

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thank you for your support during another week of Learning@Home and supporting our Year 10s with face-to-face time at school. Once again our students have made us so proud with their resilience and hard work at this difficult time. Please do check your email next week for details of our response to the Government Guidance on school opening in September, which will, of course, prioritise a safe return to learning for our school community. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Matthews.

Year 7 Bake off Competition!



As we have all been spending so much time at home I decided to challenge the Year 7s to a bake-off competition. The Year 7s are well aware of how much I love cake and I thought it would be a good opportunity to discover hidden baking talents in the Year group. The theme of the contest was 'my first year at Court Fields' and the students were challenged to bake and decorate a cake to represent something they have done, learnt or enjoyed since starting Year 7.

I thought I was being quite fancy with my rainbow glittery unicorn cake creation but I was completely put to shame by my students! My only disappointment was that I was unable to sample any of the cakes (however my waistline is thankful for this!) so we could only judge the cakes from the photos submitted.

I was absolutely overwhelmed with the quality of the entries so I had to seek guidance from Mrs Matthews and Mrs Poole in judging the competition. The winners are announced

below! Some of the students have promised to bake these cakes again for me to sample in September, so my next challenge is to get fit over the Summer in preparation for the cake eating that awaits!

Overall winner - Sam V

Highly Commended (Belong) - Oliver M & Abi C

Highly Commended (Achieve) - Annie F & Grace A

Highly Commended (Participate) - Everlyn & Martha V

Thank you to all the Year 7s who entered. Miss Stephenson



Uniform update

We have uploaded our uniform catwalk to our social media sites and website; we hope this displays our uniform expectations. We must make it clear that when we return in September, all students adhere to the policy and guidelines as we will be entering a 'new normal' phase. The recent government guidance states that schools should encourage full uniform upon return and daily washing is not necessary. With this in mind and to provide students with routine, we will be expecting full uniform including the blazer to be worn. Please do contact your child's Head of Year if you are experiencing financial hardship, as we may be able to support with the purchase of uniform.

The specific advice from the government is as follows; *"We would encourage all schools to return to their usual uniform policies in the autumn term. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal."*

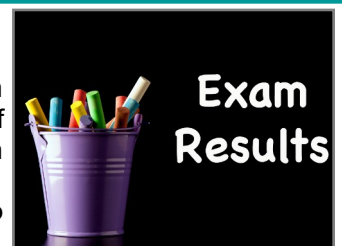
Transition Update

Transition is progressing well and we are getting to grips with the 'Virtual Way'. Next week we will be visiting primaries both in a live and virtual way, hoping to meet as many of our new students as possible. Tutors and Transition Leaders are busy preparing welcome videos and the virtual school tour is at the editing stage, which is really exciting. We are working in line with the government guidance in regards to transition days in September and this will be communicated by the end of next week to all our new Year 7 cohort.

Important – Year 11 GCSE Results 2020

An email has been sent out to all Parents & Carers, of Year 11 students, in regards to Year 11 GCSE Results for 2020. The email details arrangements for students to receive their exam results as there will be no in-school results day this year in line with government guidance. If you haven't received the email, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can ensure you receive all the relevant information.

We will not be available after Friday 17th July for any further queries, so please do contact us as soon as possible before that date.



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Summer Enrichment Activities Programme

To build on the success of our Learning@Home programme, we are offering our students the opportunity to take part in our exciting summer programme of enrichment activities. We know that many of our families are likely to have more time at home during the summer and may welcome the opportunity to take part in some enrichment challenges for each subject. Of course, these activities are entirely voluntary, but we are aware that some students may want something to do in the holidays, and our Faculties have worked hard to find something for everyone, so it's well worth a look for all parents and students.

All of the activities will focus on new learning and will help students to deepen their knowledge within a subject; teachers have also put these tasks together with families in mind, so that everyone can get involved during your summer together!

We would love to see what you have been doing and would welcome you sending your work via email over the summer, or bringing it back into school in September. We will of course offer rewards to students (and families) taking part!

Whilst this programme of activities is not compulsory, we are hoping that many of our students and families will take part and enjoy learning something new over the summer. Year 10s are of course welcome to take part too, but they will need to complete the work that is set by their GCSE teachers first.



Message from Mrs McCarthy for Year 9 Parents & Students



Please could you encourage your Year 9 son/daughter to send me photos, or drop me an email, about things they have done, tried, learned, enjoyed etc., to share in a celebration of what this amazing Year 9 group, have achieved in lock down and during Learning@Home. I have enjoyed seeing photos of plant boxes, fish they have caught, photos they have taken, of pets, as well as emails telling me what they have been learning, e.g. learning the states of USA, writing out the Cyrillic alphabet etc. I know lots of students in Year 9 draw, study photography, are making stuff, as well as participating in other activities.

Please support your children and send me an email as soon as possible so we can share it in the End of Term Magazine.



I would like to celebrate how fabulous Year 9 are. Here is a link to how Charlie Mackesy paints; it is a YouTube video of him talking about his work. His beautiful paintings, drawings and book are so uplifting at anytime, but particularly in this time. It would be great if Year 9 pupils and their families would paint their own version, with some lovely words. I am going to have a go in the Summer, and share with Year 9 (10) in September, although art isn't my strong point!! But it is always about just having a go and enjoying it. The link for a free Art lesson is: <https://youtu.be/8gSNfqltwKY>. In September I will award a prize for the top entry as well as for everyone who has a go. Here are some of my favourite pictures, you can just google him to see more. I also saw inspiration from the Food Magazine in Waitrose, who are also running a competition, which I might enter, to win one his pictures. The link if you are interested is waitrose.com/winart and it is free to enter. Lastly, I saw Miss Prouse on Tuesday this week, who told me how amazingly Year 9 have done in their Assessments, which is just great. Also, Mr Conway was pleased with the PE Assessments. What a fantastic start to Year 9 students' option subjects! Well done Year 9!

LRC News. Books of the week

This week's book of the week is *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas: Suitable for readers older than the book's nine-year-old protagonist, the story serves as a compelling and shocking symbol of the futility and horror of the holocaust.*

Recommended websites, with book reviews and activities:

www.booktrust.org.uk www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk www.goodreads.com

www.worldbookday.com

BBC-Bitesize

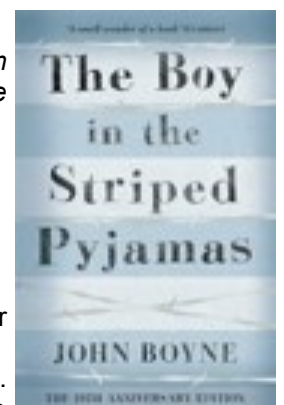
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