

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Once again no space for my messages, apart from to say how proud we are to see how our students are managing this difficult time, and how grateful we are for your support. Thank you. Keep safe and keep in touch.



A Message for Year 11 Students from Richard Huish College



At Huish, we are really aware of how anxious many Year 11 students will be feeling with the cancellation of the GCSE exams this summer, particularly in relation to the next steps in their education or training. We have had a number of local parents and students contact us with questions about their progression to college, as well as requests for preparatory work to help them to look forward to their next steps.

For any Year 11 students - please find a link to the guidance area of our website, which we hope will answer some of the most frequently asked questions we are receiving <https://www.huish.ac.uk/faqs-regarding-september-2020-admissions/> We have also published some initial study and well-being ideas, that we hope will engage and stimulate those who are keen to get going, in extending and preparing themselves for Post-16 study <https://www.huish.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Year-11-extending-learning-ideasfinal.pdf> In addition, there will be course specific introductory activities from mid-May, all of which will be accessible on our website, for prospective students.

Additionally, if any students are uncertain about their progression plans, or would benefit from some advice on Post-16 options, please do let them know that we are really happy to book a phone call for them with one of our team, even if they aren't thinking about Huish as a destination. In particular, we are aware that young people who were planning to follow an Apprenticeship after school, may now be finding this difficult, with so many businesses furloughing permanent staff and unable to take on new people.

Charlie Sargent our Admissions Manager (charlottes@richuish.ac.uk) will be able to book a phone call for any student from Court Fields who'd like to talk to one of our Assistant Principals, or Progress Tutors, in the coming weeks, so please do feel free to contact her or to pass her details to any students or parents who you think would find this helpful.

Thank you from the Art Department

Mrs Binmore and Miss West would like to say a huge thank you for the art work they have received from students, we have been blown away by the awesome talent in our school, here is just a sample of the work we've received. Please keep sharing.



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Mental Health Awareness Week

Over the last few weeks we have been sharing lots of tips and advice on looking after our mental health and wellbeing. Monday 18th May marks the start of Mental Health Awareness Week and we will be setting challenges and sharing advice and support via our social media platforms. Also, I would like to create a student video to share positive and supportive messages. I have emailed students asking them to send in either a photo of themselves holding a message, or an image of a message they would like to share. I plan to edit it all together and share during the week. If any student wants to be involved please ask them to email me swestwood@courtfIELDS.net.

There may also be another surprise from the staff. Keep an eye out!

ClassCharts and Home Learning

We are really proud of all our students with their approach to home learning and how well they have adapted. In recent student survey's, and speaking with students/parents/carers, some are finding the workload difficult to manage. ClassCharts was set up as our homework platform, so many students work to a date due when completing homework and this a natural routine. However, with home learning students need to work with the date set function. This will allow them to see the work set each day and just complete this. Please ask your child/children to have a look at their class charts and ensure that each day, they are searching work by the set date, not by the due date. Hopefully this way, it will support students so they do not feel overloaded or leave work until the due date.

If students are struggling with any work they can email their teachers directly who will be checking emails during the day. Tutors are also on email to support with any general or pastoral questions they have.

A guide for the ClassCharts student app can be accessed here, https://pages.classcharts.com/wp-content/uploads/Class_Charts_for_pupils_guide.pdf, on page 7 it discusses homework attached submissions. A quick guide is also available on our website <https://courtfIELDS.net/web-apps/>



Theatre shows online!

To all those students who missed the 'We Will Rock You' Trip and anyone else who has missed out on a theatre visit - check out the website below where loads of free online performances are listed.

For example, if you like a musical Andrew Lloyd Webber is streaming one of his free every weekend - details from the site below!

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/stage-shows-musicals-opera-free-stream-online_51198.html



LRC News. Books of the week

Recommended websites:

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.goodreads.com

Loads of book reviews and activities

www.worldbookday.com

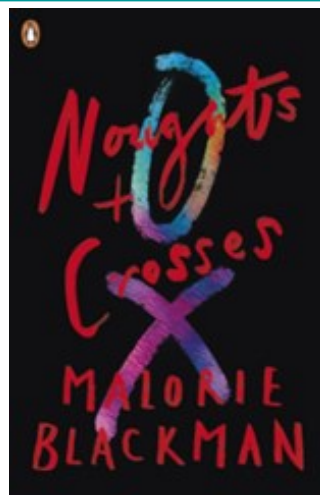
Reviews, activities and competitions

www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk

Shadow the shortlist

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

Listen to David Walliams reading a chapter of his books each day. Lots of other authors are doing the same on YouTube and on their websites. Search your favourite author to find out more! Don't forget to visit courtfIELDS.net where there are lots of links including to our Reading Cloud site and AR. Post your book reviews and do your AR quizzes!



Office 365 information for Parents

Any parent who needs free access to Office 365 (which includes the Word and Excel applications) please contact the school phone number, leave a message and someone will get back to you with the password. Alternatively, please email IT support@courtfIELDS.net we will then be able to send your login details.

Guidance information is available on <https://courtfIELDS.net/Office365/>.

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