



**MARK RUTHERFORD  
SCHOOL**

# The Rutherford Review

## Headlines

As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank publicly all the young people, parents/carers and staff I have worked with over the many years that I have been at Mark Rutherford School. I believe it is these partnerships that go a long way to making the school such a success.

As I write my final newsletter, I know that the school will see further evidence of great partnerships at work, with the Astroturf well on its way and construction starting of the STEM building. Mark Rutherford School is truly growing to be a school that is at the heart of the community.

Once again I am delighted to be able to say that as we approach the new school year, we will be fully staffed, having made some excellent appointments and having an incredibly low staff turnover rate. This reflects the healthy position the school is in. I know the school is in the capable hands with the new headteacher, Mrs Bloor, having a wealth of experience that she will bring to the role.

I would like to thank Ms Hughes, who is leaving after 15 years as Deputy headteacher to take up a headship role, and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Sometimes the best way to articulate emotions is to let poetry do the talking. One poem that sums up thoughts about people leaving applies to me now, as one chapter in my life is closing while another one opens up...

*Sometime when you're feeling important,  
Sometime when your ego's in bloom,  
Sometime when you take it for granted,  
You're the best qualified man in the room.  
Sometime when you think that your passing  
Will leave an un-fillable hole,*

*Just remember this simple example,  
And see how it humbles your soul.  
Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hand in up to your wrists,  
The hole that you make when you leave it,  
Is the measure of how much you'll be missed.  
You may thrash all you want when you enter,  
You may stir up the waters galore,  
But just wait for a moment  
And it is still the same as before.*

*The moral of this is quite simple,  
Just do the best that you can.  
But please always remember  
There is no irreplaceable man.*

I wish all the young people, parents/carers and staff good luck for the Summer holidays and for the future. Be safe, be strong, be proud of what you do and remember qualifications are important but so are many other aspects of education – including being a compassionate, thoughtful and well-rounded human being.

**Mr R Millard, Headteacher**

## Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take the opportunity to convey my appreciation to all involved with Mark Rutherford School.

Firstly to all the students at Mark Rutherford, thank you for your efforts throughout the academic year. The years that you spend in education are challenging, but the work you do now is building a platform for future success. Please keep up the excellent work.

To all the parents and carers who have supported your children throughout another year, this support is invaluable and is an essential factor in helping all students succeed and create a bright future.

To all staff at Mark Rutherford, I say a big thank you for your continued efforts, hard work and dedication over another year. You are the backbone of the success of the school and this cannot be understated.

As this school year ends, we say goodbye to Richard Millard as he leaves the school to begin a well-deserved retirement.

Richard has been a driving force behind the recent success of the school; he has been a visible figurehead and has set the school up well for future success. Please join me in wishing him all the best in his future endeavours.

Julie Bloor has been appointed as Richard's successor, and will take up the role of Headteacher of Mark Rutherford in September 2019.

Julie is an exceptional appointment for the role and brings with her a wealth of experience and a track record of success. She has a history of driving school improvement and making progress wherever she has been.

I look forward to working with Julie and have no doubt that she will bring further success to Mark Rutherford. Please join with me in welcoming her.

I hope that all of Mark Rutherford's community enjoys their well-earned summer break. Enjoy whatever you do, make the most of each day and most importantly, keep safe and well.

**Mr Joseph Campbell, Chair of Governors**

## Brilliant Rutherford Scholars "graduate" at Cambridge...

Students from Mark Rutherford School were at Newnham College, Cambridge to receive their graduation certificates following their participation in the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme.

The scheme operated by the educational charity, The Brilliant Club, is aimed at encouraging able state school students to consider applying to some of the UK's most prestigious universities.

The 12 students from Year 9 and Year 10 at Mark Rutherford completed a four month study programme which involved researching the implications of cell development and growth for youth recruitment by professional football clubs. Their studies were "rounded off" with a 2000 word dissertation which was awarded university style classifications. Two of the students involved gained first class passes and over 80% of the group achieved at least a 2:1 pass.

Their tutor, Rick Patel who is currently completing a PhD focused on youth recruitment by professional football clubs praised the students commenting: "They were all very dedicated and hardworking. Their final assignments were truly impressive especially considering that they were all working at a standard well above their chronological age."

