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Year 9 Newsletter

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Key message this week - 'Microsoft Teams and live lessons'

Dear Year 9 students and families,

This week I begin my maternity leave. Although of course I am so excited about having a baby this marks the end of my Head of Year work with Year 9 students. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you and your families over the last two years and want to wish you/your son/daughter every luck and success in Year 10. This is of course only goodbye for now....

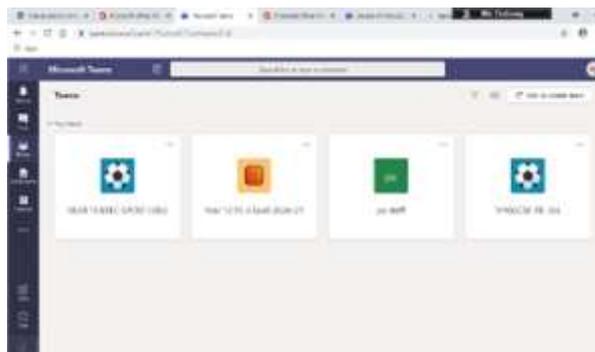
Thank you to all Year 9 parents for your support over the last two years with your child's education, as a Head of Year I occasionally have to make some difficult phone calls and your support and understanding is always appreciated. I also get the opportunity to make some lovely phone calls and have some positive conversations with you that make my job all the more worthwhile.

I have seen the vast majority of you this year mature into young adults who now more than ever are starting to take responsibility for your own learning and education. To think of the journey some of you have been on from the beginning of Year 8 to now really is quite remarkable. Keep working hard and please make me proud as you embark on your journey into Year 10.

Ms Dobney

Year 9 Live Lessons

1. Visit the school website <https://www.cdarwin.com/>
2. Click on the cloud icon on the top right hand side of website – may look like its being covered by the 'O' of the word school.
3. Use your Office365 username and password (email Ms Dobney ndo@cdarwin.com if you do not know your username and password)
4. Click on the TEAMS logo 
5. You should then be taken to page that looks like this



6. Your son/daughter will be in a group per subject
7. Click on Calendar on the left hand side – this is where you will see the live lessons that are scheduled.
8. Alternatively you can click into the team and lesson details should be within here also.

Please make sure that you keep on top of your Teams Calendar – teachers may begin to lead live lessons which are much more interactive than Show my Homework. This is also the perfect opportunity to ask questions and hopefully will make work a little easier and manageable. Please see on the next page some that I know are scheduled.

Please also use this link to help- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SemjM2fHV2Q>

I hope to see you all soon,

Ms Dobney

If you have a concern regarding your mental health or that of another student please email
Ms Dobney: ndo@cdarwin.com or Mrs Haywood: jha@cdarwin.com

Schedule for live lessons *(Please note there may also be others that are not included in this newsletter)*

English department - English staff will be aiming to do live lessons on Teams for Year 9. The aim is to do at least one Literature and one Language lesson a week - these will be in normal English timetabled slots but should check for times in Teams and for info about them on SMHW.

GCSE English (Mr Nunn)

9YEN1's - Mondays at 1.20pm.

9YEn4 English Language live lessons with Mr Nunn every Thursday at 1.00pm via Teams.

GCSE English (Mrs Holloway)

9yEn5 - Every Monday at 1.00pm.

9xEn1 - Every Wednesday at 10.00am.

GCSE English - 9YEN3 (Mrs Mote's class)

English Literature – Monday 1.20pm with Ms Roberts.

English Language – Tuesday 1.00pm with Mr. Nunn.

GCSE English (Mrs Garner)

If you have Mrs Garner for English please log on to Teams for a live lesson on Wednesdays at 11.00am – Please look into your Teams calendar to see when this is scheduled.

GCSE English (Mrs Pitt)

9Y4: Tuesdays at 1.30pm: 'An Inspector Calls'.

9X1: Thursdays at 1.30pm: GCSE Language skills.

GCSE English (Ms Roberts)

9Y5 will be held at 1.30pm on Tuesday afternoons.

GCSE Maths (9P/ma2)

Every Friday at 11.30am.

GCSE Maths (Mr Woods)

Every Wednesday at 1:30pm.

