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Year 10 Newsletter

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Dear Year 10

Welcome to the 6th edition of the Year 10 Newsletter. It seems such a long time since we were all together in school, attending lessons, sleeping in assemblies and mixing with our friends. I feel we can see light at the end of the tunnel now, although getting 'back to normal' will take a long time yet. I know I have mentioned on countless times that we are all in different circumstances and that the impact on some has been far greater than the impact on others; it is important that we remember this.

Applauding for the NHS workers at 8pm every Thursday evening is a wonderful way to show our appreciation and I do hope you all get out there and make some noise. I have also seen lots of messages chalked onto pavements for the dustmen, the postmen and the delivery drivers whilst countless rainbows have appeared in peoples' windows. Let us hope that when this crisis is over, this appreciation for the essential work that others do is continued. What I have learnt more than anything from the present situation is that we can do without highly paid football stars and singers, but we cannot function without the nurses, shop assistants and the countless others for whom we all owe a huge debt of gratitude. So if any parents out there reading this are in the those essential jobs and professions, we say again a huge 'Thank You' from Year 10.

Mr Lamb

Keeping your teachers informed

Keeping teachers up to date is so important. If you are falling behind or struggling, do not worry. **As long as you are trying your best that is all that matters.** It is important however that you keep staff informed through e-mail. If you are unsure of the staff e-mail address go to the school web site and click on the 'menu' tab, then 'contact us' and finally 'staff'. A lovely polite e-mail will then help your teacher know that you are struggling.

Ready, Steady, Run

Remember that there are guidelines that the Government have issued regarding social distancing and mixing with friends, which I am sure you are sensible and considerate enough to adhere to. However, you are allowed to do some exercise and I know that many of you have decided to do some running. **It is SO IMPORTANT that you leave the house and do some regular exercise.** Just try 1km a day (even a slow walk) and let me know if you are managing this.

Andrew Handley (10FLf) informs me that he has accepted the challenge to do a 5km run, but is doing it almost every day during this lockdown in the fields behind his house. Not sure how far you will have run by the time we go back to school, but would be interested if you could keep us updated Andrew.

Another pupil doing some serious running is **Cyrus Goedhals (10CAB)** who has changed his **DofE** volunteering section to fundraising for St John's Ambulance. He is aiming to run **100km during the month of May and to raise £100.** I know, like Captain Tom Moore, he has already exceeded his total. Well done Cyrus. Looking forward to you recording a single next! If you want to support Cyrus in this really worthwhile cause, this is the link to his Just Giving Page. Good luck from all of us Cyrus.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cyrus-goedhals-stjohns>

Ms Abbotts is also running for charity. Aiming to run 50 miles this month to raise money for the charity 'Mind'. With a collective group of people that have come together from across the world as a part of the 'Ugly Runners Cub' (if you've watched Friends you'll know the reference!) The furthest is a participant from Australia. They are running individually, a choice between 25-200 miles each, and raising money together. If anyone would like to sponsor Ms Abbotts, the link is here.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/uglyrunners?fbclid=IwAR3KNg-dPU23QUufKgvwwMDBcqMZdy-6Fxr76V2Fs0QGnmAD6NgLWAZyZa0>



If you have a concern regarding your mental health or that of another student please email Mr Lamb on dla@cdarwin.com or Mrs Haywood on jga@cdarwin.com

Something from the History Department

There is a really good History book called 'The Five' which is the untold story of the victims of Jack the Ripper. This is great for the History pupils, many of whom are about to start the Crime and Punishment part of the course which has a focus on the East End of London in the 1880s. Mrs Davies really recommends this book and it was certainly a Sunday Times #1 Bestseller. Google it and see what you think.

Continuing on our History theme. Friday 8th May is the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Friday is a Bank Holiday and should be a time to reflect on the sacrifice that was made by so many and the need to ensure that nations work together to avoid a conflict of this magnitude in the future. In the present climate, these two lessons seem as appropriate today as they did in the past.

Attached to the Newsletter this week is a History Challenge which Ms Zysemil has put together. Please do have a look at this. There are links to view and challenges to complete. I would love you to take some photos and send them to me.

