

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Despite the challenges of Covid, it's been a busy time at school with our charity support and highlighting local and national events. Anti-Bullying Week took place throughout last week. Students spent time in Tutor Periods and PSHCE lessons developing their understanding of bullying, its impact and how to support others. Mrs Westwood said "We work with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to educate and empower our students to actively address unkindness and bullying. Through their resources we develop understanding, signpost sources of help and advice, as well as working to enable students support themselves and others." Mrs Westwood is busy editing a video to share with students and the community to continue the support for Anti-Bullying and Court Fields truly showed they were 'United Against Bullying.' We also supported #FootballShirtFriday, raising awareness of and funds for bowel cancer and Children in Need the week before.

All together this month the school have raised nearly £600 for good causes, with over £250 going to Children in Need and £335 to Cancer Research. We have also donated a huge amount of food to the Taunton Food Bank from our Non-Uniform Day. Donations continue to come in and further charitable events are planned for December and January.

Thank you to all our students, parents and staff for their kindness and generosity, even at this difficult time. It really says something about our community that we can work together and support each other. I am very proud of our school. Have a lovely weekend, take care and keep safe. Mrs Matthews.



### Year 11 Careers Fair 2020

The Virtual Somerset Careers Fair is still open to attend!

You can log in to visit exhibitor booths and watch the presentations in the auditorium on demand until Tuesday 8th December. Please note, the live chat function is now disabled. New users can sign up and previous visitors can log in using their existing credentials at <https://somerseccareersfair.vfairs.com/en/>

**To receive alerts about forthcoming careers events from employers and education and training providers, sign up at Somerset Education Business Partnership**

### Year 11 Exams & Temporary Changes to School Lunch Times

Our Year 11 students will be taking internal Pre-Public Exams in December.

For the period Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School. This change is to minimise disruption to our Year 11 students taking exams.

**For those dates only, lunch will be 12.30 – 13.00** (instead of the usual 13.30 – 14.00). **On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, school finishes for all students at 12.45.**

All other times will remain the same. We will return to the usual lunch timings on our return to School in January.



**Reminder!**

**Students must wear face masks at all times on school transport. This is being reinforced by the local authority and the bus company has the right to refuse transport to any child without a mask, unless they have an exemption card.**

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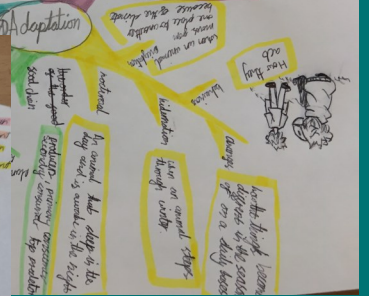
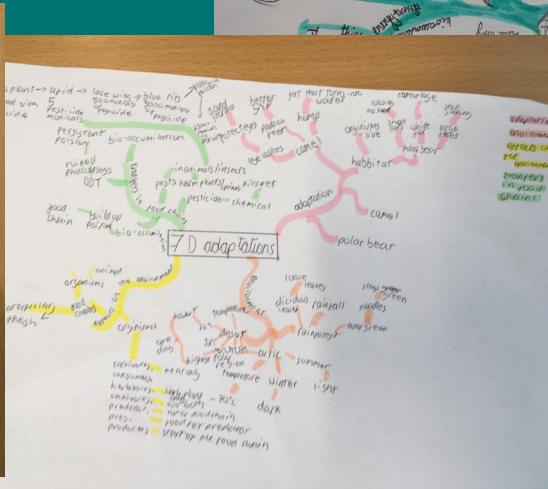
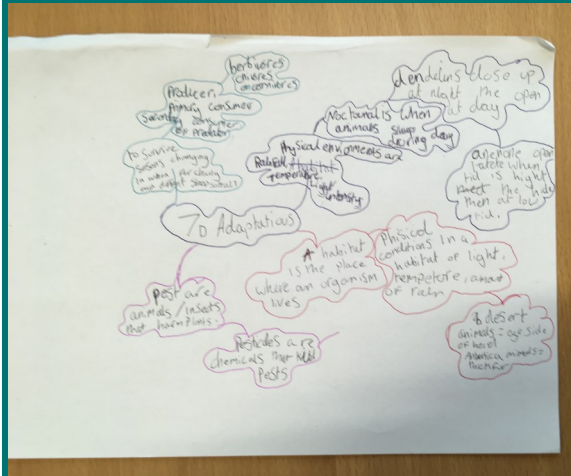
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## Year 7 Science

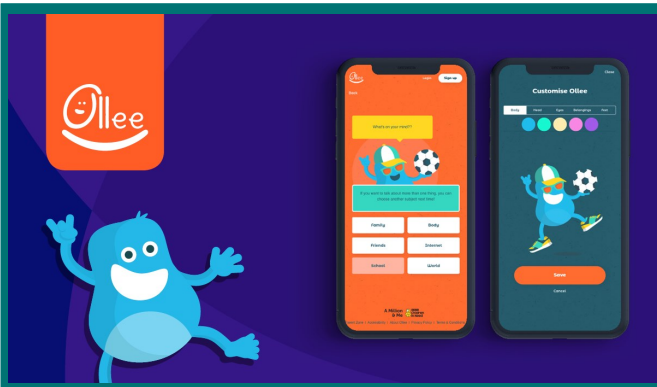
Our Year 7 students have been working on mind maps in Science this week, focusing on condensing a topic's worth of work onto one side of A4 paper. They used colour to organise the information and relevant pictures to make it visual. Well done Scientists!



## Free School Meals Eligibility

Due to a lag in receiving notification of eligibility for Free School Meals, we are aware of a couple of cases where parents have been notified before the school has received the information from the local authority.

If this applies to you, please do contact our Finance Department straight away and we will ensure school records are updated with immediate effect so there is no delay in meals being provided. Thank you.



## Ollee - a new app to support children's wellbeing

Parent Zone have launched a new app - Ollee - for 8-11 year olds, funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative. Ollee is a 'digital friend' who supports wellbeing by helping children and their families talk about their feelings and difficult topics.

Find Ollee and try it out at: <https://app.ollee.org.uk>

## Contact information

We will soon be trialling our electronic solution to allow parents to update their information and student permissions etc. through an app. This will initially be tested with a small sample of parents, so that we can iron out any issues and ensure it is working well before we roll it out. It is taking a little longer than we hoped but we want to get it right. The aim of this is to make it simpler for you to update your child's information rather than relying on the bulky paper forms that we send out annually, so it is important that we have tested it thoroughly before it goes live. In the meantime, it is really important we have up to date contact information for you, so please do let us know if any of your information has changed by emailing [sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

## Forward Diary Dates

Due to the latest lockdown restrictions we will be carefully considering our previously advertised future diary dates and where possible make arrangements for suitable virtual alternatives. As always please do check your emails for communications from the school.

**Thursday 17th December Students break up for Christmas holidays – early finish (12.45pm). School transport has been arranged for the early finish.**

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