GCSE Science (Miss Bailey)

The Chemistry session for triple scientists (9Q1) is at 11.00am every Wednesday.

GCSE Science (Dr Piercy)

9P2- Thursday 11.00am

GCSE Science (Ms Candy)

9Q/Sc5 start a weekly online lesson on Tuesdays at 12.00pm - We had a trial run last week, and I look forward to speaking to students again this week.

GCSE Science (Mr Culver)

Teams live lesson with 9Q2 on Mondays at 10.00am.

GCSE Geography (Mr Jones)

Mr Jones will hold a voice call every Tuesday at 10.00am on Teams for you to ask questions and discuss the work set in Geography. Please note this has been changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

GCSE History (Mr Lamb)

Every Friday at 12.30pm.

GCSE History (Mrs Ruth)

Every Friday at 10.00am.

GCSE Drama (Miss Currie)

Year 9 Drama class 9C/DR1 will have a weekly lesson on Teams on Monday at 2.10pm, the time when our p6 lesson would normally occur.

GCSE PE (Miss Bunday)

Live lesson every Friday (lesson 3) 10:50am.

GCSE IT

Lessons will continue on Thursdays in the following groups:

9:00 am Group A

9:30 am Group B

10:00 am Group C

See SMHW and your Teams calendar to check your group.

GCSE Computer Science (Mr Simpson)

These will be every Thursday until the end of term (from Thursday 2nd July).

Meeting 1: Surnames (A-K) Thursday 9.50am - 10.20am.

Meeting 2: Surnames (L-Z) Thursday 10.20am - 10.50am.

GCSE Dance

Tuesdays at 3.00pm.

GCSE Art and Textiles (Miss Doughty)

Mondays 11.00am Year 9 Textiles.

Wednesdays 11.45am 9D Art.

Thursdays 9.00am 9A Art.

GCSE German (Ms Wood)

9B - Mondays at 10:50am.

9D - Wednesdays at 11:40am.

GCSE Business (Mrs Mathieson's and Mr Manchester's class)

Tuesday 10.00am - 11.00am .

GCSE Business (Miss Allum)

Thursday 10.00am - 11.00am.

GCSE Film studies (Miss Hurding)

Live lessons every Thursday at 2.10pm.

We are starting a new topic this week: The Science Fiction Genre - this will be very important background to studying our new key text 'Invasion of the Body Snatcher's', so please do make sure that you are attending live lessons each week.

Key Messages from Subject Teachers**Mrs Suttun's Drama Class**

I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to my fantastic Drama class. We started the year as a ram shackled group of 13 randoms but developed and finished the year feeling like a family! I have missed our lessons where not only did you show great energy and enthusiasm but also approached challenging tasks with perseverance and focus. I have been particularly impressed by the resilience and determination I have seen during lock down and have thoroughly enjoyed reading the 'Theatre In Education' scripts you have come up with. I will be going on maternity leave this week, Monday 29th June and therefore Miss Currie will be setting work for the rest of the term. Please do not be confused when this happens! I wish you all a lovely summer break and I look forward to catching up with you, when you will be all grown up and finishing Year 10!!!

Message from Mr Jones

Year 9 Geographers will be continuing a new GCSE unit on coastlines and tectonics. It is important that all students work hard on this. To support you, your teacher will post more interactive lessons with them talking through parts of the work. As well as this, Mr Jones will hold a voice call every Tuesday at 10.00am on Teams for you to ask questions and discuss the work set. Keep up the hard work and Geog On!

Please note we have had to reschedule the weekly voice call to Tuesdays at 10.00am (instead of Wednesdays), we hope you can make this and look forward to discussing the week's work with you.

Well done from Teachers

Ms Roberts

9Y5 Top GCSE podders are: **Kezia Baah, Bella Bergman, Keira Flynn, Tom Hill, Aaron Lownie, Liam Pitt** and **Nevada Townsend** and with 100% on 'The Dining Room' pod questions: **Daniel Aduwo** and with 100% on the Setting pod questions **Matthew Gurney**.

Top online lesson stars 9y5 for weeks beginning 15/6 and 22/6 are: **Kezia Baah, Matthew Gurney, Alfie Humphries, Aaron Lownie, Tom Hill** and **Jimmy Sellars**.