Something from the Languages Dept

Ms Wood is promoting the joy of watching a foreign film during the lock down. She writes: Why not watch a French or German TV show? It is both a fun and efficient way of improving and maintaining your French, German... or even Swedish?! Channel 4 online has a whole free section dedicated to foreign Dramas/TV shows called 'Walter Presents'. Netflix and Amazon Prime are also quickly adding French/German TV series to their online catalogues. Make sure the audio is in the French/German language and you can have the English subtitles on to help. Of course, do always check the age-rating of the programme/film first and also with your parents that it is okay for you to watch.

My personal favourites on Channel 4 'Walter Presents', so free to watch, are: the popular German series 'Deutschland 83' (there has been a follow up series: Deutschland 86 and Deutschland 89 is set to air this year). It's a compelling thriller set in Germany in 1983, at the height of the Cold War. It's a fast-paced and irresistible cocktail of action movie, political drama and spy story.

Also, the fast-paced French drama 'No Second Chance' (une chance de trop). A doctor is attacked, her husband gets killed and her daughter kidnapped. Outraged, she decides to lead her own investigation. This fast-paced thriller adapted from a Harlan Coben novel is addicting! Both these series are age-rated 15, so do double check with your parents first before watching.

'Sophie Scholl' is another good German film based on a true story... die weisse Rose (White Rose) German resistance group against the Nazis led by Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans. This is a lower film rating so fine for Year 10 too – especially for History students who might know about these extremely brave siblings. (Mr Lamb recommends the film Downfall - a compelling film about the last few months of Hitler's life and the end of the Nazi regime. It is absolutely brilliant (but rated 15). I defy anybody not to find this a memorable film.)

Thank you, Merci, Danke, take care.

Ms Wood

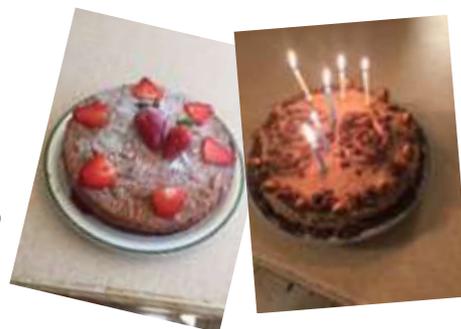
Cooking Corner

Last week Kelsey King shared her baking experiences. This week Erin Hartley shares some pictures of her scrumptious cakes with us. Baking and running seem to be the new past times with many of you. Well done and keep the photos coming in please.



I have received information from Mr Desai, who also informs me that he has been doing some cooking – being supervised by his Mum (from Masterchef he claims) whom he is looking after during the lock down.

Clearly reluctant to share a photo of what he has cooked, he did instead share this very appropriate photo...but which one is Mr Desai?



In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind!

The 5km challenge continues. . .

This week Oscar Godwin (who was nominated by Joel Berry) ran his 5K. I have seen the evidence and the time he ran it in – I won't share it with you because it puts me to shame – and nobody can do this! Oscar has nominated Ben Norsworthy and Kwame Opoku-Ware. I look forward to hearing from them next week and very well done to you Oscar for taking up the challenge. **Remember all those who prove to me that they have done some (any) running (or other exercise) during the lockdown - I will organise something for when we return to school. I am keeping a list.**

A Special Mention this week goes to **Sam Sleath (10EKa)** who has clearly kept himself busy over the weekends. He has engineered a playing mechanism to a piece of computer software that is controlling the playback (I have no idea what this means – Ms Mace wrote it). It is a midi glockenspiel which can be controlled either through a keyboard or a midi file. I have heard what this can do and agree with Ms Mace that it is so so clever. Click and see what Sam has done..... This is real Music Technology



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inf9nKQ_84&feature=youtu.be

As you know Year 10 are being heavily encouraged to use the GCSEPod. In some subjects this is being set as specific work, in other instances we are hoping that the students are using this facility if they have any spare time. It is great for consolidating knowledge and accompanying the work that is being taught. The company is now organising some webinar sessions to familiarise parents on the best way to use this facility.



The birthdays we have missed last week, so from all of us

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Alastair Wilson

We hope you were able to celebrate in some way.

(Oh and it was mine too – so Happy Birthday me!)

