

Welcome

Welcome to our new edition of 'In the loop'. I hope you and your family are safe and well. This week we have noticed that many more students have settled back into a routine with their home learning. I'd like to thank all parents and carers for your monumental efforts in supporting this. Our 'Beautiful Work Gallery' has been expanding all of the time with some amazing pieces of work. A reminder that we have a Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May to commemorate VE Day, so no home learning will be set on this day. School will be closed on that day for all staff and students as it has been confirmed that provision is not required.

Schools, just like other employment sectors, have needed to adapt quickly during this pandemic to very new ways of working, and often remotely. Our staff have been looking closely at research evidence on the impact of distance learning, for example the findings from the New Zealand ten week school closures caused by devastating Christchurch earthquakes in 2011. They found what matters most when working remotely is teachers finding the best explanations and directing students there, giving concrete examples, and addressing misconceptions. Our teachers are continuing to evaluate their practice and approach. Some subjects have a specialist teacher setting and resourcing learning across a year, whilst your child's teacher will review completion, answer questions and offer feedback. Your child should try as well as they can to complete the home learning set during the time allocated to the task. Encourage them to request extra support by contacting their teacher if needed and tell them not to worry - just to do their best. Their teachers are more interested in good quality work that shows a real effort has been made. If your child is finding it difficult to get started, encourage them to commit to when they'll act, "I'll complete my history work at 10am tomorrow". Recording that somewhere, is found to make it even more likely to happen as a pledge has been made.



This newsletter highlights so many other ways of encouraging a love of learning and getting involved in community projects - so important during these difficult days. We know that no matter how hard life gets when we look to the future we believe things will get better!

I wish you and your family good health, and get in touch if you need to.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Brown,
Head of School

Beautiful Work Gallery

Once more there are some wonderful pieces of work entering our gallery this week. Let's keep this great momentum going. Any amazing pieces of home learning identified by teachers will be added to our Gallery. Look out for some tweeted on social media too.

[Beautiful Work Gallery](#)



**The greater the storm,
the brighter the rainbow!**



Support for Keyworkers

On Tuesday 28th April students and staff in school and those working from home observed a one minute silence to remember key workers who have lost their lives to coronavirus.

We remembered not only the brave frontline workers who have sadly lost their lives but recognise all the key workers who are supporting society to get through this Coronavirus situation as they continue to do vital work at great risk to allow us to feel safe and cared for.

This week we also received a kind thank you from the staff at a Medical Centre in Thurmaston, who are now wearing the PPE Visors made by our staff and students last week.

I urge all of our community to continue to show your support by engaging in 'Clap for our Carers' every Thursday evening at 8pm. I know hundreds of you engage in this every week. Stay safe, and follow government social distancing advice.

Mr. Brown

Early May Bank Holiday (VE Day)

Friday 8th May

This year the May bank holiday has been moved to a Friday, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. On May 8, 1945, the Nazis surrendered to the Allies, formally bringing about the end of World War Two in Europe. VE Day marked a historic moment in not only our nation's but the world's history and it is important that we commemorate this great occasion on its 75th anniversary. Our 'remote' weekly assembly will focus on this momentous event and honour those who did their duty, whether on the battlefields of Europe or through their efforts and sacrifices here at home.

It would be great if you could find some time to look at our remote assembly led by Mr. Mowbray, and discuss the meaning of this event with your child or look up a VE Day 'Stay at home street party' near you.



Laptop News

Thank you to year 10 parents and carers who responded to our questionnaire about support for IT during school closures. Unfortunately, no parents met the criteria for government support which was announced by the Department for Education. We will use your feedback to direct our IT team to make contact with parents over the coming weeks who reported problems with iPads, which we will endeavour to solve. Further support may yet be announced by the government and we will liaise with you if they do. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you do experience any IT related problems or if you cannot access home learning.



Mr. Brown

SEND Update

Supporting Daily Routines



Here are some top tips that might help support you at home:

1. Talk about COVID 19 in simple terms
2. Provide a daily routine - include sleep, meals, exercise, home learning
3. Use a visual schedule to reduce anxiety
4. Try to give warning about planned changes to the schedule.
5. Talk as a family

Here is a video which might be helpful to watch together with your child to evaluate what you are doing well and any changes you might like to make: [YouTube Video](#)

Mrs. Croucher

Don't forget...