Top essay stars are: **Matthew Gurney, Liam Pitt** and **Kezia Baah**.

Names for Praise for 9Y3 English Literature Live lessons are: **Ethan Orme, Emily Golby, Megan Wood, Amelia Turner, Ben Witt, Amelia Moore** and **Zoe Sadik**.

Good 9Y3 written work from **Rosie Middleton**.

Mr Nunn

Well done to the following for their attendance and contribution in our English lessons: **Megan Wood** is a superstar in English with great ideas and feedback. **Ethan Ormes**: What a mature mind with really insightful ideas. **Rosie Middleton**: Another great lesson and feedback. **Emily Golby**: Another star in English, just gets it and is able to impart this wisdom on others. **Amelia Turner**: Great contributions to the lesson.

Mr Doig

Well Done to **Matthew Gurney** who has submitted something to me basically every week from my set work. Matthew's efforts and commitment have been very pleasing.

Mrs Ruth

A big well done to the following students who attended their online lessons with Mrs Ruth last week: **Lola O'Sullivan, Michael Molinaro, Frankie Nowers, Frankie Watson-Conan** and **Sean McCarthy**. Well done to you all for being so organised and keeping up to date with your Teams calendar.

Mrs Garner

A massive shout out to **Hannah Kenton** - a regular to my Teams lessons and not intimidated at all by being the only student there sometimes. Shout out to **Jacob Helps** and **Freddie Jones** who are also in the lessons regularly. Finally a real message of praise to **Aidan Williams** who has sent me work consistently throughout the lockdown period. It must be very demotivating when you are working at home without the Teams lesson support but he is really taking responsibility for his own learning, despite having lots of technical issues with Teams, and that is admirable.

Miss Hurding

Well Done to those who have attended the Film Studies live lessons: **Hanna Warner, Joe Lawrence, Amelia Turner, Rio Jones, Brandon Ratnage** and **Archie Wood**.

Mr Simpson

Lemar McKoy was very good in our live lesson, answering questions and contributing to the discussion.

Miss Bailey

Well done to members of **9q1** who have been completing work and attending the online sessions each week. They have shown fantastic work ethic and dedication. Miss Bailey is very proud.

Mr Lamb

Well done to those in Mr Lamb's History class who have attended all the online lessons: **Eleanor Benke, Kiera Dukes, Jack Elston, Olivia Howe, Macey Jones, Daisy May-Kittlety, Brandon Ratnage, Hanna Warner, Honor Welsh** and **Evie Williams**. You are all superstars and your thoughts and contributions to the lesson are gold dust. Thank you and well done. **Leah Morhtassi** - it was great to see you in the two most recent lessons, do keep it up. **Bonnie Bolton, Jacob Helps, Billy Eastwood, Zayne Leacock, Lewis Pridham, Karson Reynolds, Alex Trebell** and **Savannah Tuaima**, I am really pleased that you have attended a lesson, but don't be shy, do come back to us.

Mrs Pitt

Well done to the regulars of **9y4** who attended the live lesson this week. They were lovely again today during our Teams lesson. Big praise to **Ciara Bain, Luke Bevan, Alfie Dejonge, Alfie Farmer, Ben Hughes, Lola O'Sullivan, Lewis Pridham, Tilly Silver** and **Lily Smithson**.

Miss Edwards

Well done to **Chloe Brett** and **Liam Pitt** for their recent increased efforts. A big well done to **Megan Walker** who has placed a lot of effort into her most recent work - keep up the hard work. Please see some of Megan's fantastic work below.

**Miss Currie**

Well done to those in 9C who are continuing to attend our live lesson on Mondays (this week I had **Evie Williams, Millie Beswick, Matthew Gurney, Isaac Holden, Karson Reynolds, Kezia Bah** and **Amelia Turner**). **Karson** made some good contributions, speaking up on the microphone confidently-keep this up! Many others contributed really well in the chat box. I look forward to seeing your set designs!

I'd also like to say well done to **Jamie Sale** who has made a real effort to catch up with the work and has sent me more through. His emails are always very polite and it was good to see him joining our live lesson for the first time as well. Keep it up!