The project was run as part of the school's ongoing programme to support academically able students.



## INWED19 and Mark Rutherford School STEM scholars

On June 23rd, Mark Rutherford School will be helping to celebrate INWED19 (International Women in Engineering Day) by taking on the biggest challenge our STEM scholars have ever had- organising and hosting a regional event on behalf of The Shuttleworth Collection in Old Warden. The event is aimed at inspiring and engaging students generally within an age range of 8 to 13, and on the day we will have a range of exhibitors throughout the hangars at The Shuttleworth Collection. These will offer key insights into the myriad of exciting opportunities available in Engineering, as well as activities and demonstrations. Some of our exhibitors this year include: Stomor Engineering, Air League, The Aviatrix project The IOP and Beds Police. We also have our exciting planetarium, a science themed escape room thanks to Beds University, and a robot battle arena thanks to The Smallpeice Trust.

The aim of this event is to inspire children, introduce them to the world of Engineering and make it accessible for all regardless of gender.



## Jake gains a place on the CyberStart Elite Camp

Congratulations to Jake in Year 13. From the 28,000 students that took part in Cyber Discovery, Jake has been selected to take part in the final stage – CyberStart Elite.

Jake will attend The Cyber Discovery Elite Camps which are six-day residential camps for 16 – 18 year olds where students learn what a career in cyber security is really like. He will get free training and meet fellow Elite students. Primarily, he will study one of SANS' (Escal Institute of Advanced Technologies) globally renowned cyber security courses, led by a certified SANS instructor. He will also sit a GIAC certification exam (Global Information Assurance Certification). This is the first time this opportunity is being offered at an Elite camp, and his cohort will be one of the youngest ever to take SANS training! Well done Jake!



## The Mayor celebrates Mark Rutherford School's community partnership with Bedford Park Rangers Youth FC

Mark Rutherford School's community partnership with Bedford Park Rangers Youth FC leads to an outstanding facility in Bedford Borough - a brand new 3G all weather floodlit pitch facility.

The considerable benefits of a 3G pitch in supporting the development of a centre of excellence and providing the very best sporting facility in Bedfordshire is no longer just a vision, as construction work starts at Mark Rutherford School this month. The partnership's aim is to provide experience in playing football for disadvantaged children, disabled children, encourage women to come into football and provide a venue for Bedford Park Rangers Youth FC.

Headteacher Mr Millard said, "It is widely known that participating in sport makes a profound and positive impact on individuals, communities and wider society, promoting as it does both physical and mental health as well as fostering team work and healthy competition".

Bedford Park Rangers Youth Club Chairman Andy Rounding stated, "Whether you want to just improve your fitness and health or develop your team spirit, this facility is of great community value to Bedford Borough. It is a remarkable accomplishment that community collaboration has resulted in a facility that will benefit generations to come. This means that we can further develop the club to provide even more football opportunities to individuals of all ages and backgrounds."



## Speakers' Assembly

A variety of speakers have visited the school to speak with Year 12 students. Following our participation in the Sir Gavyn Arthur Family Mock Hearing, Marilena Barratt came to discuss her role as a magistrate. Other visitors have included Elizabeth Howard from the Place Theatre and Imogen Aujla who is Senior Lecturer in Dance and Course Coordinator MSc Dance Science at Bedfordshire University. Both spoke about their roles and career in the arts as well as its importance for Britain.

We have also had two other visitors from universities. Marija Pajevic (Cambridge University) discussed her work in social science research, an invaluable session for those attempting to discern proper evidence from falsehoods based upon rigorous investigation. Professor David Sharp (OU) spoke about his work with sound and his participation on BBC Coast. Professor Sharp came as part of the Speakers For Schools Scheme. The school has also been lucky to host two leading local politicians. Dave Hodgson (old Rutherfordian) came to speak about his role, the issues facing the Borough and his recollections as one of our first students. Mohammad Yasin MP also attended, speaking about his job as MP and current political issues. Other speakers have included the Bishop of Bedford and Professor Joe Nellis of Cranfield University. Professor Nellis provided an excellent summary of Brexit.

