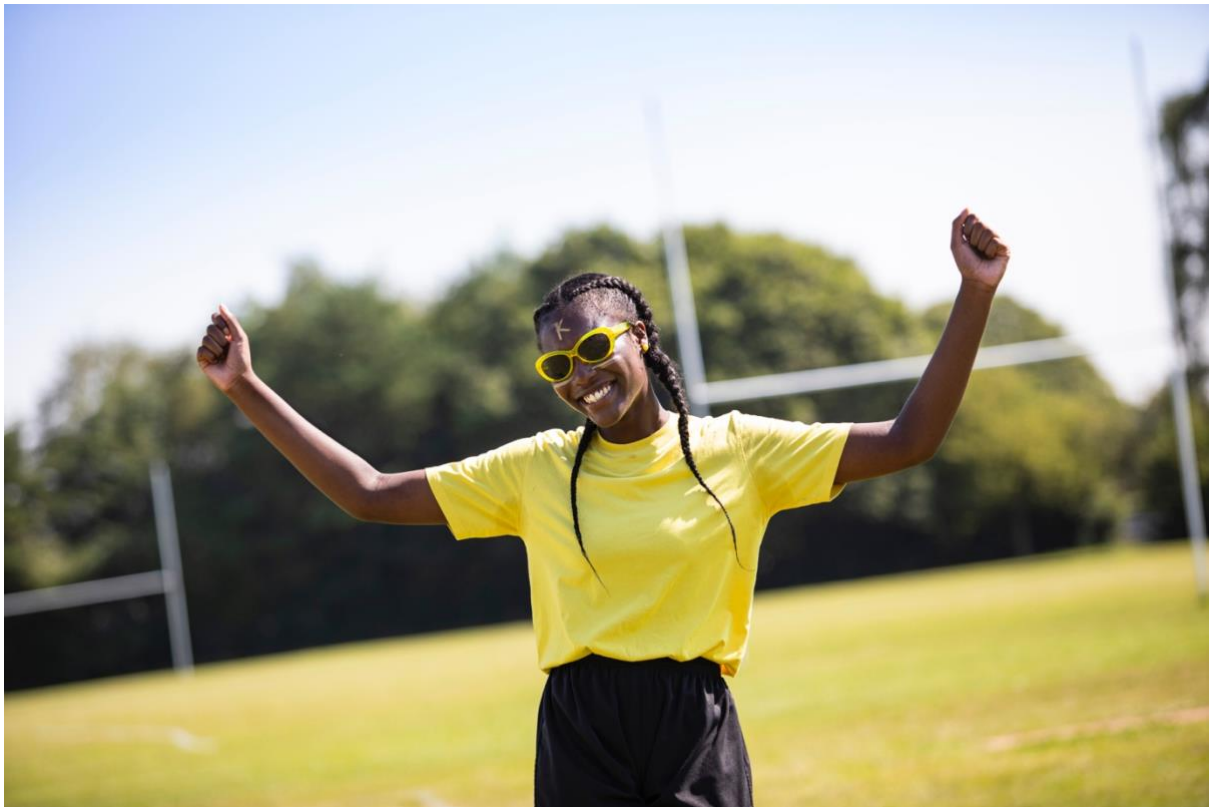




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November 2023





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## Pastoral News – Year Seven

### Wow - what a start to year seven!

Year seven have had a super busy start to their time with us at Noadswood. We have had our **team building day**, held by The Problem-Solving Company. This day of activities was designed to develop team work, resilience and communication. Each group enjoyed eight different activities, including code breaking, ski walking and tower building. It was wonderful to see how brilliantly our students worked together, supported each other and progressed as a tutor group team over the course of the day. It would only be fitting to share that the winning tutor group was **7W2 with Miss Stanley**; they narrowly beat the next tutor group by only one point!



Next up came **the Year Seven Welcome Disco**, organised by our Noadswood Parent Staff Association. From cheesy disco tunes, to classics, our students threw themselves into the dancing with some excellent shapes. Our personal favourite was the 100-person conga line around the school hall!

