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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,


I don't want to waffle on too much this week as I want to stress the importance of you/your son/daughter attending as many of their live lessons as possible. I want to focus this opening section on how to do this and what to do if you have any issues. Please see below a step by step guide on how to log onto Teams. Once online visit 'your calendar' – this will show you when all the live lessons are to take place, these are usually scheduled for normal lesson times. You will NOT be made to speak online if you feel uncomfortable with this and you can ask questions through the Q&A box which only the teacher will see.

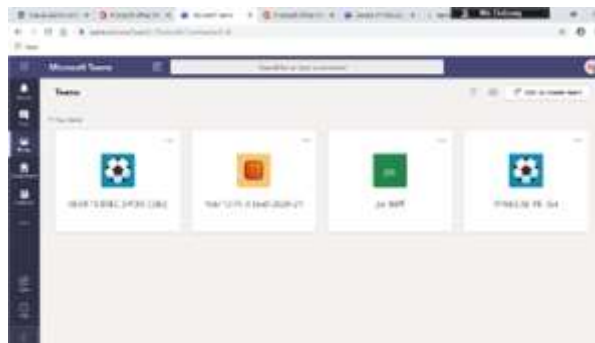
The platforms we use automatically take a register so it would be so nice to see as many of you present as possible. Please email me: ndo@cdarwin.com if you do not know your/your son/daughters log in and I will email back as soon as possible with the credentials needed. Also if you have followed the instructions below and are still struggling please do contact me on the email address above and I will do my best to help/source help from the IT department.

Last piece of advice - would it be worth you drawing out your new 'ONLINE TIMETABLE' which will allow you to structure your day and remember when all your live lessons are taking place.

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 they should check for times in Teams and for information about them on SMHW.

GCSE English (Ms Holloway)

9yEn5 - Every Monday at 1pm

9xEn1 - Every Wednesday at 10am (although, just for this week, it will be on Friday at 2.10pm as a one off due to staffing in school).

GCSE English (Mrs Mote)

English lesson with 9YEn3 on Mondays at 1:30pm - It would be great to see as many of you as possible and that I look forward to speaking with you.

GCSE English (Ms Garner)

If you have Ms Garner for English please log on to Teams for a live lesson on Wednesdays at 11am. 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 Maths

9P/ma2 - Maths lesson every Friday at 11.30am.

Mr Woods – Maths lesson every Wednesday at 1:30pm.

GCSE Geography (Mr Jones)

Mr Jones will hold a voice call every Tuesday at 10am 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 Drama (Miss Currie)

Year 9 Drama class, 9C/DR1 will have a weekly lesson on Teams on Mondays at 2.10pm, the time when our P6 lesson would normally occur.

GCSE Drama (Mrs Suttun)

Friday 19th June at 10am - 9D/Dr1.

GCSE PE (Ms Bunday)

Live lesson every Friday – lesson 3 10:50am.

GCSE IT

All the Year 9 IT students should have received a message on SMHW this week regarding a live meeting. If you are struggling to access your account you need to contact med@cdarwin.com via your lgfmail.net email account.

GCSE Dance

Tuesdays at 3pm.

GCSE German (Ms Wood)

9B - Mondays at 10:50am

9D - Wednesdays at 11:40am

GCSE Business (all Year 9 classes)

Tuesday 10am -11am Mrs Mathieson's and Mr Manchester's class

Key Messages from Subject Teachers

Message for 9NDY from Miss Doughty - I hope that you are all well and getting on with the work that has been set, remember you are in charge now. Sometimes it is hard to motivate yourself and complete the work that has been set (I am no different!) but my three top tips are; work little and often, work to a structure or your school timetable and when you have achieved your day's tasks give yourself a reward! I start and stop my school day following normal hours and have a new trials motorbike which I am riding around my garden after school ends. Its my reward and I'm loving it!



Year 9 Art - There are a lot of students who have not handed in work to me, please can you do this via email ndy@cdarwin.com, SMHW or upload on Teams.