Please use the link below if you wish to make a booking. I took part in a webinar this week and it was excellent. Issue 4 of the Year 10 Newsletter carried instructions for pupils on how to log in if they have not yet done this. Any problems – please e-mail me: dla@cdarwin.com
https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/help-centre/help_centre_categories-gcsepod-newsletters/gcsepod-webinars-for-cpd-and-parent-power-29-04-2020

Something to make you laugh (perhaps)

Q: Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?

A: Because he was always spotted.

Donald Trump was in Japan. Someone mentioned Pearl Harbour. He denied ever meeting her...

I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. It was Riveting!

I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.

Another Parrot joke (of course) :

A man owns a parrot that can't stop swearing.

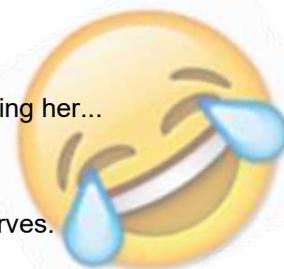
So he says to him, 'If you don't stop swearing, I'll put you in the fridge.'

The parrot keeps on swearing. So he puts it in the fridge.

Five minutes later, he takes the parrot out of the fridge, and says to it, 'Are you going to stop swearing?'

'Yes,' says the parrot. 'But what did that chicken do?'

(This is a joke I enjoy telling my own mother in law)... A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "Like Darwin said, we were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mum was talking about her side of the family."



English

In the race to be best class for English Literature GCSEPod tasks, Miss Playle's class were leading the field, with Mrs Holloway's, Mrs Mote's and Mr Nunn's classes all gaining ground. Then suddenly, Mrs Pitt's class came from nowhere to beat them all with a brilliant final gallop. Next week. . . let's see. . .

MR LAMB'S SHOUT OUT'S

Loads of shout outs again this week! Well done to all of you and in particular to those pupils whose names are appearing for the first time. As always it is wonderful to see so many of you appear in this list. Your teachers clearly think highly of you which is why they are so keen for your names to appear. Do keep up the hard work and if you are not here today – aim to be included next week!

Callie Louise Fossey – Callie has our first shout this week after showing real improvement in her History work which has pleased Ms Zysemil immensely.

Leon Hickman, Abbey Leonard, Demi Stracey, Erin Hartley, Oscar Godwin, Bobbi Shaumba, Jemma Watts and Yasmin Cazalet Smith – all these pupils are Ms Zysemil's 'Stars of the Week'. They have been very organised and mature with staying on top of their work. Well done all of you.

Tiffani Edwards and Amadeus Addotey – both students had a great first draft of their speaking and listening speeches for Mr Nunn.

Chardney Prata Neto – produced some great literature work for Mr Nunn. 'A great effort' says a happy Mr Nunn.

Liam Ricketts - produced a well-planned shooting script in Media for Mr Nunn and is continuing to produce good work.

Ben Sarll – Ben's mention comes from Dr. Piercy who states that he has been excellent in keeping up with all the work.

Kelsey King - has been producing some wonderful History work for Mr Lamb. Always presented punctually and always with a friendly note to make him smile!

Emma Spear and James Oakes – their mention comes from Mrs Quinn who is 'delighted with their amazing effort with History work. They are obviously checking their work each day and are so prompt at completing the work! I am very impressed with how well they are doing'. Well done to both of you. Mrs Quinn is clearly impressed.

Elliot Mote and Darren Green – more History mentions here, this time from Mrs Davies. These two are now doing well with History work....after a slow start – well done both of you.

Lauren Rufford, Liam Rickets, Lizzie Fox, James Kennell, Abbey Leonard, Alex Wilkinson, Amy McCarthy, Caitlin Joseph, Eddie Foster, Elley Hollman, Erin Hartley, Nyah Sawyer and Thea D'Apice – a lot of names here from Ms Foy and her English group. 'All of them have all been working incredibly hard on their speeches for their Spoken Language assessments - they've all had brilliant ideas and expressed their opinions in well - considered ways - I've been really impressed'. It is great to see so many of you mentioned here.

Jemma Teal, Charlie Dejonge and Chloe Dillaway - a mention from Mr Woods in Maths here, who wants these three recognised for their 'quality progress on Mathswatch'.

Leon Hickman and Louis Holmes – Mr Bidwell wants a mention for these two for their excellent work on Planes, Levers and Axis. Some really great exam questions answered with some brilliant marks.

