

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term ends I think the biggest thing we must do is to congratulate ourselves! With little to no notice schools shut at the beginning of January and we moved to online learning; summer examinations were cancelled with no clarity over what would take their place and yet again a trip to the supermarket and a long walk became the highlight of our weeks. I am continually astounded by the strength of character our students show and I am so proud that they have the maturity to reflect on how they are coping and to reach out for help and support when needed.

It is my fervent hope that next term will bring a return to school for all students however we will continue to offer the highest quality learning and pastoral care for our students.

Snapshot reports were shared this week and I would encourage all students to reflect on their success this term – 33 students in our community received all grade 1s (outstanding) for their attitude to learning, a staggering 85% of students achieved all 1s and 2s which in the most unusual circumstances is remarkable.

Our superstar awards celebrate those in specific subjects that have gone above and beyond in their studies this term and it is wonderful to see such an array of names included and tutors have selected their lockdown legends who will receive a little surprise in the post soon.

I hope that this half term students, staff and parents find time for some relaxation, to rest and recharge ahead of the new term.

Wishing you all continued good health at this time.

Mrs Lucy Staves, Director of Sixth Form

Dates for your Diary

February

Fri 12 Feb	End of Term 3
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Mon 22 Feb	Start of Term 4—Week A
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March

Thurs 25 Mar	Y13 Parents Evening—3.30-5.30 pm
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Sun 28 Mar	British Summer Time begins—clocks go forward one hour
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Congratulations

Paperless
POST

The following students have received paperless cards for demonstrating outstanding attitude to learning and received 1's in their ATL in the recent reports:

YEAR 12

Poppy N
Ella B
Aleksandra W
Katie I
Sophie F
Maia O
Ellie P
Mindy C
Archie C
Beth E
Ewan H
Haydn M
Maeve P
Emily S
Sophie H
Mia V
Freya D

YEAR 13

Ciara P
Charlie C
Sarah P
Joni B
Kate E
Katie O-S
Tom W
Henry B-R
Beth C
Jessica C
Grace R-B
Hamish T
Phoebe K
Oliver L
Edward S
Oliva T

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Chaplaincy Thoughts

Only

Poet Unknown



Only a little dewdrop
Sparkling in the morning sun;
But it just reflected heaven,
And it blessed the heart of one.

Only a tiny sunbeam
Shining for a little while;
But it filled the heart of sadness,
And it brought a sudden smile.

Only a little rosebud
Drooping low its fragrant head;
But it cheered the little sick girl
Lying in her little bed.

Only a note of music
Ringing through the gloomy wood;
But it reached a weary wand'rer
And it did a world of good.

Only a word said kindly,
Falling on a wounded heart;
But it brought a rich, sweet blessing,
And did healing balm impart.

Only a tiny token
From a heart that's filled with love;
Give it, asking God's own blessing;
The effects you'll see above.

Matt Robinson, Lay Chaplain

New School Timetable

School day during remote learning

Time	Activity
9.15-9.30	Online tutor programme (Y13 – Mon/Weds, Y12 – Tues/Thurs)
9.30-10.15	Lesson 1
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-11.15	Lesson 2
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-12.15	Lesson 3
12.15-12.30	Break
12.30-1.15	Lesson 4
1.15-1.45	Lunch
1.45-2.30	Lesson 5
2.30	End of online learning

100% Achievers!

A massive well done to the 102 students who achieved 100% attendance this week !

That is a fantastic achievement during the unusual situation we find ourselves in and an incredible testament to our students' resilience and commitment to learning.

"Asking for help isn't
giving up" said the horse



"It's refusing to give up"

Better
Health every mind
matters

[Every Mind Matters](#) offers a range of free resources that help spot the signs of common mental health concerns, offers practical self-care tips and guidance and explains when to seek further support. It also has a free NHS-approved online tool the Every Mind Matters [Your Mind Plan](#)

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Other useful websites;

www.mind.org.uk

www.kooth.com

www.childline.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

Chinese New Year

2021 is a year of the Ox

Starting from 12 February 2021 ([Chinese Lunar New Year Day](#)) and lasting until 31 January 2022 it will be a Metal Ox year.



The recent zodiac years of Ox sign are: 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033...**An Ox year occurs every 12 years.**

Having an honest nature, Ox are known for diligence, dependability, strength and determination.