Year 9 Textiles - I'm loving the work that is being handed in, you are being really creative with each challenge and have presented really thoughtful pages. Keep it going! If you haven't handed in yet please do so via email, SMHW or upload on Team.

Mrs Tsang - Reminder that D/T work is set every Monday on both SMHW and Teams so it can be accessed from both places - please make sure you access this.

Dance GCSE – Message from Miss Abbotts

I am looking forward to seeing all of the Year 9 choreographies so please keep going with them and make sure to read SMHW so you know when my online lesson is and how to get on it! Email me with any issues cab@cdarwin.com.

School Diversity Week 2020 - Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June

You can get involved by watching LGBTQ+ Masterclasses - Some talks from LGBTQ+ celebrities on a variety of topics. These are Facebook broadcasts. See the schedule by following the link here and see if there are any you would like:

<https://www.justlikeus.org/masterclasses> and when they are on you can view them here: <https://www.facebook.com/JustLikeUsUK/>

Dress Like A Rainbow fancy dress challenge. Friday 26th June. (Next Friday) Send pictures of your outfits to your Head of Year to be shared in the Newsletter! Teachers can do this too!

Just Like Us was founded for a simple reason: growing up LGBT+ is still unacceptably tough. These experiences can have a life-long negative impact on LGBT+ young people's potential and well being.



Happy Birthday

The following students have had birthdays this week or have a birthday coming up – HAPPY BIRTHDAY and we hope you have a fantastic day.

Chloe Hudson, Charlie Colyer, Scarlett Hudson-Broadway, Joshua Jeal, Chloe Lambert, Sienna Cloud, Sean McCarthy and Austin Wild.

Bromley Young Carers

We have had an update from Bromley Young Carers who wanted to give an update on their services. They have lots of online activities that will continue over the summer and also have some help with laptops. If you know that this concerns you and you would like more details please contact Ms Dobney: ndo@cdarwin.com.

Want to include anything in the Newsletter? This includes parents...

I want this communication to be a regular event, during the school term, so if any of you have anything to include (good films you have seen recently on Netflix? Good news about yourself or other pupils in Year 9, have learnt a new skill which would be good to promote to others e.g. cooking - any recipes the rest of us can try?) please do let me have this so I can include it in this Newsletter: ndo@cdarwin.com

Geography GCSE - 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 10am 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 10am (instead of Wednesdays), we hope you can make this and look forward to discussing the week's work with you.

Well done from Teachers

Miss Allum

I would like to nominate the following pupils for praise as they joined our first online Business Class this week which was great. **Rosie Middleton, Louie Hora, Emily Golby, Alex Trebell** and **Archie Wood**. The following pupils are also completely up to date with all their lockdown work so please can they have a special mention as well: **Hanna Warner, Rosie Middleton, Louie Hora** and **Emily Golby**.

Dr. Piercy

Harrison Tubbritt has produced some fantastic work for me on the structure of leaves. This work is fantastic, well done. Also a big well done to **Lola O'Sullivan** who got 100% on her photosynthesis quiz.

Mr Nunn

Sean McCarthy, Ben Witt, Lola Sullivan, Luke Bevan, Alfie Dejonge and **Ben Hughes** have all worked really well in their English lesson last Thursday. Very good work produced.

Mrs Holloway

A special well done to **Macey Jones** and **Amy Coop** for getting involved in their English live lessons. Well Done to **Matthew Gurney, Alfie Humphries** and **Kezia Baah** who joined our live Teams lesson this week. Also, these students have been working well on GCSEPod: **Macey Jones, Andrew Waddington, Ben Reeves, Nyasha Dombojena, Gracie Varney, Harry Burch** and **Sophie Alfarra**. Well done to you all.

Mr Kothari

This creative piece of Celtic Knot work was produced by **Aidan Williams** as part of his Maths homework this week. It took a great deal of patience and diligence to produce this quality. Well Done Aidan.

