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Year 10 Newsletter

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## Dear Year 10

We have now been in lockdown for five weeks and so many of you have responded maturely and sensibly to this very challenging situation. You are working hard, keeping your teachers up to date with anything you are struggling with and (I am sure) helping around the home. This week many of you or your parents will have had a chat with your tutors (it would have been our parents evening on Wednesday!) who have been phoning you to check that you are managing. I would like to thank your tutors for making contact with so many of you. I continue to hear of parents who have lost their jobs and children whose grandparents have passed away. This is a difficult time for many and those of us in more fortunate positions should put time aside to consider those who are not as fortunate.

There is a note in this newsletter to thank all the key workers, we have many in the Year 10 community, and I know how you are playing your part in supporting your parents who are in stressful jobs. You should be very proud. I will take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the next week and remember if you have anything for this newsletter, I would love to hear from you. I do not have to print your name if this is your preference. Keep safe and keep in touch.

Mr Lamb

Dear Year 10, it is fantastic to see so many of you in communication with your teachers. They all welcome these emails. Just a polite request however to remember that you are not talking to friends nor texting your teachers. A polite 'Hello Miss...' at the start of the e-mail and a courteous signing off at the end will always bring a smile to their faces. Thank you



## Thank You

Last night at 8pm I went into my front garden and joined my neighbours in applauding all those key workers who are continuing to make such a difference to all of us – from caring for the sick and the elderly to continuing to drive buses and to deliver food. Just so that you are all aware of the sacrifices being made, I know of two Year 10 parents who are in nursing and in the course of their duty have contracted Covid-19. Thankfully they have both recovered, but they deserve a huge thanks from us all.



Yesterday I was speaking to a parent who is in the care profession and as a result cannot have the children living at home with her – an extremely stressful situation. Thank you. Another student in 10GQu has parents working in a hospital and for the police. A stressful situation. Thank you. I know there are many more out there and I would like to say thank you on behalf of all Year 10. Make sure we all get out there at 8pm next Thursday.

## 5K Challenge

Last week, if you recall, I set two pupils a challenge to run 5k and then asked them each to nominate somebody else. Joel Berry snapped into action immediately and got his Dad to run it for him! (because Joel tells me he has injured his toe – he sent me a photo of himself leaning on a crutch... erm!). Thank you very much Mr Berry and very quick-thinking of you Joel.

Joel has nominated **Oscar Goodwin and Alex Wilkinson** to be the next runners so I await to hear from them.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Louis Ince  
Shane Irwin  
Ilona Mailet-Elzein  
Nam Nguyen  
Andres Salazar  
Rosie Wickenden

We hope you were able to celebrate in some way.

## A Special Mention

I would like a special mention for

**Shakira Bah**

who has been helping the elderly who can't collect their newspapers. Shakira is waking up early every morning and helping to deliver newspapers to those who can't collect them, despite sometimes being denied access on the bus and having people tell her off, she has persevered. Well done Shakira!

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

### English GCSE Pod

In last week's edition of the Newsletter we mentioned the competition between English classes over the use of the GCSEpod. Here we have an update from Ms Roberts:



So, which classes are ahead of the field in the steeplechase of English Literature GCSEpod tasks? The picture complicates this week ... in closed tasks (i.e. those where the deadline has passed and the race is effectively over) the neck and neck photo finish involved Ms Playle's class and Mrs Holloway's. Though of course, if more students go back and complete those tasks post-deadline, the picture may change ...

However, in open tasks, where the deadline has not yet been reached and the finish line is still in the distance, Ms Playle's class are the current front runners but both Mrs Mote's and Mrs Holloway's class are steadily gaining ground ... Updates next week when two of these tasks have their deadlines. The going is good so all classes are still in the running!

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Despite the lock down, the DoE Scheme continues. Mr Culver recently contacted all those who are doing the DofE with an update on some of the exceptions that have been put in place for DofE at the moment. Mr Culver and Ms Zysemil are very keen for you to get your sections signed off as soon as possible so that you only have the expedition to prepare on your return. There are many of you who have started this award scheme and it would be a great achievement if you completed it – especially under the current circumstances. Please make sure you have read Mr Culver's e-mail closely and also let me know how you are doing. Our first shout out here is for:

#### Megan Lewis

Megan has kept up to date with her DofE Award, she has made a conscious effort to contact her assessors and get them to complete online assessor reports for her during Covid-19. By doing this Megan has already been able to successfully complete two main sections of her award. For three months Megan has worked physically to improve her football skills. Megan has also learnt sign language, a new skill that I hope she continues to develop and use in the future. Well done Megan keep up the great work with the award.

