

Weekly Bulletin 29th January 2021

Week Commencing
Monday
1st February 2021
will be week:

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Transport to School—BUSES INFORMATION: [HERE](#).

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INSET DAYS for 2020—2021: Friday 12th February 2021 / Thursday 1st April 2021
TERM DATES CALENDAR CAN BE VIEWED [HERE](#)

Please send any absence notifications or requests to: studentabsence@langtreeschool.com
If you have changed any of your contact details (phone / email / home address) please email office@langtreeschool.com

A copy of the letter to all Parent and Carers from Mr Bamford 29th January 2021 can be viewed [HERE](#).

Inset Afternoon - Wednesday 3rd February 2021

As you may remember we cancelled the inset day we had planned on the 18th January. As this was the day originally scheduled for schools to reopen after the extended Christmas holiday we felt it was not the right time to hold a staff training day.

However, we have been hugely fortunate to secure the services of a very well regarded trainer who is going to deliver some online training on providing effective feedback to students in a time efficient way. This will help our teachers in the current remote learning situation and will also provide longer term benefit.

Therefore, there will be no remote learning set for next Wednesday afternoon. Students working at home should use this time to carry out some enriching activities such as exercise, creative tasks or something else away from their desks and screens, they could act on feedback they have received on the work they have done so far or, if necessary, catch up on any work they may have missed.

The students working in school will be free to leave (with parental permission) at 1pm. However, due to the late notice of this Inset we can supervise them in school if this is required. We are investigating what busses OCC transport can provide at these times. Could parents of students in school please email me on sbamford@langtreeschool.com to let me know which of the following options they would prefer

1. My child can leave at 1pm and can make their own way home or will be collect
2. My child would like to catch the school bus at 1pm, please include information about which bus they catch.
3. My child should stay in school until their usual finish time and will then be collected/allowed to make their own way home

I apologise for the late notice regarding this closure but we were only able to secure this very valuable opportunity very late in the day.

The **Pastoral Team** are trying to make as many calls as possible to students/ parents to check that everything regarding remote learning is running smoothly and to discuss any other issues that may arise. As many staff will be working from home, they will withhold their home telephone number. Therefore, please answer your phone, if possible, where you see a withheld number. **We are not cold callers!**

If you live near Portman Road, Tilehurst, and are struggling to feed your family Tesco are offering free meals to members of the local community experiencing hardship. Email atemple@langtreeschool.com in confidence if you would like to access this offer of support.

Attention parents/carers - keyworker/vulnerable students

If your child is currently attending school during this lockdown but is unable to do so for any reason on their given days (e.g. due to illness), or your requirements for provision changes, please send an email with the reason for their absence to: studentabsence@langtreeschool.com Failure to report an absence will result in a phone call home.

Information from the COVID-19 Community Support Programme Team of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils:

"We'd like to start 2021 with good news and tell you more about the COVID Winter Grant scheme. The government has awarded councils money under the **COVID Winter Grant Scheme** designed for vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who are particularly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Oxfordshire County Council is working closely with advice centres and the city and district councils to help ensure that local children, families and vulnerable individuals do not go hungry or without utilities and other essential items this winter. Support is available in the form of advice, supermarket and fuel vouchers or through the direct payment of energy or water bills.

South Oxfordshire or Vale of the White Horse residents that are struggling to afford food or pay their fuel bills, may be eligible to receive help. They should get in touch with their nearest advice centre for further guidance. If you know of someone who is struggling please refer them to the team at Citizens Advice – 0808 278 7907 (South and Vale) or if they live in Vale of White Horse, the team at Wantage Independent Advice Centre – 01235 765348 (Vale). The advice centre Winter Grant Scheme referral form can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that only one member (over the age of 18) per household can apply, and they must live in South Oxfordshire or Vale of the White Horse. This scheme will be available until the end of March 2021. To find out more about the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme, visit www.gov.uk, and to find out what other support is available to you during the pandemic, please visit our COVID support, advice and guidance pages on our website www.southoxon.gov.uk "

6th Form / College / Careers Information

Ask Apprenticeship awareness session for Oxfordshire parents/carers. Thursday 11th February, 5:30pm-6:30pm	Register here
Abingdon and Witney College Open Event. Across 3 days students will be able to join webinars, take virtual campus tours and talk to tutors, careers advisers and the admissions team, who can help with applying for 2021 courses. Wed, Feb 10, 2021, 3:30 PM – Fri, Feb 12, 2021, 7:30 PM 29/1/21	Registration Link
Find a T Level. The T Levels student site has a helpful postcode finder to help students to find a T Level near them.	T Levels
Apprenticeship team from Abingdon & Witney College, joined by the apprenticeship team from The University of Oxford are running a live webinar at 11am on Saturday 13th February which is aimed at the Parents/Carers of students interested in doing an Apprenticeship. There is a live presentation	Parents/Carers webinar tickets
The Big Assembly takes place on Tuesday 9th February during NAW2021. This interactive live digital broadcast enables students and teachers to engage in conversation about exciting career opportunities and is free to attend.	sign up here
Apprenticeships are now open for applications to join BT in 2021. They offer apprenticeships from Level 2 through to Level 6. Perhaps you want to get into Customer Service, or IT & Technical Support? You may want to consider Software Development, Sales, Electronics, Data Analysis, Network Design.....the list goes on!	BT Apprenticeships
Link to Reading College (Activate Learning) application portal online: Reading College are also offering 1 to 1 virtual appointments:	https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/study/how-to-apply Application Form Reading College Letter to parents Reading College https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/2021/feb/reading-college-february-open-event
Springpod is holding a Virtual Careers Fair, taking place on the 27th January, which allows students to learn from companies such as HSBC, Network Rail, EY and Cancer Research UK.	Apprenticeship Careers Fair
This free virtual event on 10th February from 12:00-19:00 is for Careers Leaders, Year 11-13 students and their parents/carers. You will be able to find out about all 24 universities, go on virtual campus tours to explore university facilities and accommodation, download prospectuses and take part in 13 live webinars in the virtual auditorium.	Find out about Russell Group Universities

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