It has been so great to see so many year sevens get involved with our **Sports Teams** this term. They have played against other local schools and have shown true sportsmanship in their training and matches. They have been a real credit to our school and community.



**If you are interested in getting involved, please do ask your tutor about which days the clubs are on!**

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## Pastoral News – Year Eight

Over the first half term, I've had the pleasure of visiting so many year eight lessons and seeing outstanding effort to learning. Over 120 of the year group have been recognised by their teachers for positive star trekking and have been awarded Miss R's Golden Stars. Hearing teachers talk about individuals, efforts, dedication, participation and progress has been wonderful.

After school, we've seen the successes of the Year 8 girls' football, netball and boys' football matches against local New Forest schools, both on site and away. Last month it was great to see the Noadswood netball team at Southampton Sports Centre. They were competing against other Hampshire schools. Many of the other teams were made of up year nine students, so this was a real achievement for our year eights. Alongside sporting extra-curricular opportunities, many year eight students have joined coding club, music clubs, art club and so many more. There is always time for everyone to join in, if they haven't already.

I'd also like to thank those in the year group who represented Noadswood through the tours on Open Mornings and within departments for Open Evening. Year eight were particularly fantastic in Drama and Maths. Thank you again to all our volunteers.

We are currently planning and looking forward to Year Eight Activity Week in July 2024. Day visits to Paulton's Park and Calshot have been booked, alongside a variety of activities on site during the week. More details to follow.

Through assemblies this half term, we have considered the life skills we need to develop together, to enable us to achieve our dreams and goals. At the forefront of this was kindness, respect and effort. We look forward to Mrs Sullivan's launch of the Kindness Cup and finding out which year eight tutor group will secure the win.

As we move towards the later part of the autumn term, I look forward to visiting more lessons and seeing the fantastic work of the year group. We are also planning a festive end of term celebration, which will bring the whole year group together.



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## Pastoral News – Year Nine

I would like to start by congratulating the vast majority of year nines on their return to school after summer. Year nine can be a difficult year, but I have noted that so many have grown and matured and have grasped this new year with a positive attitude. Many have grown so much taller too!

The year group feels calmer and more focused. I have very much enjoyed visiting year nine lessons when I can. The lessons I have dropped in on have been so purposeful. Whilst I recognise the difficulties that some individuals can present, on the whole, I see students engaged, working well and responding positively to teaching on a daily basis. This is a credit to the efforts our students are making, including the number of those actively taking part in clubs, teams and events, which makes me very proud.

I often speak to the year group about reputation and opportunities and it is wonderful to be able to share news of those who have embraced this. We have welcomed 39 new Junior Prefects this term. This wonderful group have taken the opportunity to step up and take on additional responsibilities in school; this includes leading tours of the school to external visitors and supporting other pupils. Soon, they'll begin visiting year seven tutor groups to work with younger members of the Noadswood community. They have taken this opportunity to show the very best of themselves with enthusiasm and should, rightly, take pride in their new role. They are a credit to the year group.

Year nine have had sporting success in and out of school. The boys' football team ended the season on a high, winning their final match against Burgate 3-2, with a couple of spectacular goals and a battling team performance. This grit and determination were mirrored by the girls' under 14 Netball team, some of whom experienced a tough challenge, competing for the first time at the Hampshire Schools tournament at Southampton Sports Centre just before half-term. To quote Miss King "They played brilliantly against some really strong schools. This was absolutely the stretch and challenge that these girls need in their netball! They have represented the school fantastically".

Continuing the theme of sporting success, Alex from 9D1 represented Noadswood at the ESSA (English Schools Swimming Association) South East Division Trials in Guildford in diving. The trials consisted of six dives, these varied in degrees of difficulty from the 3m springboard. He came third in his category and secured a place in the National Schools Final in Manchester in December, where he will represent Noadswood again!