**Miss Zysemil & Mr Culver**

### Jack Petchey

As many of you are aware, Year 10 have been the year group this last month who have been responsible for putting names forward for the Jack Petchey Award. My thanks to all those who made nominations. The following pupils should be extremely proud of themselves as they all received nominations from either staff and/or their peers:

Isabella Antepim	Jessica Bacon	Ellie Burdis	Sean Cambridge
Isobel Doyle	Aliya Forde	Daisy Green	James Kennell
Leila Lagder	Ben Norsworthy	Abigal Parker	Ria Peters
Millie Richardson	Nyah Sawyer	Ben Seaton	Jake Sinclair
Sadheera Singhara-Mudalige	Emma Spear	Alex Squires	Leigha Wilson

The Award can only go to one person and on this occasion it goes to **Isabella Antepim** in 10GQu - Well done Isabella. Citations for you Isabella include:

- \* I have always voted for Isabella simply for the reason that she is a constant hard worker, and never seems to stray from her morals. She's a kind, hard working and productive young lady who is always up for helping others.
- \* Amazing Ambassador for CDS – 'reminder of how good our school is'.
- \* Always has a smile, is positive and focused on her work.
- \* Fully focused, very hard worker, always positive and polite.
- \* Lovely girl! Has been since day one, she's polite, friendly, she is focused on her work, tries hard always, and as said by her peers, she is a super Ambassador for CDS!

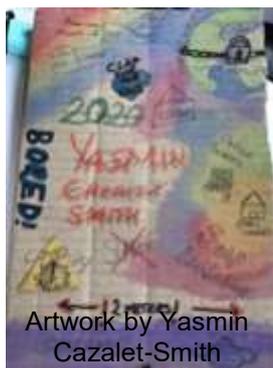
Wow Isabella! Well done.

### A Special Shout Out

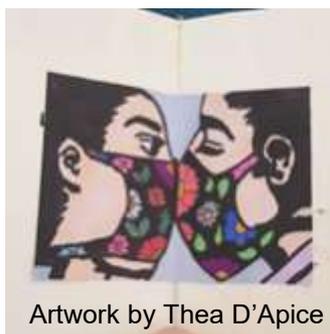
A young man in 10CAh is doing his parents proud. Mum works in care, Dad is a firefighter and all the older siblings are out doing vital work. But this young man has continued to help around the house, kept focused on his studies and worked independently completing the tasks set.

Well done young man.

Some of the art which has so pleased Mrs Doig (see her shout outs!)



Artwork by Yasmin Cazalet-Smith



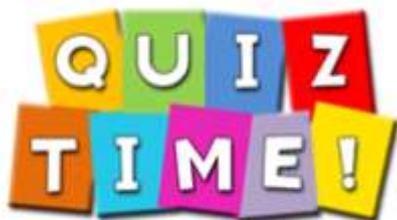
Artwork by Thea D'Apice



Artwork by Lily Steen



Artwork by Ayishia Green



An English Quiz for Romeo and Juliet set by Ms Roberts. See how well you do when the answers are published next week and then let Mr Lamb know your scores for a mention in the Newsletter.

1. In the first scene of the play, who says, "Turn thee Benvolio, look upon thy death" ?
2. Identify the METAPHOR in the quote above (in Q1)
3. In Act 1 Scene 1, the Prince says that the Montagues and Capulets have fought often in the streets recently - how many times does he say they have fought?
4. What penalty does Prince Escalus pronounce for anyone caught fighting again?
5. Also in Act 1 Scene 1, Romeo is moping around ... why?
6. Romeo calls love "a choking gall and a preserving \_\_\_\_\_" - what is the missing word?
7. In Act 1 Scene 3, the Nurse is calling for Juliet to come to speak to Lady Capulet. The Nurse calls Juliet two TERMS OF ENDEARMENT, one an animal, the other an insect - name them both.
8. Who does Lady Capulet refer to as a "book of love"?
9. In Act 1 Scene 4, we first meet Mercutio. He goes into a long MONOLOGUE about a made up fairy - what is her name?
10. Which character manages to get Mercutio to stop talking and calm down at the end of his monologue?