## Artificial Intelligence comes to life for Year 8 students in an amazing Hackathon experience

To celebrate London Tech Week, Founders4Schools, Teens in AI and CogX ran a Hackathon to inspire young people aged 11-18 into Artificial Intelligence. Their mission is to encourage young people to pursue computing and technology, and promote diversity in this ever-growing field. Hailey, Head of Communications & Partnerships at BIOS, and an AI expert, came to Mark Rutherford to support our Year 8 students with their AI ideas. The AI product had to solve one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The students had to develop their ideas and create a video pitch. Three teams took part and all three teams produced fantastic pitches. The videos and presentations were sent off and we found out that Billions of Meals, a team with Josie, Molly, Oscar and Finley, had made it to the final.

Billions of Meals is an innovative idea to reduce waste and redistribute food to countries that need it, in this case Sierra Leone, using AI and a mobile app. Having made it to the final, they were invited to Level 39 at Canary Wharf, home to the world's most connected tech community, for a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet and gain advice from AI experts. They then pitched (against 9 other teams) at CogX, The Festival of AI and Emerging Technology in London, on the Alan Turing Research Stage. They were the youngest team in the competition. The team was rewarded with Smart Flasks (that monitor your water intake on an app), Micro:bits, robots, and many other goodies. Jackie Samosa, Assistant Headteacher, said "In today's world of technology, it is imperative for students to become exposed to computer technology at a young age and see the vast opportunities there are in these emerging sectors."



## Mark Rutherford School STEAMS Ahead

Mark Rutherford School is fast becoming a regional STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) hub. The skills the school is developing will feed directly into the vision of the UK's Silicon Valley.

With financial support from the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP) through the Local Growth Fund, Bedford Borough Council and Central Government, the vision to build a STEAM centre of excellence is coming to Bedford. The space will offer much needed specialist and general teaching spaces for mixed age groups of students, and will inspire young people in Bedfordshire to pursue STEAM subjects, growing the next generation of much needed engineers, technologists and scientists.

Mark Rutherford School is already the first school in Europe to own a portable planetarium, which is supported by the Harpur Trust, and now our aim is to build a STEAM Provision to include a Lecture Hall where we can develop the future workforce by embedding much needed employability skills from an early age.

Headteacher Mr Millard said "This project is a great example of a successful collaborative approach that is steering investment directly towards developing the future of our young people."

Hilary Chipping, Chief Executive at SEMLEP said, "Our area has major business strengths in innovative sectors that are going to change the way we live and work but we need many more young people with STEAM-related skills and knowledge to take up careers in these industries.

"Mark Rutherford School's vision for this project is a great example of how we work together towards developing a talent-pipeline of young people with the attributes that meet local employers' needs. This project can make a major contribution to our area's future success and we are pleased to contribute to this project through our Local Growth Fund"

Mark Rutherford School is extremely fortunate to have secured this substantial amount of funding to deliver appropriate specialists teaching rooms. Cllr James Valentine, Executive member for Education at Bedford Borough Council said "Mark Rutherford School continues to provide excellent educational experiences and wonderful opportunities to the young people of Bedford Borough. The improved facilities will not only enrich the experiences for students, it will future proof employability skills for all students on roll."



## Harpur Trust University Bursary / Connolly Foundation Award

Hannah Oldridge visited recently to promote the Harpur Trust University Bursary. Mark Rutherford School has been involved since the inception of the scheme and has seen many students benefit from the assistance provided. Details of the scheme can be found on the Harpur Trust website. Many students also benefit from the Connolly Foundation Awards. It is an award for academic excellence for students going on to university who attend the Foundation's seven partner schools. The award is available to students studying a range of academic subjects mainly drawn from the core subjects looked for by the Russell Group of universities.



## Take your child to Work Day

On Friday 14th June 100 of our Year 8 students went to work with their parents or a family friend. The aim was for them to experience a work place, to find out what their parents do for a living and to see how different work is from school. Students were also able to see if the workplace they visited would inspire them to go into that line of work. The feedback from the students, parents and employers has been very positive;

*"They have offered me a job when I'm 14"*

*"Could we make it a week next time?"*

*"It was a great day for my son and I also enjoyed having him around for the day"*

*"He learned how to program a fire alarm panel!"*

*"Perks of the company – monthly massage!"*

*"My daughter was genuinely interested in the work I do"*

*"Such a good learning experience and gave her a good insight into what I do all day"*