Famous Ox Year People:

Barack Obama: born on 4 August 1961— a Metal Ox
Vincent Van Gogh: born on 30 March 1853—a Water Ox
Adolf Hitler: born on 20 April 1889—an Earth Ox
Walt Disney: born on 5 December 1901—a Gold Ox
Margaret Thatcher: born on 13 October 1925— Wood Ox

Fairtrade Fortnight

From 22nd February to 7th March. There are many ways you can get involved in Fair Trade Fortnight, from joining an online festival to spreading the word on social media.

“For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and under-paid.”

Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 will highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. Farmers and workers in countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and Honduras, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected by it. They say:

- ◆ Climate change is one of their biggest challenges right now.
- ◆ Low prices for their crops mean that they are struggling to fight back.
- ◆ Only with more money will they feel equipped to meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges they face from climate change.

The climate crisis is an immediate and ever-increasing threat and those in climate vulnerable countries are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

Pancake Day

When is Pancake Day 2021?

In 2021 Pancake Day - which is also known as Shrove Tuesday - falls on Tuesday, February 16. The day always falls on the seventh week before Easter. It is also the day before Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the period known as Lent.

The tradition of eating pancakes stems from the time when people were trying to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk and sugar before the fasting season of Lent. The day always falls on a Tuesday because of the period of time it marks between the start of Lent and Easter.

The following day, Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, in which Christians go through a period of 40 days of fasting, designed to help them remember the same amount of time Jesus spent fasting in the Wilderness. This culminates in Easter, with Easter Sunday this year falling on April 4.

Pancake races are a super-fun Shrove Tuesday tradition. In this mad-cap activity, people race each other whilst tossing a pancake in a pan. The all-female annual Pancake Race began in the town of Olney, England in 1445. Legend says it was inspired by a harried housewife arriving at church on Shrove Tuesday still clutching her frying pan, complete with the pancake. Today, pancake races are often organised to raise money for charity and help those in need.

Ingredients—Serves: 6

- 250 g plain flour
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt
- 2 large eggs
- 500 ml milk
- Knob of butter for frying
- Caster sugar for sprinkling & Fresh lemon for squeezing



1. Sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl.
2. Break the eggs into a bowl and then add to flour.
3. Pour in half of the milk and whisk briskly.
4. Add the remaining milk and whisk until the batter is smooth.
5. Heat an 8 inch pan over a low heat. Add a small knob of butter and swirl the pan to coat the bottom.
6. Use a ladle to add the pancake batter into the pan, then tilt the pan to spread the mixture out evenly.
7. As it sets, shake the pan to see if the pancake is loose, then flip it over with a palette knife. Cook the other side for 30 seconds -then shake again to see if it's loose.
8. Slide onto a warm plate, sprinkle over some sugar and a squeeze of lemon juice - then eat immediately!

Cook the rest of the pancakes, one at a time but remember to melt a small knob of butter before adding the batter.

PROGRESSION

Parent Guides

The Parents' Guide to provides a range of free support for both parents of sixth form students as well as those taking GCSEs, including guides, useful articles, a Q&A system where they answer questions personally, live chats and a blog with the latest news. The Parents' guide to cover all the important issues and parents may find this helpful, so please take a look at their website for further information:

www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/support

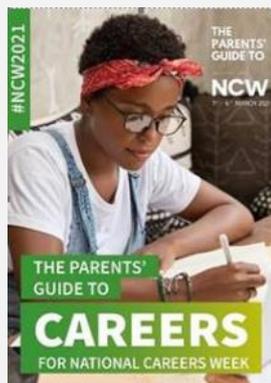
A few of the guides and information available are shown below:

National Careers Week

It's [National Careers Week](#) 1-6 March.

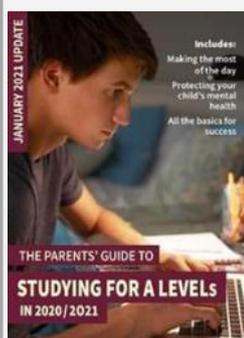
A free guide outlining vocational options after GCSE and sixth form is available which is a great resource providing parents with more information about non-academic routes to careers –

[Click here to download your free copy.](#)



Support through Covid 19

For any parents who are struggling to help keep their teens on track, especially those in Years 11 and 13 now there are exam cancellations this year and schools are closed to most pupils, so do look at the 25 minute video on what to do at home by clicking on the website shown below.



Alternatively, you may prefer to download one of the free guides available.

There are also plenty of other resources for parents developed during Covid 19, so do take a look at the following website if you can: www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/coronavirus

Apprenticeships



UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair
Wednesday 17 March | 12:00 - 18:00

A fantastic opportunity for students from Years 11, 12 and 13 to explore **over 100 universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers** from across the UK. Our exhibitors answered over 20,000 questions from students in January, so make sure your students don't miss the chance to engage with admissions officers and student ambassadors to have their questions answered. We'll also have 10 live webinars taking place on a range of subjects from apprenticeships to writing a personal statement.