I would like to give a special mention to **Millie Beswick, Evie Williams, Daisy Pluck** and **Emilie Browning** who have really kept on top of their work throughout the school closure. They have produced some excellent work, kept to deadlines and kept in touch throughout. Everything they have sent me has shown the pride they have in their work. Well done girls!

Mrs Dunmore

Well done to the following students for their contribution to our live lesson this week: **Keith Adebisi, Madeline Broadley, George Walker, Joshua Rea, Louie Hora, Honor Welsh, Eleanor Benke, Mitchell Tappenden** and **Joseph Lawrence**.

A few more BIG shout outs to the following students for their superb focus and effort towards their English work, both Language and Literature, in the latter part of lockdown: Honor **Welsh, Eleanor Benke, George Walker, Emilie Browning, Louie Hora** and **Josh Rea**.

Mr Goss

Well Done to the following for continuing to produce and submit work: **Reggie Fay, Ben Foreman, Rosie Middleton, Joe Stanford** and **George Walker**.

Ms Candy

A big well done to **Keira Gardner, Hannah Kenton** and **Rosie Middleton** who are keeping on top of their Science work, and sending lots back to me! It was great to see 9Q/Sc5 online last week for our Physics lesson and I look forward to speaking with them again this week - thanks to all those who joined!

Ms Wood

Extra special praise in German for joining in and engaging particularly well during their live lesson with me this week: **Madeline Broadley** for helping the rest of 9D during their live lesson whilst my voice was cutting in and out, thank you Maddie for stepping up here! **Millie Beswick, Grace Keohane, Daisy Pluck, Josh Rea, Evie Williams**. The following students also managed to join the live lesson last week so well done too to these pupils: **Emily Golby, Jack Lazarus, Louie Hora, Alfie Dejonge, Siobhan Dwyer-Burchill, Keira Gardiner, Honey Johnson, Daisy Stevens, Amelia Turner, Megan Walker, and Adela Slegrova**. Keep up the good work - weiter so! Also well done to **Emilie Browning** for sending me excellent work this past week.

Miss Doughty

Art and Textiles- please see below some fantastic work produced by Year 9 students -Very well done to you all.

Eleanor Benke - Textiles



Lily Smithson - Art



Emily Golby - Textiles

Emily Browning – Art



Honor Welsh - Textiles



Keira Gardiner - Textiles

**Mrs Holloway**

Well done to the following students in EN1 who have worked well on GCSEPod on 'An Inspector Calls': **Amy Coop, Nyasha Dombojenain, Keira Dukes, Polly Elliott, Faye Grant, Olivia Howe, Piper Roseman and Gracie Varney.**

Well done to the following students who attended our Literature lesson last week: **Andrew Waddington, Liam Wescott, Polly Elliott, Niamh Kelly, Faye Grant, Daisy Kittlety, Keira Dukes, Gracie Varney, Olivia Howe, Amy Coop, Ben Reeves, Ruby Holmes, Kai Muller, Jack Elston, Harvey Smith, Harley Bushby-Knight, Tristan Kittoe, Harry Burch and Paige Taylor.**

The following students have completed some amazing written work after our Teams lesson last week: **Olivia Howe and Keira Dukes** - fantastic effort and excellent work. Lastly a big well done to the following students who attended the Language lesson this week: **Kezia Baah, Matthew Gurney and Aaron Lownie.**

Reminder of other mental health help online...

Kooth are an online Mental Health counselling service- which deliver counselling to young people - free of charge.

REMEMEBER we have a fantastic counselling service in school – please let me or Mrs Haywood know if you would like some mental health support.





In some of your subjects staff are asking you to use the GCSEPod. This is a very powerful tool to support the work you are doing and to consolidate what has been covered. All of you received a letter about this, but just to remind you.... Parents can visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources. To activate the account follow the instructions below (most of you have activated this already).

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
2. Click "New here? Get started."
3. Select "Student"
4. Enter your child's name, date of birth and the school name.
5. Create a username, password, and a password hint to help them remember the password.

The majority of you have already signed in and are working on this. If you have logged in but now forgotten your password you can request a password update, but only if you submitted a valid email when you initially logged in. Any problems please let me know.