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I am delighted that Rebecca from 9A1 returned from Sheffield with her first National League medal. She won this for the Double Mini Trampoline and came second out of 23 finalists. This is just a small example of the outstanding accomplishments at national, county and school level, which fills me with pride.

All in all, the last half-term has been a really successful start to the year. Well done year nine. Here's to another positive half-term!

## Pastoral News – Year Ten

Year ten returned to Noadswood in September, ready to embark upon their chosen GCSE courses. They have made a really positive start. It was great to see everyone and hear about their adventures, trips and travels over the summer break, with lots of reminiscing about the residential trip to Rome at the end of year nine.

To begin the year, the key focus was to ensure that students have settled into their new courses and coping with the demands studying for GCSEs presents. It is pleasing to see that students have been working hard to make a good start and seeking support when they need it.

In assemblies last half term, the focus was on kindness, respect and making sure the Noadswood Community is a safe place for everyone.

It has been wonderful to see so many year tens involved in extra-curricular provisions, including our various sports teams. This involvement is an incredibly positive experience for those pupils and I would encourage everyone to have a look at what we offer and try one out.

This half term we will be introducing Work Experience to pupils, which will be taking place during the summer term. Miss Clews (our Careers Lead) will run an assembly for pupils and an information evening for parents to ensure everyone has the relevant details and has plenty of time to get things organised.



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## Pastoral News – Year Eleven

It has been a busy first half-term for year eleven, as they begin their final year at Noadswood.

We returned in September to stories of success from the Work Experience placements, which took place in the final week of the summer term. We had lots of really good feedback, with some exciting tales about what the students had been up to and some students were even fortunate enough to have earned themselves part-time jobs.

Focus then shifted on to this being the final year and life after Noadswood, with lots of local colleges delivering assemblies, sharing all the information our students will need to make their choices next year. As well as this, there have been lots of successful visits to College Open Evenings. It has been great to hear that so many students already know where they would like to go next year and what they will need to get there.

Our resident Careers Advisor, Mr Lewis has been having meetings with lots of the pupils, helping them plan for the future. If you haven't had an appointment and would like one, please email [glewis@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:glewis@noadswood.hants.sch.uk)

As part of our Open Mornings and Evening, our prefects have been busy taking prospective year six parents on tours of the Noadswood site. The feedback has been incredibly positive and, in recognition of their hard work, they were treated to Dominoes Pizza and an extended lunch break just before the end of the half-term.

In addition to the tours, our Head Student Team, along with Miss Marshall, have been out visiting our local primary and junior schools, in order to share what they can expect when they join us next year.

The extra-curricular programme started swiftly with the year eleven football team taking part in weekly fixtures and training. The number of pupils attending training has been incredible, with some weeks having 30 players attend. There has been some success on the pitch too, with a good victory in the Hampshire Cup and an upcoming trip to Bay House in Gosport in the next round.

The U16 girls' netball team have also been playing regularly, with Miss King commenting on the improvements the players have shown over the weeks, so well done girls.



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The rugby and basketball teams have also begun their training sessions for the upcoming season. There are lots of tough fixtures ahead in the rugby County Cup and Southampton District League for basketball. The teams will continue to have weekly training, so make sure you come along if you'd like to the opportunity to join the teams.

As we move towards the second half of the term, the focus shifts to the mock examinations. These exams are a great opportunity for pupils to gauge their current attainment and to see what areas they need to focus on in the new year. We are aware that for some this can be a stressful time, so we plan to offer some workshops to support our students and tackle any stress surrounding exams. Students have already been signing up, but if this is of interest to you, be sure to come to the Year Leaders' office and we'll add your name to the list.

## Safeguarding – Signposting

We work with many different professionals and agencies across the Waterside, New Forest and beyond, in order to ensure that our students and Noadswood family feel safe and happy, both at school and in the local community.