I would also like to praise the following students for keeping up to date with all their assignments and producing exceptionally high quality work throughout the entire home learning phase. This is such a great achievement considering the circumstances we are under. **Alfie Dejonge, Alfie Farmer, Kyle Masters, Lola O'Sullivan, Harrison Tubbritt, Aidan Williams, Ellen Wilson, Lacey Young, Lilian Chilumbi** and **Jack Pow**. I am very proud of you all. Well done!

Mr Lamb

Well done to all those who attended my online History lesson last Friday and managed to patiently sit through some of the IT glitches that we experienced. **Eleanor Benke, Kiera Dukes, Jack Elston, Jacob Helps, Olivia Howe, Daisy-May Kittlety, Brandon Ratnage** (thank you for your contributions), **Alex Trebell, Hanna Warner** (some wonderful observations made), **Honor Welsh** and **Evie Williams**. It was great to have you all taking part. Well done!

Mrs Suttun

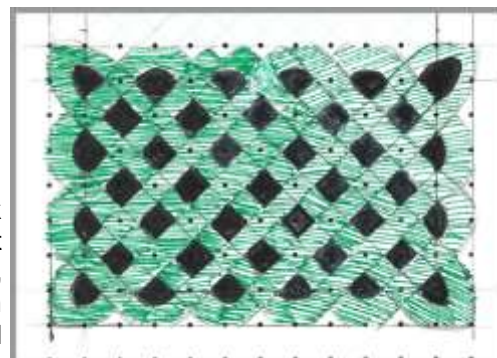
Well Done to **Amy Coop, Benjamin Reeves, Niamh Kelly** and **Jessica Champion** who have completed all their work on our new topic Theatre In Education and come up with great themes and scripts for performance. Well done!

Ms Kelly.

Well Done to **Zayne Leacock** for very good organisation and completion of work.

Miss Abbotts

Honor, Daisy, Keira, Olivia, Amy and **Eleanor** logged onto our Dance lesson this week and together we were able to learn how to write a 6 marker examination question on their choreographies. I'm so pleased with how well they all did and their patience while I listened to each students' paragraphs and gave feedback. Keep it up my superstars. Also, great to see these six, plus **Lola's** choreographies sent to me via video... it's so lovely to see you keeping up your dancing at home and getting practice in for Year 10! Well done to you all.



Miss Doyle

Honey Johnson, Andrew Waddington and **Josh Rea** are doing some great work. **Lacey Young** has also stepped up and is doing some more work.

Ms Mackay

Thank you to those students who were able to join the first online meeting for 9q3 and 9p1, It was great to catch up with some of you and I hope these regular sessions will be useful. Names for praise for Science:

9q3 **Joe Stanford, Luke Bevan, Rio Jones** and **Chloe Brett** have been focused and regularly submitting work.

9p1 **Ellen Wilson, Tilly Silver, Liam Pitt** and **Lily Collender** have been working hard and submitting work on a regular basis.

Mr Goss

Well Done to **Reggie Fay, Rosie Middleton, Joe Stanford, George Walker** and **Liam Westcott** for doing some great Geography work.

Miss Doughty

My Year 9 Art stars are **Lily Smithson, Gracie Watton** and **Emilie Browning**, these students are hardworking and conscientious and should be really proud of their efforts.

Year 9 Textiles - I'm loving the work that is being handed in, you are being really creative with each challenge and have presented really thoughtful pages. Keep it going! My Year 9 Textiles stars are **Lola O'Sullivan, Chloe Brett, Emily Goldby, Megan Walker, Honor Welsh** and **Ellen Wilson**.

Mr Nunn

Well done to the following 5 students who attended an online lesson and were fantastic at responding even though none could speak. All work had to be typed. Some excellent understanding and answers provided. **Emily Golby, Ben Witt, Megan Wood, Courtney Williams** and **Rosie Middleton**.

Mrs Pitt

Congratulations to the following pupils from 9Y4 who were fabulous during our Teams lesson on Tuesday: **Ciara Bain, Luke Bevan, Alfie Dejonge, Alfie Farmer, Ben Hughes, Sean McCarthy, Lola O'Sullivan, Tilly Silver** and **Lily Smithson**.

