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Year 10 Newsletter

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## Dear Year 10

This is now the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of our Newsletter. Who would have thought all those weeks ago that we would still be working from home seven weeks later? Although we are now used to the situation and have ironed out a lot of our IT issues, it does not mean that the situation is any easier. As you are all too well aware, the need to work from home requires a lot of resilience, self-motivation and commitment, which so many of you have in abundance. Well done! This week it seems that a few more of you are feeling overwhelmed with the work and letting it get on top of you. Don't let it! Remember just to do your best and keep your teachers informed of your progress. You must have your breaks in the day, have your weekends to relax and keep sane. As I have said before, you cannot ignore the work, but just do the best that you can.

Although a few year groups in primary school might be returning to school after half-term, that does not apply to us and so this situation will continue for a while. However there has been some changes in what we are allowed to do and this of course means more exercise. Let me know if you are continuing to do this, even if it is just a long walk with your dog. As we get out more you might want to start wearing a face mask to help keep yourself and those around you safer. Below is a link for you to use if you want to make your own, something I would personally recommend.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

I was thinking if all the Ministers (and Scientists) used a home-made face mask during their daily press conferences it would encourage all of us to do the same and we would not feel silly in wearing one. If every MP being seen and interviewed on television wore one, it would soon catch on. Although if the Government Ministers did wear one it might mean that we couldn't hear them properly when they are speaking, which would be a shame....

All of you keep safe, please let me know what you are up to and include any news and photos and send me pictures of your homemade masks.

Mr Lamb

## 5K Challenge

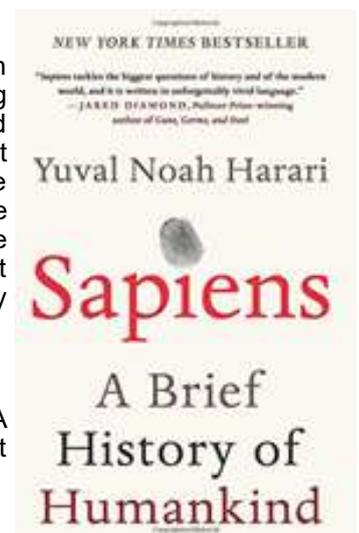
**Alex Wilkinson** has successfully run his 5K after being nominated by Joel Berry. Knowing Alex it was an extremely quick time. He says 'I will be donating £5 to a charity soon. Furthermore, I am nominating **James Kennell and Eddie Foster** to take part in this challenge.' Well done Alex and thank you. I wait to hear how James and Eddie get on with taking up the challenge. Meantime I know that **Kwame** is psyching himself for his 5K run and will let me know as soon as he completed his distance. **Anybody else want to do a 5k run and nominate another pupil or two – they are more than welcome to do so.** Meantime any extra exercise or challenges that any of you are doing, do keep me informed. I'd love to know what you are getting up to.

## Curious Learners

Attached to this Newsletter is a document put together by Mr Jones from Science which is aimed at curious learners – which I hope is most of us. Although those of you aiming for high grades and possibly the Sixth Form and perhaps University in the future will find it particularly useful, it has been put together for **all learners** and includes some great recommendations which parents might find engaging too. One section of particular note references programs on the radio. At this point some of you might stop reading....please don't. 'In Our Time' is great for budding Historians and 'More or Less' which looks at the statistics used in political debate the News and everyday life is probably one of the best programs on radio and trust me, this is not boring. It helps you view the News in a totally different light. Highly recommended.

## A book for curious learners

I will recommend a book a week for curious learners. This week it is called Sapiens – A brief history of Human Kind by Yuval Noha Harari. Read this (and it is very straight forward to read) and you will never view the world in the same light again. **It is brilliant!**



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 Gater on [jga@cdarwin.com](mailto:jga@cdarwin.com)

## VE Day Celebrations

Last Friday we commemorated VE Day and the defeat of the Nazi regime. I am sure many of you were sitting out in your front gardens as part of the street parties that were taking place. Do remember that this did not mark the end of the war and it was only with the surrender of Japan that the war finally drew to its conclusion (14<sup>th</sup> August 1945 – several months and hundreds of thousands of lives later). Ms Zysemil asked for anything that you have made at home.