*"He really did have a lovely day, and he had to get up early and experience commuting too. I think it's an amazing thing you allow them to do."*



## Awards Evening

This year, our guest to Awards Evening was old Rutherfordian, Jaimie Stewart. Jaimie attended from 1988 to 1993, playing rugby for the school, participating in drama productions and being part of the school council. He also set up a satirical magazine. After A Levels, Jaimie studied at Manchester Metropolitan University and then travelled. He then secured a position as a business trainer and following several roles joined D&D London as Head of Learning and Talent. D&D is one of the Europe's largest fine dining restaurant groups. This year he was awarded a prestigious Silver Award for learning leadership from the Learning and Performance Institute. In addition he has lobbied government on behalf of his industry, advised the Mayor of London and is a member of a regional advisory board for colleges. In March 2019, Jaimie joined Social Entertainment Ventures as People Director.

## BACE (Bedford Arts and Cultural Education) Twinning Project

Following our successful twinning with the Higgins Museum and Art Gallery we now have a memorandum of understanding ensuring that we have a long lasting partnership. The guiding principle of BACE is that the children and young people of Bedford Borough are entitled to a broad and balanced education that equips them with the creative skills needed for their future whilst giving them access to arts and cultural learning experiences.

As a result of this project the Year 7s will be working with a visiting artist in the next few weeks producing artwork based on the theme of recycling, reusing and re-purposing. Look out for photos of the results on our Facebook page.

## Self - Leadership to Leadership Conference

Mark Rutherford is participating in a leadership development conference alongside colleagues at Bedford School and other local schools. Since last autumn a series of meetings have been held to form an idea of what this event will look like and the outcomes we would like to see. In recent meetings students have been invited, with Mr Nicholls ably supported by Mia McLaughlin, Ollie Muirhead and Emma Romans. The conference will be held in October with Year 12 students from across the area participating. The key note speaker will be old Rutherfordian Jamie Bridge. Jamie is Chief Operating Officer of the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), a global network of 182 NGOs that focus on issues related to drug production, trafficking and use. IDPC promotes objective and open debate on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies.

## Alex Skeel – Male Victims of Domestic Violence

Alex Skeel also returned to school to speak to Year 12 students. Alex was recently featured on a BBC documentary about domestic violence. In a powerful session he explained how he had become victim to abuse and had then survived this. Alex is currently campaigning for a charity, ManKind Initiative, which aims to support male victims of domestic abuse. Details of the charity can be found at [www.mankind.org.uk/](http://www.mankind.org.uk/). The helpline is 01823 334 244.

## Danni Nicholls: THE MELTED MORNING

The album Melted Morning was released in April and is former student, Danni Nicholls' follow-up to the applauded Mockingbird Lane from 2017. Recorded in Nashville, and produced by Jordan Brooke Hamlin the recording has been well received. Folk Radio has described it as, 'her best yet, let it make your day'.

## Valuable lesson on Holocaust and prejudice

The History department at Mark Rutherford School is very excited to have had the opportunity for Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke to come into the school to talk to Year 9 students.

Out of all the tales of survival to come out of the Nazi concentration camps, Eva Clarke's is one of the most remarkable. On April 29, 1945 she was born in the midst of the horrors of the notorious Mauthausen death camp. Her mother Anka had spent years in three different camps, and weighed an impossibly fragile five stone when she gave birth. Eva herself, born weighing a tiny three pounds, was swaddled in newspaper and survived against all the odds. Now living in Cambridge, she has two sons, four grandchildren and travels the world educating people about the Holocaust.

Whilst the Holocaust forms part of the Year 9 curriculum, it is also vitally important from a wider moral perspective that this and future generations are aware of the dangers that can come from racism and prejudice and the chance to hear Eva speak will contribute towards promoting equality.

Headteacher Mr Millard said "Our aim is to educate young people from every background about the Holocaust and the important lessons to be learned for today. Eva Clarke is an inspiration and there is a lot to learn about survival and it is important that today's generations never forget."



