

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Thank you once again this week for your support of our school, and with your child's Learning@Home. We have had super engagement with learning, and, as you can see from the pictures below and on social media, some fantastic examples of other activities in which our students have been involved.

Over the coming weeks we have our Year 10 Tutorial Meetings, to support their academic and pastoral progress, and the development of our 'live' and pre-recorded learning to support the current Learning@Home programme.

Thank you for your ongoing support, which is very much appreciated by all our staff at this challenging time.



Building a birdhouse

Kansas G, from Year 8, tackled a great Design and Technology project during lockdown. Working with her family, she created a birdhouse and planter, using great woodworking skills. I think everyone will agree it's a brilliant piece that we are sure the bird will enjoy, and plants will thrive in!

Fishing at the Basins

After recent lockdown restrictions were eased, locals were able to go Angling again. Olly D, from Year 10, a keen angler, went to Wellington Basins to go fishing.

Using light tackle and sweetcorn and bread for bait, Olly caught eleven fish including the impressive Bream he's holding in the photo.

Olly loves angling and was really happy to be out on the bank in sunshine. Well done Olly!



Transition Leaders

Transition for our Year 6 students has begun and even though it will be a little different this year we are planning exciting ways to welcome our new cohort. We have sent out letters to our successful Transition Leaders this week. These leaders are current year 7 students who have applied to support our new students and make them feel part of our Court Fields Community. We were blown away by the standard of the applications and look forward to working with our leaders to put our plans into action!

Transition Leader



Social Contact

We have been overwhelmed by how well the vast majority of our students have coped during this pandemic and followed government guidance, to ensure the safety of themselves and their family. As lockdown has begun to ease we want to remind our students of the key messages. When you meet others you must remain two metres apart and you must not meet with more than six people in a group. Unfortunately, we have heard of a small minority of our students meeting up in larger groups and not adhering to social distancing rules. Please can we remind all students to follow the rules to ensure their own safety and that of others.



Year 10 Assessment Week (Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June)

Next week Year 10 will be involved in an assessment week to help teachers judge the learning during the school closure. The assessments will also support teachers in their planning for Learning@Home this half term so they can address any misconceptions and gaps in knowledge.

These assessments will cover the work set since Monday 20th March and will also have some questions on topics previously studied this year. Please do not worry if your child does not have their school books to revise work from before lockdown. They should simply revise the work since school closure, plus general revision from Bitesize or their revision guides if they have them.

Students will have two or three assessments each day each lasting no more than an hour. Each day the assessments will be posted on ClassCharts at 9:00 am and students will then have until 3:00 pm to complete the assessments and submit their assessment back to their teacher via ClassCharts. This should allow students who are sharing technology to access their assessments and complete within the time frame.

More detailed guidance on how to access and complete the assessments has been sent in a letter from Mr Dudley via email to all Year 10 students and parents.

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Richard Huish Headstart Programme



Richard Huish have announced their Headstart Programme. It's an informative programme of activities designed to help students prepare for next steps. It enables them to get to know their chosen courses in greater detail and gives them an idea of what to expect in September. Further information is here:

<https://www.huish.ac.uk/school-leavers/huish-headstart/>

If students have applied, had their Advice and Guidance Meeting, and been given an offer, their place is 100% secure for September. An FAQ link is here <https://www.huish.ac.uk/faqs-regarding-september-2020-admissions/>

Richard Huish are planning a virtual Welcome Day in July, details will be sent out soon. All registration documents and information for Enrolment will also be posted out to students in the next few weeks.

Bridgwater and Taunton College—Year 9, 10, 11 students

Bridgwater & Taunton College are running an Online Showcase event for pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11. While campuses remain closed due to Covid 19, they're launching their first Online Showcase for school leavers to bring the exceptional College learning experience to students at home. Court Fields students will be able to join the college on **Thursday 11 June from 2pm to 4pm** to find information for their next step in education. Whilst the event is aimed at current Year 11s who would like to find out more about the courses we offer, it's also suitable for students in Years 9 and 10, who are starting to think about future options. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/june-open-evening-bridgwater-campus-4/>

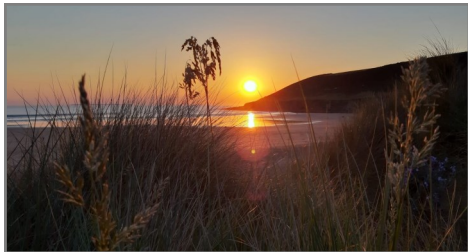


Art & Design - National Portrait Gallery Competition

The National Portrait Gallery have released an exciting competition which we would love our students to enter. The competition is open to everybody and has been especially targeted at our Year 9 and 10 photographers

Please follow the link below which will take you the National Portrait Gallery competition page <https://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/> if your child would like to enter. It's a perfect competition if your child is a photography student at Court Fields.

Please send entries through to Mrs Binmore as per the announcement on ClassCharts, or enter directly following the on screen instructions. If you do enter directly please also send a copy of the photo that is being entered to Jbinmore@courtfIELDS.net.



Nature and Sunsets

We have held a House Photography Competition for students, with the theme of sunset /sunrise or nature.

We have received some great photographs and the winners for each house, and overall competition winner, will be announced next week. In the meantime here are two of the entries we have received.



LRC News. Books of the week

Recommended websites, with book reviews and activities:

www.booktrust.org.uk

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.goodreads.com

www.worldbookday.com

www.jkrowland.com—Read 'The Ickabog'. A new chapter every day!

National Literacy Trust – www.literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/zone-in

Reviews, activities. Shadow the shortlist. Enter the competitions! www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk

Listen to David Walliams www.worldofdavidwalliams.com 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! Look out for National Shelf Service for daily recommendations!

BBC-Bitesize: Don't forget courtfields.net. Lots of links including to our Reading Cloud site and AR. Post your book reviews and do your AR quizzes!



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