Jack Woods and Sam Woods – both boys have a mention from Mr Damoo for striving to do better in order to achieve excellence.

Charlie Payne – another shout out from Mr Damoo. This time for showing (through his work) his strong determination to succeed in his Maths.

Sonny Cossins, Oliver Wickers, Grace O'Rourke, Mantha Radford, Izzy Franklin, Ben Sarll – these students all have a shout out from Mrs Kelly for working hard this week and fully engaging with the tasks set in Geography. Congratulations one and all.

Izzy Doyle and Erin Hartley - Mrs Kaye is delighted with these two students who both sent her their German written work very promptly. Mrs Kaye has just taken over this set so was pleased to see this kind of response. Well done.

Lily Steen – a mention here from Music. Ms Mace writes that Lily has an ‘absolutely amazing work ethic. Every piece of work completed on time and to a good standard. Also, she communicates with me - and this is much appreciated!’ Wonderful to read this comment Lily.

Sam Sleath - Sam has some truly amazing personal projects going on at home as regards his Music - with his Midi Glockenspiel.

Ayishia Green and Callum Bloomfield – final two for Music. Ms Mace had a really enjoyable Music morning with these two last week when she was in school.

Mason Stracey and Chrstian Ioannou - two Geographers here who are overcoming challenges and working hard to complete some excellent work. Mr Jones is really pleased.

Imogen Seaton-Allen – also gets a mention after Mr Jones was very impressed to come into school to find a pile of excellent revision from Imogen. Well done you!

Melissa Hewitt, Megan Chenery, Holly Doyle and Megan Lewis – final Geography shout outs here from Mr Jones. These four young ladies consistently produce high quality work and keep in regular contact.

James Oakes – James has another mention, this time from Mr Tilley who is pleased to see how studious James has been during the lock down. I mirror that comment James. Well done!

Thea D'Apice, Jake Sinclair, Jay Meloy, Shane Irwin, Sonny Cossins, James Kennell and Tobi Abiodun - Mr Baker is delighted with these students who have spent so much time on SENECA and achieved some top scores.

Amy Holt, Olivia Gewitzke and Tiffani Edwards - Textiles were set the challenge of creating fashion illustrations using everyday objects. Ms Doughty was delighted with the creative ideas produced by these three pupils. **See the pictures below which reflect their work.**

Yasmin Cazalet-Smith, Elley Hollman, Freya Philip, Izzy Franklin, Mantha Radford, Joel Berry, Holly Doyle and Abbey Leonard - all these pupils have completed excellent work this week. ‘Superstars. I am proud of them’ notes Ms Bailey about these Scientists. Well done to you all.

Lily Ash, Ermond Berisha [even though I can't open the document!], Megan Chenery, Grace O'Rourke, Emily Turnham, Mantha Radford, Louis Ince, Maddie Clements Andrew Handley, Ria Peters, Lucy Rooney, Jake Stirrat, Jack Woods and Sam Woods – Wow! Mrs Pitt is clearly a happy English teacher! All these pupils have a shout out and a big well done because they have sent the first draft of their speech for the GCSE Speaking & Listening assessment. Mrs Pitt notes that there are some really interesting topics being selected. It is wonderful to see so many of you mentioned here.

Lakeisha Richards - gets a mention from Mrs Mote as a result of her persistence and determination to succeed.

Grace Stacey – also has a mention from Mrs Mote for all her hard work.

Callum Bloomfield, Yasmin Cazalet-Smith, Isabel Doyle, Leila Lagder, Elizabeth Fox, Lakeisha Richards, Izzy Franklin, Jodie Shillito, Joel Berry, Finn Barden - last week we included for the first time a very special mention to those ten students who are the top 10 students on the PIXL Maths app so far. There has been a big mover this week - in like a rocket at Number 1 is **Callum Bloomfield**, also **Isabel Doyle** is a big mover this week up to Number 3. **Mr Yerassimou will provide a further update next week.** Keep it up all of you!

Emma Zeelie and Isaac Blunt – both these pupils have a shout out from Mrs Suttun in Drama as they have both considered their design ideas for Production and created a strong starting point for their staging of the exam text 'DNA'.