Lockers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close all students will need to come into school for a short period to clear their lockers so that they can be cleaned over the summer break.

Each form group has been allocated a one hour slot over the next few weeks and students will be supervised by staff during this time to ensure social distancing is maintained.

The schedule for your child's form is below. Please note that due to social distancing requirements we are unable to allow students into school at any other time.

If your child is unable to attend please do inform us.

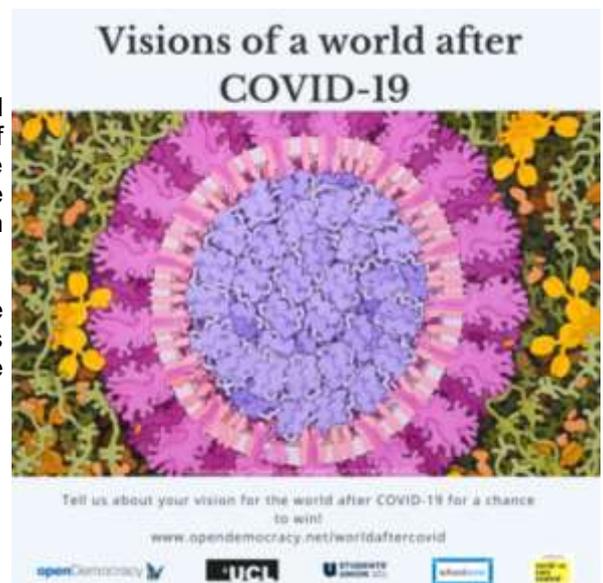
9NDY	Thursday 9 th July	10:00-11:00am
9CLU	Thursday 9 th July	12:00-13:00pm
9ADO/GJO	Thursday 9 th July	14:00-15:00pm
9PDG/STI	Friday 10 th July	10:00-11:00am
9EOL	Friday 10 th July	12:00-13:00pm
9MHU	Friday 10 th July	14:00-15:00pm
9SHO	Monday 13 th July	8:00-9:00am
9LWR	Monday 13 th July	10:00-11:00am

A new competition for students.

'The World after Coronavirus'

This competition, run by UCL Open Democracy is open to school and university students (aged 14 and up) to share their vision of the future, with prizes of £200, £100 or £50 in book tokens plus the chance for personal mentoring from the panel of some of the world's foremost thinkers and some fantastic work experience with either UCL or Open Democracy.

Entrants can submit either a written article, short video or image that describes their vision for the world after the coronavirus crisis has passed. Please let me know if you would like some more information. ndo@cdarwin.com



Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals you should continue to receive a voucher via your email that will entitle you to approximately £15 per week for food. There will be a code that you will have to scan. Hopefully it is quite straight forward and easy to navigate. If you have not done so already please contact our Finance Team. wev@cdarwin.com



Happy Birthday

The following students have their birthdays between now and the summer holidays. Have a fantastic day and celebrate the best you can. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Faith Farrant, Emily Golby, Gracie Varney, Lara Gok, Alfie Farmer, Zayne Leacock, Matthew Gurney, Savannah Howell, Archie Wood, Evie Williams, Frankie Waitson-Connan, Ria Stears, Daisy Pluck, Madeline Broadley, Alisha Johnson, Courtney Williams, Jack Wells, Keeley Danneau, Reggie Lucas, Chloe Brett, Lily Smithson, Codey Brooks, Michael Molinaro, Lottie Prosser, Keira Gardiner, Nevada Townsend, Lacey Young, Jessica Champion, Jaydem Quinn-Judge, Hayden Bakewell, Isaac Holden, Tilly Silver, Kai Watson, Lilian Chilumbi, Lemar McKoy, Dylan Shotton, Daisy-May Kittlety, Megan Walker, Hannah Kenton, Emmanuel Berkoh-Prince, Alfie Dejonge, Ben Griffiths and Lewis Pridham.

Contact Us

Please remember that myself and Mrs Haywood are here if you need help with work, everyday issues or mental health or just to say a general hello, we miss you popping into our office for a catch up. Our email addresses are:

Ms Dobney: ndo@cdarwin.com

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