This week is **PASTRY WEEK**, don't forget to send your photos to bosworthbakeoff@bosworthacademy.org.uk by 5pm on Wednesday, 6th May. Keep a look out on social media for last weeks winners.



Next Steps

for Year 11 and 13 students

Our year 13 students have been completing a survey to find out who may be interested in sitting an A level exam in the Autumn. Resources will be shared with these students to support their preparation for each subject through a google classroom. Students have been made aware that exams may not be available in all subjects, Ofqual will confirm this at a later date.

All students should continue to develop their skills, knowledge and preparation for university or apprenticeships using this resource as a starting point; [Next Steps](#)

Year 11 students should also have indicated on a survey if they wish to take an exam in the Autumn Series (subject to availability) and to confirm their plans for the next academic year. Students may consider that they need to improve on the grade that they are awarded in the Summer. Resources will be shared with these students to support their preparation for each subject.

Presently, students are completing a 'VESPA' project, to build on and improve their approach to study, (particularly their vision, effort, use of systems and attitude). It is a reflective process which will benefit all

students, no matter what their aspirations or pathway choices might be, and is recognised by colleges. Then students will begin 'BRIDGING' work if their aim is to study A levels, or 'BRANCHING' work for students who hope to study college courses or an apprenticeship. 'Bridging' resources will be shared with students by a specialist A level tutor. 'Branching' students who are not considering A level study will be encouraged to get involved in a 'World Class' project, supported by their tutor.



Mrs. Holdback / Mrs. Duncan

'Fun Stuff' Launch

Your teachers know that schoolwork is only part of a great education. Experiencing different things is also really important. It helps us to 'connect the dots' and makes learning generally easier! Normally, you'd go out in the evenings and weekends to visit different places or do different kinds of activities. That is harder right now - for everyone!

Some of you said in your student voice feedback that you felt like you were only doing schoolwork...so, your teachers have put together some ideas to help you break away from that 'work doom' feeling. Check out this list of possible activities you could try whilst we continue to live and work from home! Find 'Fun Stuff' on our website or using this link: [Fun Stuff Link](#)

Mr. Dolinski

FunStuff

Schoolwork is only part of a great education!













Joke of the Week!

What did the Tin Man say when he got run over by a steamroller?

"Curses! Foil again!"

Stretch and Challenge Your Thinking!

Amazing extra activities to help you 'think outside the box'. Mr. Brown recommends Star Walk!

<p>Watch any Ted Talks video that interests you.</p> <p>The life cycle of a sneaker - Angel Chang</p> 	<p>PE With Joe Monday 27th April</p> 	<p>Planet Earth With the Pl@ntNet app, identify one plant from a picture.</p> 	<p>National Theatre at Home Filmed on Stage: Stream Broadway Shows & Musicals Online</p> 
<p>Make your own TED Talk between 2-5 min in length. You could even apply to have your TED Talk appear on the website with TED-Ed.</p>	<p>Make your own workout at home video. Include exercises that range from easy to hard.</p>	<p>Make your own David Attenborough style programme. You can use the Pl@ntNet app to help you identify plants in your garden.</p>	<p>With a group of friends recreate a scene or make up your own scene. Film yourselves in different roles in your individual homes and edit it</p>
<p>The world's best way to learn a language</p>  <p>duolingo</p>	<p>Blogger.com - Create a unique and beautiful blog. It's easy and free.</p> 	<p>Virtual Talks Upcoming Vtals</p> 	<p>Lumosity Brain Training: Challenge & Improve Your Mind Elevate - Brain Training on the App Store</p> 
<p>Start to learn a new language. Choose a language you wouldn't have the opportunity to learn in school.</p>	<p>Make a blog of your time in lockdown and extra activities you have done.</p>	<p>Find a talk that interests you about a topic or subject you haven't studied at school and write about it on your blog.</p>	<p>Challenge your friends to brain training activities.</p>
<p>Watch songs performed and edited together</p> 	<p>Glo Unlimited access to yoga, meditation, and Pilates classes Guided Meditation and Mindfulness - The Headspace App</p> 	<p>Star Walk - Explore the Sky on the App Store NASA App for Smartphones, Tablets and Digital Media Players</p> 	<p>TypingClub: Learn Touch Typing Free</p> 
<p>Perform a song alongside fellow musicians and singers.</p>	<p>You could follow a Yoga program to improve your flexibility and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Explore the sky and stars around you and record what you find.</p>	<p>Learn how to touch type like a pro, setting you up for life.</p>

Ms. Mills

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