time. All requests for time out of school should be addressed to Mr MD Savidge either via email, using the school email address or by letter.

Students should be wearing the correct uniform for school. Reminders with regards to uniform, hair and jewellery can be found on the school website and in the parent handbook.

We can accept forgotten packed lunches, money, books etc. but it is the responsibility of your child to collect these from Reception. We cannot get messages to students. If your child has forgotten their lunch or money for their lunch they will be able to get something from either of the refectories and the money spent can be paid back the following day.

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