[Find out More and Register](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunity—A B Dynamics

In case anyone is looking for opportunities within the Engineering/Electronics industry, Mrs Ruck has found this apprenticeship with A B Dynamics in Bradford on Avon.

<https://www.abdynamics.com/en/careers/apprentices>

Bath College

VIRTUAL APPRENTICESHIP EVENT 2021

SAVE THE DATE

3RD MARCH - 2-5PM -

www.bathcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Year 12 Super Star Awards



Fine Art

You are all superstars:

Ed C
Matt O
Poppy N
Ella B

Biology

Alice M
Ewan H

Business

Lucy C- raising and addressing her challenges and showing good progress

Kian D- taking responsibility and doing independent work to keep up with the subject at a high level.

Mali F- consistency, the key to outstanding performance.

Evie J- building confidence and demonstrating the good work you are capable of doing if you believe in yourself

Reuben W- resilience and showing good progress

Dance

For your effort in your online workshop:

Gracie K
Ed C

English Language & Lit

Handmaid's Tale

Olly H
Isabel Q
Ella B
Martha H

Drama

Everyone-

For being a joy to teach
Always eagerly involved/ willing to join in with Mrs Richards' games
Working your socks off

Economics

For excellence and identifying an error in the mark scheme

Danny P

For independence and responsibility, catching up after joining late

Albi J
Tracy L

English Literature

Achievement and Effort

Nancy A
Ayla D-B
Mali F
Sophie H

Commitment and Effort

Evie J
Angela T
Bea W

Geography

Ella B
Harry C
Freya D
Lucy F
Sophie H
Millie H
Ewan H
Katie I
Louis O'S

History

For hitting/exceeding your target in your Tudor assessment

Danny P
Martha H
Frankie W

Being proactive and making an extra effort to respond to feedback

Gracie K

Both actively participate in every lesson with a great attitude.

Damian Z
Andrew K

Maths

Yuto N
Archie C
Mindy C

Performance in Maths Assessment:

Alex P

PE

Hitting Target on your assessment:

Carl G

For a massive improvement in your work ethic and performance in assessments.

Seb M-P





Year 12 Super Star Awards



Ethics

Everyone -

For attending live lessons and great effort work through lockdown!

Sociology

Mali F
Emily S
Koa K
Sam B
Nancy A

Cherry B-L
Poppy N

Above target in your assessment

Yaseen A
Chloe C
Mali F
Katie I
Koa K
Ellie P
Emily S

Religion

Commitment to your own progress

Jack C
Ayla D-O
Beth E

Philosophy

Positive attitude to learning and an outstanding performance in your assessments:

Jack C

Positive attitude to learning and improved progress in your assessments:

Olly H

Languages

All of you-
or being dedicated and so hard working!





Year 13 Super Star Awards



Fine Art

You are all superstars-

Joni B
Jemima P

Biology

Angus M
Hamish T
Orla S
Pollyanne L

Dance

For your effort in your online workshop:

Maddie B
Jasmine E

Geography

Henry B-R
Beth C
Grace R-B

Drama

Everyone-

For being a joy to teach
Always eagerly involved/ willing to join in with
Mrs Richards' games
Working your socks off

Business

Lauren D- resilience and determination to improve.

Joanna P- consistency and hard work to realise progress.

Ethan L- aspirational change to attitude in pursuit of your target

Salvy C- independence and resolve to achieve more.

English

Effort and Achievement

Joni B
Flo B
Phoebe K
Liv L
Liv T
Tom W

Effort

James P
Jess S
Harry S

Further Maths

Beth C
Oli L

Maths

For performance in Maths Assessment:

Victoria G

History

For hitting/exceeding your target in your Tudor assessment

Joni B
Jess C
Ben M
Katie O-S
Olivia T
Tom W

For excellent work

Jess C
Joni B
Katie O-S
Olivia T
Tom W

Politics

Brilliant sense of humour about the dark state of Politics

Tom
Sarah
Dani

For hitting/exceeding your target in your American Politics assessment

Tom W
Sarah P

PE

Excellent effort through out this testing year and doing well in your assessments

Maddie B
Joe H

Philosophy

Wonderful attitude to learning and an outstanding performance in your assessments

Charlie C

Sociology

Eloise T
Ben M
Jess S
James G

Ethics

Everyone -

For attending live lessons and great effort work through lockdown!