Thank you to **Elizabeth Davies** from 9X1 who sent me some beautiful descriptive writing. Also, well done to the following members of 9X1 who have sent me some great work: **Harvey Bushby-Knight, Amy Coop, Keira Dukes, Olivia Howe, Gracie Varney, Andrew Waddington** and **Liam Westcott**.

Miss Currie

I would like to praise everyone in 9C/DR1 who joined the live lesson on Monday afternoon. It was lovely to have more of you there, including some new faces! The following really stood out to me in the lesson....

- * **Daisy Pluck** for giving some excellent analytical points about Lady Macbeth's costume design.
- * **Kezia Bah** for being really enthusiastic and a key contributor who was not afraid to have a go.
- * **Annabel Knight** for being brave and explaining a new concept to do with style of costume, you gave a really good answer!

Mr Lamb

It was lovely to see more of you attend the lesson on Wednesday and in particular **Bonnie Bolton, Leah Morhtassi, Karson Reynolds, Macey Jones** and **Savannah Tuaima** who were not able to make the previous lesson.

It was wonderful to see you all there. Wonderful contributions from **Savannah** and **Karson**.

Mrs Mathieson

Well done to **Joshua Rea** for being the only student who logged onto my lesson on Thursday and working hard during the lesson and **Macey Jones** for contributing well to my lesson on Tuesday.

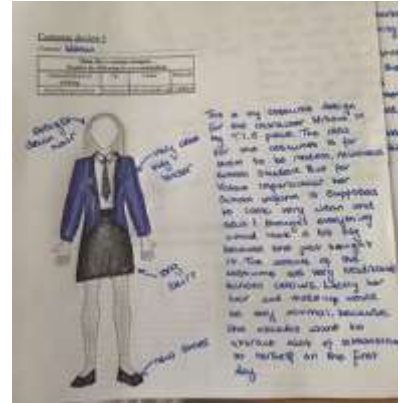
Ms Wood

Well Done to **Millie Beswick, Alife Dejonge, Louie Hora, Ruby Mazouz, Josh Rea, Adela Slegrova, Mitchell Tappenden, Evie Williams, Madeline Broadley, Emily Dickson, Siobhan Dwyer-Burchill, Keira Gardiner, Emily Golby, Honey Johnson, Daisy Stevens, Amelia Turner** and **Megan Walker** who all joined our German live lesson this week.

Some fantastic costume designing from Drama

Evie Williams - Costume designs for Scar from the Lion King brought to life and a modernised version of the Queen of Hearts

Emilie Browning



Mr Archer – some Fantastic work capturing the lockdown in a photo – well done to the students below especially **Honor Welsh** who has done really well with this work.

Some more examples and commentaries from Y9 student photographers on their Lockdown.



Photographer: Keira Gardiner

Title: Pressure

Student Commentary: Setting up my phone camera on a stand, this photo was taken on a countdown timer after I set up at a medium close up shot at a slightly low angle. With no expression on my face, not being able to see the whole face signifies hiding away behind things, like hiding away in your house during lockdown. In this circumstance, the face is covered by work showing the stress and anxiety this time may be holding.



Photographer: Eleanor Benke

Title: Drive Thru

Student Commentary: How I took this photo was when I was in a McDonalds drive thru, this image represents the safety precautions someone has to take to be able to do their job. I took this shot from a medium angle to get the main focus in the shot(the worker). I like this picture because McDonalds is something I have been looking forward to for a while!

Art and Textiles Gallery

Well done to the students below for their fantastic Art and Textiles work - it really does cheer me up seeing some of the amazing work you are producing, you are all so talented.

Ellen Wilson - textiles



Maddie Lovarini - Art



Lola O'Sullivan - textiles



Leiko Endo - Art



Honor Welsh - textiles



Paige Taylor - Art



Luke Fosten - Art



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.



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

Mrs Haywood – jha@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.



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.

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