



Aylesford School

Year 10 Newsletter May 2020

Please find below important information for all of Year 10. It has been fantastic to hear about all the amazing effort that Year 10 are putting in from home in this difficult time, keep it up.

Message from Miss Kelvie – Head Teacher

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers and Students

I am sympathetic to the challenges that we are all facing on a daily basis but I believe the priority remains the same – stay healthy and safe and look after yours and your families physical and mental wellbeing!

There is much speculation about when schools will re-open but the truth is that we really do not know and until then we must continue to do our best from home.

When it is decided that schools will re-open, my priority then will be to do my best to keep students and staff healthy and safe in school and parents will have my full support in the decisions that they make about their children and their families.

When I have definitive news, I will of course communicate that with you. I have been really impressed with the increased level of engagement from our Year 10 students in the last week or two. It is really important that Year 10 keep up with their studies and try their very best – that is all we can do! If students are struggling at home please contact your teachers, mentor, progress leader or Senior Leadership Team member for support and advice.

There has been a lot going on and this newsletter seeks to share information and give good news.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kelvie

Message from Mr Neeve – Year 10 Progress Leader

I hope that you have all been enjoying life at the current slower pace and that you have been able to enjoy keeping up with your daily exercise (with or without Joe Wicks), spending more time with your family, keeping in contact with your friends via social media. However, I really hope that you have been completing as much of the work your teachers have been setting on Show My Homework and online.

It is **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** that you do **AS MUCH WORK AS YOU CAN** while at home. You will be the year group that are **MOST** affected by this period off school and there is absolutely **NO GUARANTEE** that the Government will give you any dispensation (make any allowances for this).

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to do all you can to complete the work set and to let us know if you have any issues doing this.

Please email me if you feel that you cannot do this and that nothing has been put in place for you eg. If you are not able to access the work set, please let us know if you have not already and we will send you a paper pack of work for you to complete.

Remote Learning:

Most of your subjects have been setting work on Show my Homework – please ensure that you email me if you have any issues accessing the work on this.

Please ensure that you have checked the school website to see newsletters with more specific information from, the Science, Geography, History, Maths and English Departments.

For those that have let us know that they have no access to ICT, help is on its way as we speak so that hopefully as many of you as possible will be able to access work remotely.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kelvie

Year 10 Team Updates!

Update from Mr Neeve in Lockdown:



I hope that you are all staying safe and well in this period of lockdown. I have been keeping busy juggling work with entertaining two young children. My children are definitely winning the battle of lockdown at the moment; however we have all been enjoying, time in the garden, plenty of bike rides and keeping our local ducks incredibly well fed.

Update from your Mentors in Lockdown:



10A - Miss Vidler: My lockdown has been spent with my 10 month old puppy Ernie keeping me sane and helping me enjoy the sunshine I miss everyone and can't wait to have you back telling me all your lockdown stories .

Miss Vidler #dramaqueen



10B – Mr Herrod: I've been using the time away from school to explore new nature walks in the area and as an excuse to get out my camera and take some photos. It's been great seeing your resilience over the last few weeks and how hard you've all been working. Keep it up!

10C – Mr Groom



Hello 10C I hope you are all safe and keeping well during the lock down. This has been an excellent opportunity to spend time with family and focus on ourselves by keeping fit and healthy. When I am not working online this is what I have been up to:

- Walking my two dogs
- Setting some skilled football challenges – the one pictured here goes left foot, right foot, left knee, right knee –repeat. (I managed 6! Can you beat this?)
- I run every other day completing between 5-10k which I track on Strava (you could also use this app)
- I am doing home workouts on the days I don't train with Joe Wicks and other fitness instructors on YouTube.
- I am on the volunteer list for NHS and helping where possible
- I have also managed to fit in some FIFA 20 as well!

10D - Miss Hill

To the wonderfully amazing 10D,



I really miss seeing you all in our Mentor time in T14 in the mornings and strangely, I even miss the relentless noise and ridiculous banter from the boys in the corner (you know who you are)! I have realised even more just how lucky Miss Baker and I are to have every one of you in our Mentor and how much I enjoy working at our school. I hope you and your families are all staying fit and well and that despite all of this, you are somehow managing to keep your spirits up and be the positive, determined and compassionate students that we know you are.