### Cake, Cookies and Bread

Last week it was noted how some of you are using this lock down as an opportunity to do some extra activities that you would not normally do. It was Art last week. This week it is baking. I know that Kelsey King has been doing lots baking which has included bread, cakes and cookies. I have some photos to prove it. She has promised to bake us all some cookies when we return to school - so look forward to that Kelsey. If anyone else can share with us what they are doing I would love to hear from you: [dla@cdarwin.com](mailto:dla@cdarwin.com)



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## Something to (possibly) make you smile

Where do you find the Andes? At the end of your armies!

What do you call a zoo with just one dog? A shih tzu

Did you hear about the guy who invented the door knocker? He won the Nobel prize!

What lies on its back 100ft in the air? A centipede

What washes up on very small beaches? Microwaves

And a joke for the adults at home:

A woman buys a parrot from a pet shop, it was cheap because the parrot had come from a local brothel that had recently shut down. She brings the parrot home.

Next morning the woman comes down stairs.

'Hello gorgeous' says the parrot

The eldest daughter comes down stairs

'Hello pretty one' says the parrot

The next daughter comes down stairs

'Hello lovely' says the parrot

The husband comes down stairs

'Morning Keith' says the parrot



## MR LAMB'S SHOUT OUT'S

**Lots of shout outs in this edition Year 10. Some of you more than once. Well done to each and every one of you. It is not easy working from home and all of you mentioned below are showing determination and commitment and it is clearly being noted by your teachers. There will be more names next week, so if your name is not here today, aim to have it in lights by next week!**

**Emma Spear, Cyrus Goedhals, Lauren Jamieson, Lauren Ware, Jason Hall, Erin Hartley, Ellis Hollman, Ben Norsworthy, Kwane Opoku-Ware, and Jake Stirrat:** have all produced some excellent work for Mrs Shooter (and Mr Desai) in Maths. They are really pleased with you and well done to you all.

Also **Kelsey King and Shane Irwin** have been particularly impressive with their Maths work for Mrs Shooter. Brilliant stuff!

**Christian Ioanou** gets a special mention from Mrs Kaye as he has managed to catch up on a lot of work, having found it a bit difficult at the beginning. He is also juggling his work with helping at home with his younger siblings. Clearly stepping up to the mark here Christian.

**James Oakes** gets his special mention as he is working very hard in French and always sending his work to Mrs Kaye who is really pleased with what you are producing. Well done.

**Shane Irwin (again):** Another mention for Shane this time from Mrs Kaye who was really pleased with the amount of time and effort Shane put into completing his German work.

**Joe Barden, Connor Dill, Connor OShea, Harry Payne, Alex Squires:** These young men all have a shout out from Mrs Tsang who is so pleased with the work that they are managing to hand in. Well done gentlemen.

**Oscar Godwin and Billy Seddon:** A big shout out as both boys have produced work of a high quality for their Geography teacher, Mr Goss.

**Yasmin Cazalet - Smith, Leila Lagder, Elizabeth Fox, Lakeisha Richards, Isabel Franklin, Jodie Shillito, Joel Berry, Finn Barden, Amy McCarthy, Liam Ricketts:** *A very special mention to these ten students who are the top 10 students on the PIXL Maths app so far.* Mr Yerassimou hopes to do this every week now. So keep an eye out for your names.

**Max Wootton, Michaela Bell, Chloe Dillaway, Sophie Richardson, Ellie Stanmore:** more Maths here! Mr Woods has been really pleased with the standard of work that you have completed on Mathswatch. Well done.

**Lauren Ware (again):** gets her mention from Mrs Quinn for yet again being the first pupil to get her History work handed in. Mrs Quinn has promised that 'I will be recording this for prizes!!!' We shall all keep you to that Mrs Quinn.

**Erin Hartley (again), Maddie Clements and Isabel Doyle:** Mrs Lussier - Foye wants it known what fantastic Chemistry work you've sent, more than a week before the deadline set...it made her smile!

**Connor Dill (again), Holly Doyle, Amy Holt, Megan Lewis, Ben Burgess, Kelsey King (again), Sophie Richardson (again), Ben Sarll, Emma Zeelie:** Mrs Holloway wants you to have a mention as you have all been working hard on your English Literature via the GCSE pod. She would like an extra special mention for **Kelsey King** (another mention for Kelsey) as she has also been revising War of the Worlds and An Inspector Calls alongside the work I have been setting for Romeo & Juliet.