Jake Sinclair - gets a mention from Miss Playle for such thoughtful answers on Romeo and Juliet! He even gave it a 10/10 which she was pleased to see!

Miss Playle has also insisted on a shout out for her whole class (10Y-EN3) who are in the lead in completing our GCSEPod's. ‘Keep up this fantastic work. I log on eagerly to see who has been completing them and am always so happy to see your names continually pop up.’ Writes an extremely proud Miss Playle. Well done!

Erin Hartley – also has a shout out for Drama as she has submitted her work exponentially quickly and to her usual high standard, ‘if she were able to put on her version of DNA it would be very thrilling to watch!’ notes Mrs Suttun.

Ellie Johnson – gets a mention for her English work which is superb and so neat! ‘She has clearly taken a lot of time and put a lot of effort into the content and presentation of her work. I'm very impressed.’ A great compliment from Mrs Mote.

Morgan Cookman – gets a special mention from Ms Bailey as he was the first to send work this week. Morgan has been working hard to try and get as much work done as possible and is appreciative of feedback on work. A conscientious student. This is lovely to see Morgan – keep it up.

Finn Barden, Caitlín Chambers, Louis Holmes, Brody Iliffe, James Kennell, Leila Lagder, Charlie Long, Mantha Radford and Kirsty Hunt – Mr Lamb is so happy with his History group. These pupils work so hard to keep up to date and ensure that every single deadline is met. They are not alone, but they deserve a mention this week. Well done to all of you!

Gracie Greenhill, Lily Ash and Millie Richards – this shout out comes from Ms Abbotts who says that Gracie, Lily and Mille have been sending in great quality work regularly - well done.

Maddie Clements – also has a Dance shout out as she is continuing to send good quality work. Maintaining consistency is key!

Jess Bacon – the recognition here comes from Mrs Holloway who is delighted with the very comprehensive notes on the plot of Romeo & Juliet - this will really help Jess to revise for the GCSE in Year 11. Delighted to see this Jess.

Abbey Parker - has really upped her game recently in her Dance and ‘the work she is sending in is making me really happy!’ ‘Well done Abbey’ says Ms Abbotts.

Kirsty Hunt - is completing the online course 'Countdown 30' which is 30 days of exam question support and guidance - this will put her in great stead for Year 11! It would be great to see the other Year 10 get on board with this.

Evie Dyer, Daisy Green and Lakeisha Richards – the final mentions for Dance this week. These three pupils are handing in work through our team site and keeping on top of everything.

Morgan Cookman – Mr Archer is pleased because Morgan has produced consistently excellent, thoughtful and well-presented PowerPoint project work for his Vocational Media coursework and exam prep.

Yasmin Cazalet-Smith has a shout out for Media as she has produced a wonderful mind map that interprets the brief for her online news video coursework.

Harry and Charlie Payne and Laila Duffell – have been mentioned before by Mr Archer but continue to produce super work and so have another mention!

Liam Ricketts, Nanci-Mae Powley, Leila Lagder, Elizabeth Fox and Izzy Doyle – more Maths here. All get a mention as a result of the work they are doing for Mr Yerassimou.

Megan Lewis, Emily Alexander, Lauren Ware, Liam Ricketts, Nanci-Mae Powley, Lauren Jamieson and Izzy Franklin – all these students have a mention from Mr Manchester because of the quality of their Finance work. Well done all of you.

Izzy Franklin, Frankie Rodway, Evie Dyer, Holly Doyle, Megan Lewis, Harry Payne, Ben Sarll, Ben Seaton, Tiegán Barnes, Tobi Abiodun and George Sheldrick – all these pupils are recognised by Mrs Holloway for the excellent GCSEPod work that they have been doing. Great stuff!

Erin Hartley, Michaela Bell, Isabel Doyle, Billy Seddon, Lizzie Fox, Maddie Clements, Andrew Handley, Sam Woods, Lauren Rufford and Jack Woods – all have a mention from Mrs Lussier-Foy who says that all of you are producing fantastic Science work. She wants you all to keep it up!



Art work by Jodie Shillito



Art work by Lauren Rufford



Tiffani Edwards fashion work for Textiles



Amy Holt's fashion work for Textiles



Olivia Gewitzke's fashion work for Textiles

Keep Up the
Good Work!