## Rock Challenge Competition

On Tuesday 2nd April Mark Rutherford students attended the 'Be your best foundation' Rock Challenge competition at Stevenage Leisure Centre along with 8 other school's from different areas of the country. The competition requires teams to create a Dance/Drama piece that is then marked by 3 independent judges on the evening of the performance. Awards are given on various aspects of the production as a whole. Mark Rutherford's piece, 'Our home' looks at the disastrous fire that ravaged Grenfell Tower; the piece follows the community that lived there. We journey through the happy memories prior to the tragedy, the destruction during, and grief after the fire. We end with the hope for a brighter future, justice for those who were lost, and the families and friends left behind. We were awarded 12 awards of excellence and secured a place in the Southern Open final at Portsmouth GuildHall. Out of 12 competing schools in the final Mark Rutherford achieved a further 10 awards of excellent and were placed 5th overall. Judge Jasmine Francis said "A stunning piece to watch with clear direction and content, you should be very proud."



## Ski Trip 2020

During the first week of the 2020 Easter holidays the PE department will be taking a group of 49 students on a ski and snowboarding trip to Zell-Am-See in Austria. The trip will last for 7 days and will see students take part in ski or snowboard lessons, as well as enjoying a selection of evening activities. The trip is currently full, however there are currently no students on the reserve list; any students who wish to receive more information regarding this can collect a letter from the PE department.

## World Class Competition

Just before half term Raphael Bouju competed in the World Schools Athletics Championships for English Schools Athletics in Split, Croatia. Unfortunately he injured his back during the long jump which meant he wasn't able to compete in the 100m which, having been crowned as the U18 European Champion last year, he had high hopes for. However, he came 2nd in the long jump with a jump of 7.15m! Raphael will be jetting off to Sweden for the Junior European Championships in July aiming to defend his title in the 100m.

## District Championships

On 22nd May we took the Year 9 and 10 Athletics teams to the stadium for the District Championships. Our students acquitted themselves very well throughout the day. Highlights include:

**Joe Knight** – Junior Boys 800m Champion  
**Ayman Siad** – JB 1500m 2nd place  
**Freddie Stonebridge** – Inter Boys 400m 3rd place  
**Plamedi Bomolo** – IB 100m Hurdles 3rd place  
**Sam Moore** – IB 400m Hurdles Champion  
**Plamedi Bomolo** – IB Long Jump 2nd place  
**Chloe Howe** – JG 100m Champion  
**Katie Olive** – JG 1500m 2nd place  
**Chloe Howe** – JG Long Jump 3rd place  
**Imogen Llewellyn** – JG Shot Putt 3rd place  
**Leah Anin** – IG 100m Champion  
**Georgie Munday** – IG 3000m Champion  
**Leah Anin, Georgie Munday, Isahia Bantantou and Ruth Chawula** – Intermediate Girls 4x100m relay – 2nd place

### Overall team scores:

Junior (Year 9) Boys – 4th  
Intermediate (Year 10) Boys – 7th  
Junior Girls – 5th  
Intermediate Girls – 5th

As a result of these performances, Mark Rutherford had 13 students representing North Bedfordshire at the County Schools Athletics Championships. These were as follows;

### Junior Boys

**Joe Knight** – 800m  
**Ayman Siad** – 1500m  
**Marshall Whiting** – Javelin

### Junior Girls

**Chloe Howe** – 100m, Long Jump and 4x100m Relay

### Intermediate Boys

**Will Biziki** – 100m  
**Plamedi Bomolo** – 100m Hurdles  
**Sam Moore** – 400m Hurdles  
**Henry Peters** – 4x100m Relay

### Intermediate Girls

**Leah Anin** – 100m and 4x100m Relay  
**Isahia Bantantou** – 200m  
**Angel Babalola** – 300m  
**Georgie Munday** – 3000m  
**Chloe Howe** – Junior Girls 100m County Champion and Long Jump Runner-Up and 1st in the Junior Girls 4x100m relay.  
**Sam Moore** – Intermediate Boys 400m Hurdles Runner-Up.  
**Georgie Munday** – Intermediate Girls 3000m Runner-Up.  
**Plamedi Bomolo** – Intermediate Boys 100m Hurdles Runner-Up.  
**Leah Anin** – Intermediate Girls 100m third place.  
**Ayman Siad** – Junior Boys 1500m Runner-Up.  
**Joe Knight** – Junior Boys 800m Runner-Up.  
**Will Biziki** – Intermediate Boys 100m Runner-Up.  
**Isahia Bantantou and Leah Anin** – Intermediate Girls 4x100m Relay Runner-Up.  
**Angel Babalola** – Intermediate Girls 300m 4th place. Angel is in Year 8 and competed against Year 11s!  
**Henry Peters** – Intermediate Boys 4x100m



## Athletics Success

On 10th May we took four teams of four students to the County Schools Combined Events Championships. Teams were Year 7/8 boys, Year 7/8 girls, Year 9/10 boys and Year 9/10 girls.