I have been spending my time walking, running, going on bike rides, helping my Dad with his shopping, doing up my garden and house, chatting to friends and family on zoom and like you, working from home Monday-Friday. I am loving online Maths zoom lessons too! If any of you were in my first zoom lesson it was a total disaster but like you, I showed resilience by keeping at it and they are now running much more smoothly!

Finally, best wishes to you all and I am so looking forward to returning to Aylesford School, as soon as is possible!

10E Miss Baker (10E's lockdown super mentor stand in!)



When I am not online teaching, I can often be seen out with my DSLR camera. I love taking photographs of flowers and wildlife. Lock down has also allowed me to join Gareth Malone's home chorus, I won't be uploading my awful singing though.

My infamous marking labels have also been put to good use during lock down, as I am helping to print labels for NHS PPE kits.

I am pleased that I can help Miss Hill with the 10D Mentor. I actually miss the madness of a Wednesday morning, sprinting to my room from duty to see you all patiently waiting for me. I am now also looking forward to getting to know 10E in future too.

I am also proud of my year 10 class; you have worked very hard. Aimee Smith however breaks the record for the fastest turnaround of work, thank you Aimee for keeping me on my toes.

Good News and Year 10's with Character:

I have been looking for good news stories in year 10 and would love to hear of anything that you have been doing to help the local community, your neighbours or a charity.

Aimee and Ashton, along with **The Emerge Dance Company** and **The A Team** will be doing a video for the local care homes. People in local care homes are locked in their rooms unable to leave and will have to live like that for the foreseeable future. Please contact Mr Neeve Philip.neeve@aylesford.kent.sch.uk if you would like to get involved with this. We are trying to get staff involved with this also and will be sharing the end results with you all soon we hope.

Congratulations to **Elliot Smith** and his family who have been doing a fantastic job helping the NHS during Lockdown:

Elliot tells us that he and his brother "have been helping his Mum and Dad mark out the pattern and cut out recycled material (mainly bed sheets) for isolation gowns for the NHS staff. These are then made ready to go on to the lady who is sewing the isolation gowns. This group can be followed on Facebook and is called "the Maidstone sewing group for NHS and keyworkers during Covid-19".



We would love to hear any stories that you have of lock down so that we can share these with them and brighten their day even just slightly. If you have anything that you think would be worth sharing or art work that we could send to them, they would love to hear from you. Please email Philip.neeve@aylesford.kent.sch.uk if you have been doing anything of note that you would like to share.

THE YEAR 10 ENGAGEMENT COMPETITION RESULTS!!!

Well done to the following Year 10 students who have been working exceptionally hard and have received the best average score from their teachers. This is a phenomenal achievement and shows the tremendous character that Year 10's have shown during lockdown.

A special mention must go to Kiera Annan and Aimee Smith who were the only students to receive a 1 for Attitude to Learning and Engagement from EVERY teacher. Congratulations. Amazon vouchers will be winging their way to you all as soon as possible.

ANNAN Keira	10C	1.00
SMITH Aimee	10B	1.00
COPPING Lucy	10D	1.14
DRISCOLL Milly	10D	1.17
CROWE Stephanie	10E	1.20
MCCRUM Zachary	10E	1.25
AMES Rebecca	10E	1.33
MASON Taylor	10A	1.33
WEBB Ella	10C	1.33
MUNN Katie	10D	1.33

Back to school:

There has been no confirmation from the Government, although there has been plenty of speculation, about when we will return to school. We will let you know as soon as we know more about future plans to reopen and how this will work. However, as said at the start, it is of the utmost important that you are getting on with the work set and being in regular contact with your teachers who will be keen to answer any questions that you may have. More information for each subject can be found on our website <https://www.aylesford.kent.sch.uk/info/latest-news>

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well.

Kind regards

Phil Neeve

Progress Leader Year 10