Safer New Forest work towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and to making the New Forest a safer place to live, work and visit. They have asked us to share the link to a survey they are currently undertaking to decipher the main issues facing our community. Safer New Forest Young Person Survey 2023 ([office.com](https://office.com))

We also work with the Local Children's Partnership who have asked us to pass on details of a survey that they are conducting, this survey explores young people's experiences of knife crime. Young People's Experiences of Knife Crime ([alchemer.eu](https://alchemer.eu))

We continue to work closely with CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and would like to draw your attention to a free health and well-being event they are running on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023, taking place at Lyndhurst Community Centre. More information and details on how to book can be found on the link below: Events – CAMHS ([hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk))

The Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership offer various free online courses which have been designed specifically for parents/carers to support you in strengthening your parental relationships. Please click the link below for more information and details on how to book. Free courses for parents/ carers - Hampshire SCP



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Young people's use of social media continues to be something that presents safeguarding challenges to us all, including our students themselves. Internet Matters have produced social media guidance for parents and carers and their website has a wealth of information and support. UKCIS Social media guide for parents and carers - Internet Matters

Our designated safeguarding lead at Noadswood is Mrs H Loveday. Please do reach out with any worries or concerns that you or your child/ren may have, or with any question or queries regarding any safeguarding matters. [hloveday@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:hloveday@noadswood.hants.sch.uk).

We'd like to remind all students of the various support that is available to them at school:

- Tutor
- Year Leader team
- Miss Harwood, Mrs Merrifield, Mrs Talbot – our ELSA team
- Miss Blanco – School counsellor
- Mrs Beales – Pastoral Support

## Subject News

### PE:

The first half term has been nothing short of outstanding. Our levels of engagement have been at its highest level for many years and by asking students to sign in via the QR code, we know that, at the time of writing, we are nearing 1500 sign ins to after school clubs, most of which are PE clubs.

Our boys training and fixtures continue to be hugely successful within the local schools' league and we have expanded to the Hampshire Cup football and rugby for our year eleven teams. We hope this will increase the amount of fixtures we play against appropriately challenging opponents.

Despite all the positivity above, it's the success of the girls that I'd like to focus on. They have blown us away with their success and engagement, we couldn't be more pleased or proud.





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Our new focus on girls' football has got off to a flying start. Our year nine and ten teams visited Testwood School for a tournament and were both deservedly crowned champions!



In addition to this, on the most thundery night of the year, our year seven and eight teams also visited Testwood School and were set to win the competition, until the weather forced an early conclusion and everyone ran for cover!

Our badminton club has been so popular that we have had discussions about splitting it by key stage. Hopefully, this will reduce the number attending each session, so the player experience is better.

With the mock exam window on the horizon and the need to move Mrs Burnston onto some netball fixtures, we conclude this half term's netball with incredibly high numbers and a third place in the under 14 New Forest Tournament.



Netball has been a huge focus for PE so far this year and we have seen a huge uplift in engagement and ability throughout the squads. The year seven and eights have two teams in the league and competition for places has been hotting up! This is magnificent; the girls are really pushing each other to the next level and we are steering them to Dreams Netball Club (near David Lloyd) to increase their exposure to a high level club environment.



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At the time of writing, we currently sit top of the league in year seven, year eight, year nine and under 16! Let's hope we can maintain these positions!



Don't forget to follow Noadswood PE on Instagram and Facebook for all our updates!

## History:

After an early start on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, the year elevens set off to the Tower of London. This great educational opportunity was only possible because of the brilliant work of student artists competing in a bench design competition. The students were excellent on this trip; they were inquisitive and interested at all the sights of the Norman White Tower in the centre, as well as the famed Traitor's Gate where four queens of England had made their way into the tower, their fates sealed.

The main attraction and real star of the show was of course the Crown Jewels. The students were starstruck to be in the presence of such a precious collection. One even asked, "How much do you think this is all worth?" as we walked through the two-foot-thick steel vault doors.