Each student had to compete in all 5 events, Sprint hurdles, 800m or 1500m, a throw, the long jump and high jump. Their scores were added together to complete a pentathlon.

There were up to 40 students in each competition. Plamedi Bomolo and Chloe Howe both finished in 2nd place in their competitions! Chloe did particularly well considering she is in Year 9 and was therefore competing against girls a year older than her.

As a result of these excellent performances, Plamedi and Chloe have been selected to represent Bedfordshire and Luton in the Combined Events Regional round. Chloe will be competing in the Junior (up to 14) Girls' Pentathlon and Plamedi will be competing in the Intermediate (up to 16) Boys' Octathlon.

## Bedfordshire County Cricket

Rohit Mehmi and Cassius Hudson have been selected for Bedfordshire County Cricket Under 12s. Rohit will captain the side when they travel to play Suffolk in July.

## Musicians prepare for Belgium Tour

38 students across Year 7-12 are busy preparing for the summer tour to Belgium which will run in the last week of term. The group will perform three concerts over the 4 day trip in Belgium, one of which is at 'Drielandespunt' where, as well as being the highest point in the Netherlands, is also the point where Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium meet and is a popular tourist attraction, so we are excited to be able to entertain three different nations at the same time!

Our tour group comprises a wide variety of musicians and we are excited to be able to showcase music from ukulele band, upper school singers, a small string group and rock band as well as a number of soloists who are keen to experience performance in a completely different context.

Arthur Maples, N7, said "We've been rehearsing hard and have really enjoyed playing music with our friends as well as making some new ones along the way; we are really looking forward to performing in new and exciting locations and sharing our passion for music with local people!"

We will update with pictures and a full write up in the next newsletter.

## Bedfordshire Voices

On 25th June 30 singers in Years 7-9 attended Bedford School and take part in a shared choir concert, celebrating choral music and performing as a massed choir with 100 other students. We will be taking part in workshops in the afternoon and will get feedback from experienced individual choristers from the acclaimed group Voices8. As a member of a choir of 60 at its height of popularity, it has been lovely to be able to work with the younger members of the group.

Ben Orr N8 said "After recently discovering my passion for singing I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the school choir and am looking forward to performing with other like-minded people from schools around Bedford."

## Summer Concert 'Songs for a Summer's Eve'

Our dedicated and talented extra-curricular musicians and those in GCSE and A Level music will join together on 11th July to perform a programme which is as varied as the instruments performing it!

Ukulele Band, Rock Band, Rutherford Voices, Nova Voce and many others will celebrate of all the dedication and rehearsal completed this year. It has been a great year for making music and we are excited to be able to showcase the hard work of all those involved. Pictures will follow in the next newsletter.

## Art Exhibition

A group of Year 6 students from Brickhill Primary visited the Mark Rutherford Art Exhibition. After viewing the A Level Art and Photography work the students then had some masterclasses with Year 12 students. They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore and experiment with some different drawing techniques and rated our Sixth Form students as excellent teachers!



## Music Mark Success

We are delighted to have been recognised by the Borough for our provision of high quality music education and requested that we become a Music Mark School Member. Music Mark celebrates dedication to offering and demonstrating excellence in the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum.

We were nominated by Music for Bedford Borough and invited to attend a celebratory lunch and concert followed by a short presentation at Bedford School on Thursday 20th June.

Ben Orr, Arthur Maples, Nicole Howard and Elizabeth Slade represented the school in receiving this award. Nicole said "I have been involved in many concerts and events since joining the school in 2016 and I love being a part of the extra-curricular music groups. I am really excited to be back in school in September to start my new music course in the Sixth Form! It's great that the department have been recognised for encouraging students to get involved."

