



NEWSLETTER



7 May 2020 Term 5: Week 3

Weekly Message from the Headteacher: Mr Ellis

I hope that all our students have used consolidation week to ensure that they are fully up to date with their remote learning and all tasks have been completed to the very best of their ability. Consolidation week also presents students with the opportunity to revisit and reinforce key concepts and terms; this is particularly important for those who are preparing for examinations. Extension tasks are available for those who request it and there is a wealth of material available on line for students who want to undertake additional research.



Consolidation week also provides staff with the opportunity to take stock of how successfully students are meeting the challenge of independent learning. Mr Whittaker is sending out a survey for students to assess how they are managing the current arrangements and Mr Waite is following up with parents and carers to evaluate the level of student engagement. I would urge everyone to respond to these questionnaires; the parent/carer questionnaire will close on Monday.

It is already apparent that this period of enforced closure has emphasized the importance of independent study skills. From staff evaluations, it's evident that some students have continued to make accelerated progress during lockdown; they are accessing schemes of work, keeping to productive schedules, assessing their own work and taking full responsibility for their learning. Irrespective of how long the lockdown continues for, it is this approach that will help our students to develop their knowledge and perform at the very highest level in exams. Students who are finding this method of learning a struggle must persevere as the skills they are acquiring will help them to succeed in the future.

We have received notification this week from Ofqual that students in Year 10 who were due to sit public exams in the summer will be receiving calculated grades in the same manner as Year 11. This means that they will not have to sit an RS or PE exam when they return in the autumn or at the end of Year 11. This is good news for our Year 10s who will now be able to prioritize their other GCSE subjects. The latest information from Ofqual can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-initial-decisions-on-gcse-and-a-level-grading-proposals-for-2020>

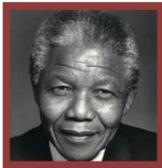
Under normal circumstances, today would have been a "bank" holiday and we would have been celebrating the anniversary of VE day. Although we are currently living through an unsettling period we can reflect on the fact that 75 years ago when Victory in Europe was celebrated, the country was emerging from 6 years of war and hardship. Although our thoughts are naturally with our key workers and the modern day "heroes" of the NHS at the moment it is also worth taking the opportunity to reflect on the heroic actions and sacrifices made by people three quarters of a century ago. We had uploaded a video on our Facebook page for you to go through with your child and how to celebrate at home.

Headteacher's Stars of the Week

Stars of the week: Issy Morrison, Rose Millington, Jack Pannell, Gabe Hoggarth, Alice Granea, Bluebelle Brinkmann, Ellen Jones, Chanel Pritchard, Harvey Jenkins, Freya Whitaker and Georgia Hannay:
Working Hard Key

For my stars of the week this week I wanted to focus on our Year 9 students. This is a crucial time for this cohort and it's vital that they are not missing out on critical learning in the first year of their GCSE courses. They will all be sitting their RS GCSE next summer and the remainder of their GCSEs in the following twelve months. It's pleasing that they have responded so positively to the challenge of a prolonged period of remote learning. Mr Purdey and the team really struggled to limit themselves to identifying just 12 students. The nominations were made for the following reasons: Issy for producing beautifully creative and skilled work across a number of subjects; Rose for working incredibly hard across a number of subjects and producing outstanding work; Jack for a first class attitude and trying his hardest consistently; Gabe for his mature approach and work of the highest standard; Alice for truly outstanding work across the board; Bluebelle for creative and beautifully presented art work; Ellen for creating an amazing portfolio of work; Chanel for overcoming obstacles and producing amazing work in Spanish; Harvey for independent engineering in DT and excellent work across all subjects; Freya for outstanding work across the board and Georgia for consistently producing work of the highest quality. Well done to these students and all our other "stars" in Year 9 who are maintaining excellent progress towards achieving outstanding GCSE results.





House Update

There were 39 players in the latest edition of the Kahoot House Quiz for Years 7 & 8. With students once again being challenge in a wide range of different subjects. The prize on offer was once again House Points, with 40 points awarded to the winning House. It was a close competition once again, with just over 2,000 pts separating the top three Houses.

"Kahoot House Quiz 4" Results:

1st Churchill (45,825) =40pts

2nd Mandela(43,875) =30pts

3rd Rowling (43,575) =20pts

4th Nightingale (24,425) =10pts

Come along and play this **Friday 8th May**. Entry details will be e-mailed through at 4pm. You will have until 11pm on **Sunday 10th May** to complete the Quiz.

Take Care and Stay Safe.

Mr. Beverley

Staying Home Things to do & Local News

This great link gives you some ideas on how to do thing safely from home and features local news. Click on the picture below:



30 Days of Wellbeing!

Day 1 Leave three happy notes for someone else to find in your house.	Day 2 Make a card for someone's birthday/celebration coming up	Day 3 Call a relative or friend who is far away and have a chat with them.	Day 4 Write down five things you are grateful for.	Day 5 Research three jobs / career paths that interest you.	Day 6 Download a mindfulness App (CALM) on your phone.
Day 7 Visit a virtual museum! Go online and explore the collections online.	Day 8 Get in contact with a local care home and arrange to send a letter to one of the residents.	Day 9 Go on YouTube and try... The Body Coach TV	Day 10 Look at the last 20 photos on your phone and think about how they make you feel.	Day 11 Say something positive to everyone in your household today.	Day 12 Do something helpful for a friend or family member today.
Day 13 Do a chore in the house without being asked to do it.	Day 14 Send a positive text to ten of your friends.	Day 15 Listen to your favourite song and dance around the room.	Day 16 Stay off social media for >3 hours straight and keep yourself occupied!	Day 17 Take a selfie and note down 5 things you like about yourself.	Day 18 Play a game that you haven't played in a while.
Day 19 Think about two role models in your life. Why do they inspire you?	Day 20 Create a postcard for somewhere you have previously visited	Day 21 Play a card game or board game you haven't played in a while	Day 22 Sit down in a silent room and focus on your breathing for 5 minutes.	Day 23 Email one of your teachers to say thank you for something	Day 24 Write down 5 things you are thankful for in your life.
Day 25 Write a blog about something you enjoy doing.	Day 26 Search on YouTube a "Tedx talks by kids"	Day 27 Watch a film with a family member and make sure you turn your phones off.	Day 28 Make sure you get >8 hours sleep tonight. Note how you feel the next day.	Day 29 Draw a picture of what you see in your garden or out of your window.	Day 30 Make breakfast for another family member.

Try out some of these activities through May to support your wellbeing, experience new things and connect with others.

SUPER GOLDEN STARS

ALL OF YOU are working hard at home to continue to learn during the COVID-19 pandemic, **WELL DONE!!!**

Some students have been identified by their teachers as going that one step further in producing some **outstanding online work**, earning a **SUPER GOLDEN STAR** (equal to 5 Golden Stars) for their House during **Term 5**. An important contribution towards the overall House Competition.



Computer Science
Oliver Karmarpur
Poppy Elton-Shewan

English
Xin Shi
Harry Pallen
Erin Franklin

Geography
Joan Farquhason
Amy Martin

Graphics
Elisters Sprukts

History
Eloise Burns
Rory Purslow
Nina Blackwell-Rayan
Emily Morgan

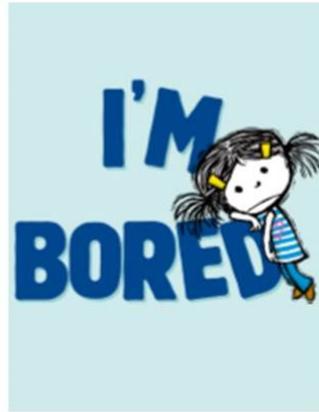
Science
Summer Wheeler
Phillip Huebbe-Nelson
Amy Huebbe-Nelson
Elias Webber
Chloe Aston

Languages
Jessica Moore
Keira Barrett
Matilda Poole
Mai Bayo

Maths
Olivia Harman
Olivia Ruckes

Science
Aimee Barrett
Ethan Gillies
Sam Phillipson
Ben Edmunds

Embrace the Boredom



- When lockdown is over, will you wish you had put your time to better use at home?
- Will you kick yourself for not having learned something new?
- Will you regret not having caught up or got ahead with some work?
- Wish you'd have called or dropped a note in to your neighbour offering support and asking if they were ok?
- Been more aware and thankful that you were well, while thousands of others were ill.

Life doesn't have a rewind button

1331 Miles in May

Our Staff are undertaking a physical challenge where they will walk run cycle 1 mile for each student. Amongst the staff we will be doing **1331** miles in May. Here are some of us making use of our daily exercise

FOR OUR STUDENTS!!



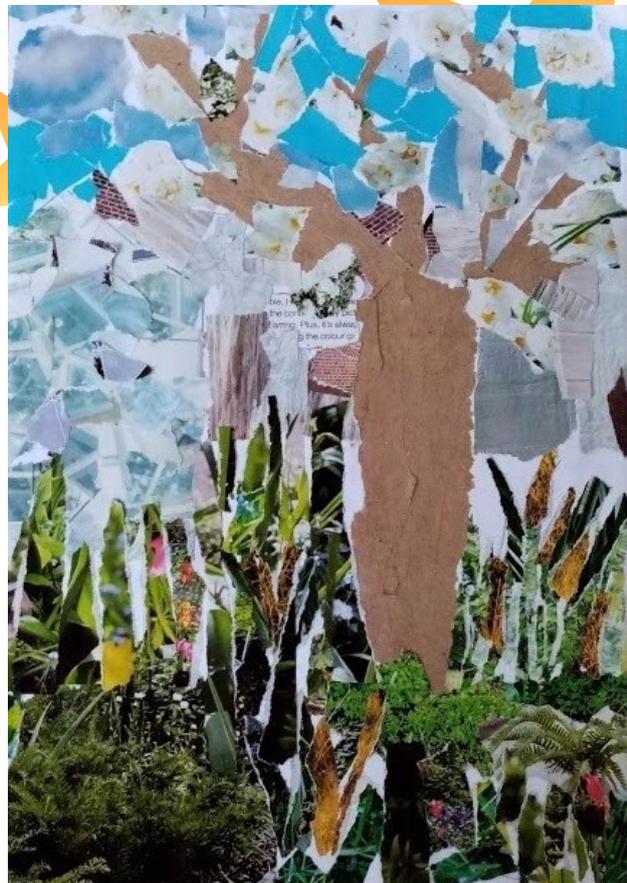
Run 8.7 km Pace 4:59 /km Time 43m 22s

Working from home

Lizzie Lawton's "A Street Car Named Desire" project. Looking YUM Lizzie!!

Poppy Griffith's reallu got into the whole "Great Gatsby" vibe!

Nilany Sathiyaseelan looked deep into the microscope for this art work!



Ayla Graham captured nature perfectly with this beautiful collage of a blossom tree!