Many of the students were able to appreciate the tower through their Elizabethan England knowledge from GCSE, drawing links to the riches captured by Sir Francis Drake on his 1577





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Circumnavigation of the Globe, Sir Walter Raleigh's cell, and even parts of the Elizabethan armoury, extending their knowledge further on the topic!



Overall, the students enjoyed their trip up to London. What a wonderful day out and well done year eleven.

## Computer Science:

It has been fantastic to welcome the new computer scientists to the KS4 course – they've taken to the subject unbelievable quickly, having learnt the basics of Python. We've already started looking at iteration and operators alongside the fundamentals of computing and data representation. Well done everyone!

Year eleven have also returned well – we're looking to replicate the last couple of years' excellent GCSE results, so students are preparing for their two mock papers. We're proud of the dedicated FROG site which has access to everything the students need, as well as the number of students completing their independent learning to assist in this preparation.



### Python by Example

Part I: Basics

Part II: If Statements

Part III: Strings



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New for 2023 is our Coding Club, which takes place on a Monday night for years seven-nine. We've had lots of regular students attend, making some amazing code as an introduction to Python, including pattern producing such as the random forest, shown below.



## Geography:

### Year Seven

Our year sevens have made an impressive start to their Geography curriculum. This half term they have been using the school grounds to undertake their first fieldwork enquiry. They have practised field sketching their favourite place around Noadswood school, completed a bi-polar analysis and conducted some questionnaires to find out about other people's favourite places. We clearly have some excellent geographers in year seven and look forward developing their geographical skills further throughout the year.





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## Year Eight Geography Trip to London

Year eight had a fantastic day in London, exploring our seven continents and the natural world. Our morning started with a visit to the BBC Earth Experience, where students got to experience our seven continents on the most epic scale. They experienced narration from David Attenborough, breath-taking footage, as well as music from the BBC series Seven Worlds and One Planet.

In the afternoon, we visited the Natural History Museum where we all explored the tectonic zone together, watching dramatic film footage and trying the famous earthquake simulator.

Students also had the opportunity to visit galleries around the museum, with many of them choosing to visit the dinosaur zone. Huge thanks to all the students that came on the trip; your behaviour was fantastic and it was a pleasure to spend the day with you all. Also, big thanks to all the staff for their planning and support of the day!





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## Annual Eco Conference, Winchester College

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Conti and Miss Stanley took a group of students to Winchester College to take part in the Annual Eco Conference. Students had the opportunity to listen to some keynote speakers about the impact of climate change and how we can live more sustainably. Our KS3 students got involved with some interactive workshops, where they made bags out of old t-shirts and our KS4 students got to do some river dipping, looking at river ecology. A great day had by all!

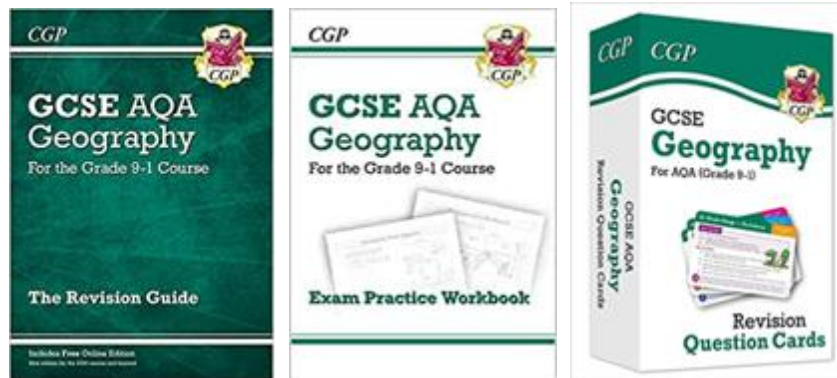


## Year Ten

Our year ten Geographers have made a great start to the GCSE. We have been really impressed with their conscientious approach in lessons and their dedication to homework tasks. Some students have asked about revision guides. Just as a reminder, we follow the AQA exam board and would recommend the following revision materials. We would also recommend students get an A4 ring binder to bring into school, so we can start to build a portfolio of revision materials and exam practice questions.