**Tobi Abiodun:** this mention is from Ms Bailey and is because Tobi has been creating flashcards for the entire Biology 2 unit...an impressive feat. She is proud of you Tobi and has even sent me some photos of your work. I will frame them! Well done.

**Sam Woods, Jack Woods, Lizzie Fox (again), Alex Squires (again), Eddie Foster:** Ms Allum is very keen for you to be recognised for the Business Studies work in which you collected a series of news articles from the business world and wrote a summary of each one. Most impressive.

**Erin Hartley (again):** Mrs Suttun is delighted with Erin... 'Once again Erin has completed her work for this week quickly and to a high standard. It is great to see how dedicated Erin is to continuing her studies, well done and keep it up'.

**Lily Steen:** Lily has clearly impressed Mrs Suttun, her Drama teacher. Mrs Suttun writes: 'Lily's response to the exam practice question was thorough and well written, demonstrating her detailed research into the original performance conditions and a creative flair with her production ideas, well done and keep it up'.

**Tallulah Botton, Hayden Eaton, Hayley O'Neill, Ben Sarll (again) and Alex Squires (yet again):** These pupils are recognised for their work in Science. Dr. Piercy writes 'Well done for diligently completing your Science lock-down activities: Keep it up!'

**Joe Tanner-Hutchings:** This mention is for Joe's Music with Ms Mace being really pleased with his reliability – he might have struggled with some IT issues but persevered. An example to us all Joe.

**Joseph Tanner-Hutchings (again):** Ms Bailey is very proud of you Joe and you were the first to send your work this week and have completed everything set. Moreover you also responded to her feedback promptly and made improvements to your work.

**Charlie Payne, Ellie Johnson and Laila Duffel:** get a mention for their consistent good work in Media throughout the process so far. They have been steady and reliable in their approach to independent learning, which has pleased Mr Archer very much.

**Izzy Marks Belaon:** also has a mention for Media as a result of a great improvement in effort and outcome this week.

**Izzy Franklin (again), Zak Drummond, Evie Dyer, Connor Hanrahan, Harry Payne (again)** – more names from Mrs Holloway here who wants to say well done for your use of the GCSEpod for your Literature.

**Tobi Abiodun (again);** has a special mention from Mrs Holloway because along with **George Sheldrick and Ethan Ferguson** they have been revising together (online) and been working through their Shakespeare in a collaborative fashion. Who needs teachers when you can do this? Well done all three of you.

**Izzy Amankwah-Antepim, Lily Ash, Louis Ince, Ilona Mailet-Elzein, Mantha Radford (again), Sam Sleath, Jake Stirrat:** Mrs Pitt wanted you all to have a mention now you have completed your Romeo and Juliet essay. She is pleased with all of you.

**Ben Seaton, Ben Sarll (yet again), Elliot Mote, Holly Doyle, Olivia Gewitzke, George Sheldrick (again), Callum Bloomfield, Kelsey King (a brilliant first draft!) and Amy Holt (again).** More English achievements here. Mrs Garner writes that 'I am very happy to have received first drafts of GCSE Speaking and Listening work from the students listed below. It is an important piece of work as they may well still be taking this exam in July if we get back to school OR they will definitely be taking this exam in September' So well done to all of you and keep up the great work.

**Kaya Gok:** Kaya you get this shout out in recognition of the Science work you have completed for Ms Bailey. You completed as much as you were able to and should be proud of your achievement.

**Millie Hall and Charlie Payne (again).** Your mention here is for your English. You continue to impress Ms Ollier with your work. Well done!

**Lilly Steen (again), Thea D'apice, Yasmin Cazalet-Smith:** Mrs Doig says a 'huge well done' to these students for their amazing start to the art journal project. She says that she is missing all her students so much and it is so uplifting to see the Art tasks so thoughtfully and enthusiastically engaged with. It is great to see that you brought a smile to her face.

**Ayishia Green:** Mrs Doig was delighted to see your work Ayishia.... 'She had not only made the book herself using the techniques we used for the Tate Modern books earlier this year but had already filled many of the pages with the tasks set for the project. What a great start, well done Ayishia you should be really proud of your achievements'.

**James Kennell, Mantha Radford (yet again), Finn Barden (again), Leila Lagder (again), Nam Nguyen. Ellie Stanmore (again):** All of you continue to produce work to an outstanding quality for Mr Lamb. The whole group is working well and I have no doubt you can't wait to get back to P.5 & 6 on a Friday. Well done to each and every one of you.

*Keep Up the  
Good Work!*

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