

Year 8 Lockdown Low down

Year 8 in 2020



Aylesford School

Mentor messages – Staying motivated

It is great to see so many of year 8 engaging in their learning whilst at home. The vast majority of students have logged into Show My Homework, Seneca and Hegarty Maths and are regularly submitting good quality work for each of their subjects and staff are regularly praising the efforts across year 8.

Well done to the following 25 students who are the top 25 students in the year 8 over the last 4 weeks and have been recognised with character rewards from their teachers;

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| Butler William (8C) | Sims Will (8B) |
| Flynn-McMulliss Taylor (8B) | Gibbons Harvey (8A) |
| Waghorn Thomas (8E) | Preston Emily (8E) |
| STORRANCE Mia (8E) | Williams Pekman Nell (8E) |
| Thomas Alexandra (8E) | HALLARON Finlay (8C) |
| Batchelor Jazmin (8C) | Giles Ellie (8B) |
| LAWSON Sadie (8E) | Lutchmiah Priya (8D) |
| HUNTER James (8A) | Jocius Benedikt (8D) |
| Berwick Zara (8B) | Bonner Joshua (8A) |
| Frost Karis (8E) | Barber George (8E) |
| Freeman Max (8C) | EVERTON Hannah (8A) |
| Wallis Nathan (8A) | Checkland Harry (8E) |
| Rai Sargam (8A) | |

Keep up the good work, stay safe and look after each other!!!

Hi 8A! I hope you are all keeping well. I have been staying motivated by planning my day with achievable goals and sticking to them! To keep myself active, I have started running, walking and cycling and aim for 100km a week, it's really given me something to look forward to everyday. I hope you are all doing well. Hopefully I get to see you all back at school soon 😊 **Mrs Watson**

Dear 8C, To motivate myself during lockdown I have made sure I have a routine for each day keeping me active and healthy. This includes some form of at home exercise session in morning, including either a HIIT, Pilates or Yoga session. I also make sure I finish my working days with a walk to keep me as active as possible. I have also been ensuring I eat healthy meals each day and have enjoyed experimenting with new cooking and baking recipes! **Mrs Crisp**

Success Story

Zara Berwick – Has been selected to represent Great Britain (Ice Hockey) at the IIHF Global Games, making her a potential prospect for a future Team GB spot when she is old enough to trial! Well done Zara!!!

Dear 8D, So far during lock down I have seen year 8 showing Huge amounts of motivation and self-discipline to complete work being set by their teachers. Students have also show Curiosity to research information needed for that work. I am Confident that students will show a lot of resilience and integrity till we are back where we belong at Aylesford School. **Mr Heather**

Dear 8E. I am so proud of you and the way you are handling this lockdown. If you do find things becoming difficult you know where we are - don't be afraid to message me or your teachers if you need help in any way. We are all in this together. I am trying to keep active by exploring local countryside with Hugo. I am also trying to do different things each day to keep me motivated and focused with schoolwork, varying what you do really helps. Please take care of yourselves. Keep up the hard work. Stay positive. 😊 **Miss Askew.** 😊

Head Teacher Message

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 Kelvie

Maths

Monday Zoom Session Main Session -Must Attend 11:15 am
Wednesday Zoom Session Problem Solving& Support 11:15am
Week 3 Lesson Content Revision, Assessment & Skill Practice
Week 4 Lesson Content Linear Graphs and Gradients
Week 5 Lesson Content Calculate The Equation of Line
Half Term Homework Assessment & Skill Practice

To support students with home learning, all resources and instructions for lessons this term will be on SHMW. The Maths department are providing Zoom lessons to give pupils examples and guidance. In order to access Zoom lessons, pupils must use their First and Surname, otherwise they will not be allowed to take part in the session Some of the lessons will require completion of tasks on Hegarty maths, where pupils will need to watch the video first before completing the quiz. Pupils will be able to discuss problems with teachers whilst completing the quiz.

Login detail for Hegarty maths- First Name- Last Name and Date of Birth If pupil shave forgotten their password, they must request to have it reset.

Year 8 - These pupils consistently show Motivation, Resilience and Courage Harry Rimmer, Charlie Austin, Priya Lutchman, Amber Krucyk, Harvey Gibbons, Taylor Flynn-Mcmulliss, Alexandra Thomas, Lisa Carmichael, Michaela Martinez, Ammiel Syanda, Ellie Giles, Lucy Hopper, Max Thexton, Chloe-Nicole Hooker, Jazmin Batchelor, Will Sims, Benny Jocius, Mia Torrance, Thomas Waghorn, William Butler, Josie Squires, Zara Berwick, Olivia Sewell, Charlotte Crowe, Tiffany Smith, Hannah Sparks, Christopher Smith, Rhiannon Simpson

English

Remote learning

We are setting written work every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** as well as asking that students complete an hour of reading or revision on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. We have also set the LRC up as a separate department on Show My Homework so the work for the LRC and English will no longer be confused.

What are students studying ?

This term we are focusing on English language skills across all year groups—this includes creative writing, non fiction writing, language analysis and reading comprehension. Every **Monday** there is an online video made by Mr Matthews—we expect as many students as possible to be watching these and completing the work, they can even be watched on a phone

Science

Our Science team are here to help, by conducting Zoom meetings, email or phone calls.
The details of all the Zoom lessons have been uploaded to Show My Homework.
Recordings of the instructions are linked from the week's activity.

What are we learning this this week ? - Egg shell geodes, linked to diffusion and the rock cycle.

Family Science Experiments

We all know that the best bit about Science is the practical activities, so we have compiled a selection of great websites where you can explore your Scientific Minds and have fun with your family.
To find out more information on these experiments please see the Science department newsletter on the school website.

If you have any questions, concerns or need any support please contact your mentor or Mr Cooper (Progress Leader)

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