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Our year eleven Geographers have made a great start to their final year of studies. We have been impressed with their efforts in class and dedication to homework. After school revision classes have started and are held every Thursday from 3-4pm in T25. We recommend students attend these, in order to develop their exam skills and confidence. November mock exams are fast approaching, so please ensure you have checked the revision list provided by your teachers and sent home last half term. If you need any further support, please talk to your teacher or Miss Skinner in T25.

## English:

### Year 7 Book Buzz!

Every year we like to give a gift of a book at Christmas to every child in year seven and we do this through Book Buzz. Book Buzz is run by The Book Trust who are the UK's largest reading charity, reaching millions of children every year with books, resources and support to get every child reading, regularly and by choice. Every child in year seven has chosen a book. From non-fiction reads for curious minds, to fast-paced page-turners, Book Buzz has something for everyone and the students are very excited! The books will be distributed before Christmas.

## RSHE:

RS & Ethics continues to be taught throughout the school.

A variation of topics delivered to our students encourage them to think about issues that require discussion, understanding (empathy) & reflection.



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Each year group has a question or theme attached to their learning:

Year Seven – BELONGING – Transition & Change.

Year Eight – ASKING QUESTIONS - Philosophical Thinking.

Year Nine – ETHICS – Making important decisions.

Year Ten – FORGIVENES & RECONCILIATION – Taking responsibility for your actions.

Our aim is to make our lessons thought provoking and relevant to the world we live in. Appreciating that we live in a multicultural society and should be understanding of this.

## GCSE Citizenship:

After an amazing couple of months in the summer term, this academic year sees GCSE Citizenship as an option subject.

Initially introducing Citizenship to our current year elevens as an early entry GCSE, the students achieved some great results in the summer exams and made us very proud!

Through their willingness to embrace a new subject, our students are now able to discuss and have a better understanding of issues such as: being a British citizen, the political system, policing and the law, as well as gaining understanding of local, national and global news.

We were also honoured to be presented with a National Teaching Award, and Noadswood is:

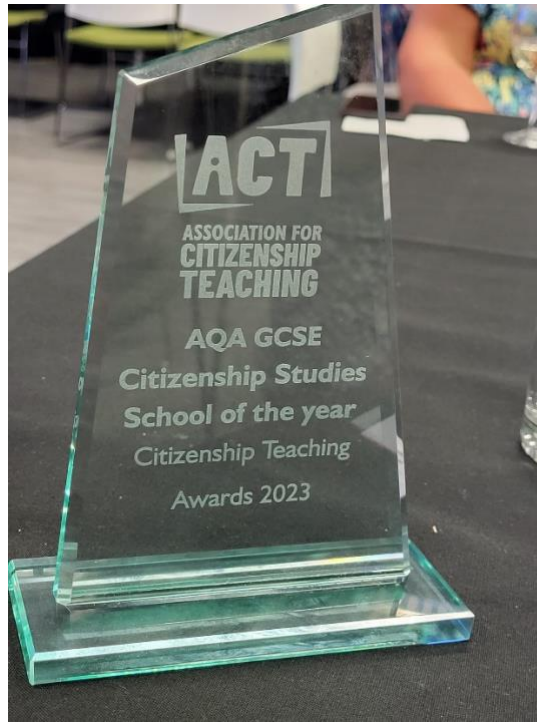
**THE AQA CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!**

We now look forward to building on our initial successes and engaging our students during their time at Noadswood, in becoming 'Active Citizens' and making a difference in our local and wider communities.





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## Design & Technology:

In Design & Technology we have continued to run our Model Kit Club this school year.

We have students from year seven to eleven taking part and have started the year by producing some really detailed and interesting models. The students have begun to develop skills such as airbrushing and weathering, which can be seen from the Heinkel He111 model here.

Model Club takes place on Thursday afternoons between 3 and 4pm and is open to all students. Kits can be supplied or students can bring their own to work on.





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