

Year 9 Newsletter: Term 5

Head Teacher Message

Dear Year 9

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 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 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

Mentor Challenges:

Year 9 students can you create a thank you song for Captain Tom for his amazing fundraising work – **Mr Heritage**

Year 9 what is the most creative crafty thing you can make in isolation? Ready, set, go! (When we finally get back, I would love to see photos of your creations!) – **Miss Barma**

Download the free App Duo Lingo and learn five new words/ expressions from any topic, <u>any Language</u>. 5min /day that is all you need. The App will record progress- **Mrs Lawton**

Mentor Competition:

Standings	All Character
9A- 44	strengths received by students during
9B- 51	remote learning will
9C- 68	be added together.
9D- 45	Which mentor will come out on top?
9E- 57	

English:

English Remote Learning

Monday online video with Mr Matthews

Tuesday independent reading or revision

Wednesday classwork on SMHW

Thursday independent reading or revision

Maths:

Term5 SOW Overview Foundation Monday Zoom Session Support & Consolidation 2:00 pm

Wednesday Zoom Session Main Session -2:00 pm Friday Zoom Session Challenge & Problem Solving

Term5 SOW Overview Higher

Monday Zoom Session Main Session - 11:15 am Tuesday Zoom Session Main Session - 11:15 am Thursday Zoom Session Main Session-10:00 am Friday Zoom Session Main Session - Must Attend 10:00 am

★ Special Announcement !! 🖈

Over the last 2 weeks, Georgie Tolley has been helping his Dad in the garden with some woodwork. He took off cuts, sanded them down and added initials. Georgie put them on Facebook to sell for £5 with money raised going to the NHS. So far, Georgie has managed to sell five! Georgie's family set up a just giving page so they could pay the money Georgie raised to the MTW NHS. Since sharing the page, Georgie and his family have raised over £1000!



Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Charitable Fund because The NHS are amazing. They are looking after my dad



Mr Axford's Challenge!

Mr Axford has taken to the road this May to run 100Km. He is raising money for - Kiss goodbye to MS.

How far can you run in May/June? Keep a tracker and send it to us. Are you raising money for charity?

If not, Cycle or Walk!

Challenge yourself...

Mentor Messages:

I have been learning the acoustic guitar some basic chord, looked at Andy Guitar You tube, doing the Washing of Hands counting from 1-20 Song challenge off you tube. – Mr Gornall

I have been doing lots of different things, but my challenge in the last 6 weeks has been to powerwalk up North Downs Way (5 km),3 times a week under 40 mins....so far I have met the target 5 times!!! – Mr Mushekwa

Duke of Edinburgh Update:

You will all know by now that DofE has been postponed due to Covid-19. You should all have had an email from DofE directly to say that if you can't use this time to gather evidence you can change your activity for your skills, physical and volunteering sections. If you have any questions about what to do, you can email me at <u>rebecca.barma-</u> <u>newman@aylesford.kent.sch.uk</u>. In the meantime, to practice your map reading and build your skills in walking, you can use Strava to help you track your route and use the maps as you're walking around in your daily hour of freedom.

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