

May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 7 Students,

Needless to say, it has been an eventful last couple of months! In situations like this, without precedent, we come to see the value in community more than ever – from the people on our street to those around the world who find themselves under the same circumstances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the unwavering support you have shown throughout this testing time. It can be very easy to criticise and lament in times of difficulty such as this, however the support the school community has shown for each other from the outset has been one of the silver linings over the past term or so.

Hopefully this celebration of Year 7 will serve as evidence of why we place such importance on the development of character at Aylesford School; demonstrating how our Year 7s have already come to exhibit resilience, motivation, integrity and so many more character strengths through this difficult period.

Please do take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Statham

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Head Teachers Message

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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 7 Students,

I hope you are all safe and well!

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 well being!

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 level of engagement from our Year 7/8 students and know that everyone is trying their best – that is all we can do! Please do not worry or stress about not completing a every piece of work or having a bad day where you achieve next to nothing, just try your best.

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 T Kelvie

A Message From Your Mentor



Miss Bund 7A



Mr Blair 7B



Miss Holmes 7C



Miss Graham 7D



Miss Winek 7E



Miss Morrison 7F Well done to every single student in 7A! Your resilience and motivation over the last few weeks has been fantastic! Please continue to remain in contact telling me all about the brilliant things you're doing at home! Fingers crossed it won't be long before we are back at school! Stay safe.

This virus is something we have never faced. You will remember this for the rest of your lives, telling the story to your children, about the time the coronavirus came calling. When we meet again, I want you to come to me knowing what ever challenge you faced you never gave up. After all, you will face more challenges in life and this situation will give you the grounding to get through anything.

I want to say a massive well done to 7C. It is lovely to hear that you are all well and trying your very hardest at home. I know these circumstances we are in are very strange and for some of you it has been a challenge, but I am so very proud of you all for persevering and showing resilience, selfdiscipline and motivation. You are doing yourselves and Aylesford school proud. Keep up the good work and I will see you when we all return.

Hope you are all well and safe. You and your families are all doing so well with the home-schooling and I am very proud of you all; I know how hard it is when you miss your friends, family and school! I love to hear what you have been doing to keep yourself busy and how you are staying in touch with family. Please continue to share with me what you have been doing via SMHW or our Edmodo Class.

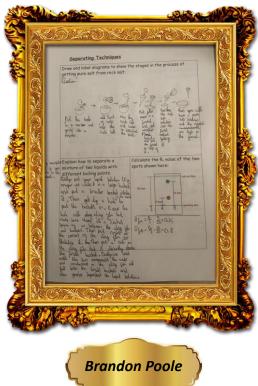
Mrs Winek is super proud of how hard you are working in English and your other subjects. I have had some lovely conversations with parents about how brilliantly you are all working at home, thank you parents for all your support and especially when battling the distractions of social media and TV! I miss seeing you 7E and hope you are all keeping safe and well. Keep up the fantastic motivation, Mrs W x

I hope you are all doing ok. I am really impressed with how well you have been coping in this strange situation. Lots of you are doing great things at home to support your families and that makes me very proud. I have also loved seeing the work that you submit and seeing how motivated and confident you are to work independently. Keep going as you are doing fantastic. Look after your loved ones and keep safe. Miss you all lots.

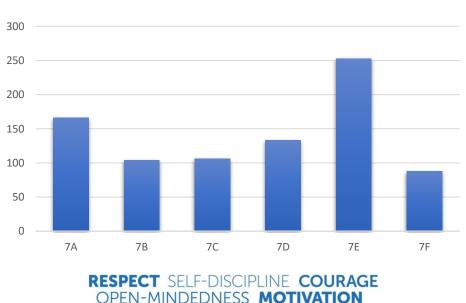
Character

I would like to congratulate the following students who are leading Year 7 in character rewards since the beginning of lockdown. A big well done to:

- 1. Brandon Poole
- 2. Molly Beautridge
- 3. Max Baring
- 4. Ryan Durling
- 5. Aidan Leggett
- 6. Rhiannon Kenney
- 7. Zak Staines
- 8. Harry Rolfe
- 9. Grace Gibbons
- 10. Robyn Allchorne



I'm also delighted to say that Year 7 are currently leading the school in character rewards! A big well done to 7E for leading the way in Year 7!



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Y7 Mentor Character Rewards

Hall of Fame

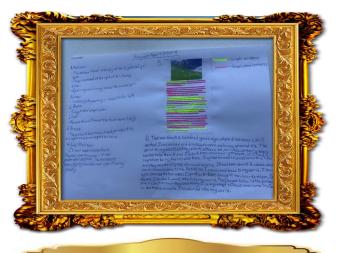
















🕻 Oliver Turner-Flynn – Aboriginal Art 🤇

A day in the life of a Y7 in lockdown



Friday 1st May

Dear Diary

Today I have been doing my homework, I had a zoom call with Mrs Wood for maths and then I had another zoom call for my cousin called Pippa who is 9 today. We looked at all her presents and sang Happy Birthday with her cake (which was really cheesy!). We had to drop something off at my Great-Nan's today so we went to see her and stayed in the garden so we didn't get within 2 meters. My Nan came up too and it was really lovely to see them both but really hard not to give them hugs or kisses. I also realised that it was the first time in nearly 7 weeks that I have been in the car!

That's all that's happened today, apart from a huge pick n mix delivery!!!!! Bye!!!

Special Mention...



A huge well done to Ty Knight in 7B who has shown great compassion for his community over the last few weeks by walking dogs for Key Workers and the vulnerable!

Exceptional work...

Noah Burt, Caiden Dilks, Jayden Hardy, Isabelle Milligan, Evie Northwood, Daisy Fagg, Grace Gibbons, Amiah Lake, Milly Freeman, Thomas Hicks, Tabitha Goldup, Paige Booth, Tia Court, Lucy Hopper, James Morris, Rhiannon Kenney, Lillie Lovell, Daniel Stroud, Alicia Rossi, Adam Hughes, Ryan Durling, Max Baring, Molly Beautridge, Zak Staines, Cameron May,

Any other business

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure both parents/carers and students that as a school we understand that there are a vast range of circumstances from household to household. I can assure you as progress leader for Year 7 that student welfare is the utmost priority. It may seem at times that there is an enormous sum of work to be completed – we ask only that students attempt the work to the best of their ability.

For any updates on interactive lessons across the curriculum, please keep an eye on Show My Homework.

Please do visit the Aylesford School Facebook page to see even more examples of the fantastic character been shown by students, parents/carers and staff alike!

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