**Ethan Dante's** VE Day painting is below along with a photo of **Oscar Godwin's** home-made bunting. Well done both of you!



## Food Bank

As you may have seen in Mr Chotai's letter sent home, we are collecting food to distribute to families who are vulnerable at this time. It is clear what a wonderful community we are when you can see all the generous donations people have made, please continue to bring items in as we will be distributing them on a weekly basis. So many families have been affected due to the economic implications of the Covid-19 lockdown that this support is really appreciated by families who need it. If you and your family are in a vulnerable position at the moment please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Gater in strictest confidence to have access to this Food Bank. It makes no sense for families to go hungry when there is food here at school waiting to be distributed!

## A message from the teacher's

**Ms Playle** who has taken her running to heart.

'Keeping busy - This week I discovered a new running route really close to where I live. It is about 10km long but it follows the river Thames all the way up to Greenwich and the Cutty Sark. I had a beautiful run all the way up to Lewisham about (6km of the route) so I really look forward to attempting my first half marathon when I run to Greenwich and back! How exciting to find something so wonderful right on my doorstep!'. Thank you for this message Ms Playle. It appears a number of staff and pupils are running at the moment and all the healthier for it.

**Miss Playle** would also like to keep spurring on **10YEN3** to keep them working hard on the GCSEPod – Ms Playle sounds desperate to win this!

### Miss Doughty

I have had some beautiful pieces of work handed in for Art and Textiles and some of these appeared in last week's Year 10 Newsletter. Well done to all of you. Some of you still need to submit some work and I would really love to see what you have been up to! Please upload to SMHW, Teams or email me your work.

### Mr Archer to 10SAr

'I hope **10SAr** are all as well as possible. Believe it or not, I miss our morning gatherings in the chaotic realms of EN6 and look forward to seeing you all soon. Please try to keep going with all the work - I know it's hard as it's hard for us teachers too without being there in front of the PowerPoint (oh those endless PowerPoints) and interacting with you. Remember, if you need help on subjects, I can probably help you with everything but Maths, Science, German, Geography, Business Studies, Design and Tech, etc. Drop me a line if you want anytime, but not when EastEnders is on.'

**Mrs Kaye-Chubb to 10EKa** telling them what she has been up to:

Like Mr Desai I have been doing lots of nice cooking and some baking and I've also been practising my grade 3 piano pieces – but not at the same time! I've also replaced doing the Joe Wicks workout with circular walks in the countryside nearby instead and I did 8K on Monday. Much calmer and quieter.

I have started reading my dad's collection of Penguin Classics. I'm reading titles in alphabetical order: the ABC Murders (Agatha Christie), Animal Farm (George Orwell), Brideshead Revisited (Evelyn Waugh) and I'm currently reading The Clio (L.H.Myers).

Finally I've been watching some recommended box sets and the one I'm watching at the moment is Unorthodox which is set in New York and Berlin. I do hope you are all keeping busy and look forward to seeing you when this lockdown is over.

**Mrs Lussier-Foy to 10F1f** who has clearly been keeping herself as busy as ever: During lockdown, we decided to get a puppy because we didn't think that I would be busy enough with the home schooling of my own children as well as setting and marking work for my school children!

The puppy's name is Toby (full name Toby Wan Kenobi) and he is very chilled out and settling in nicely - Cooper, his big furry brother isn't quite sure of him at the moment, but they are gradually getting closer day by day. To be honest, I think Cooper has realised that Toby isn't going anywhere and he is an actual Lussier-Foy now!

Thank you Mr Lamb for letting me share pictures of Toby - my Form and my Year 10 class know that I would be puppy-spamming them all the time if we were at school...I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well and that I get to see you all soon - maybe we'll need some therapy dogs to help us reintegrate into formal education and sort out all of our mental well-being when we get back - I have two furry boys that would be more than happy to help out...



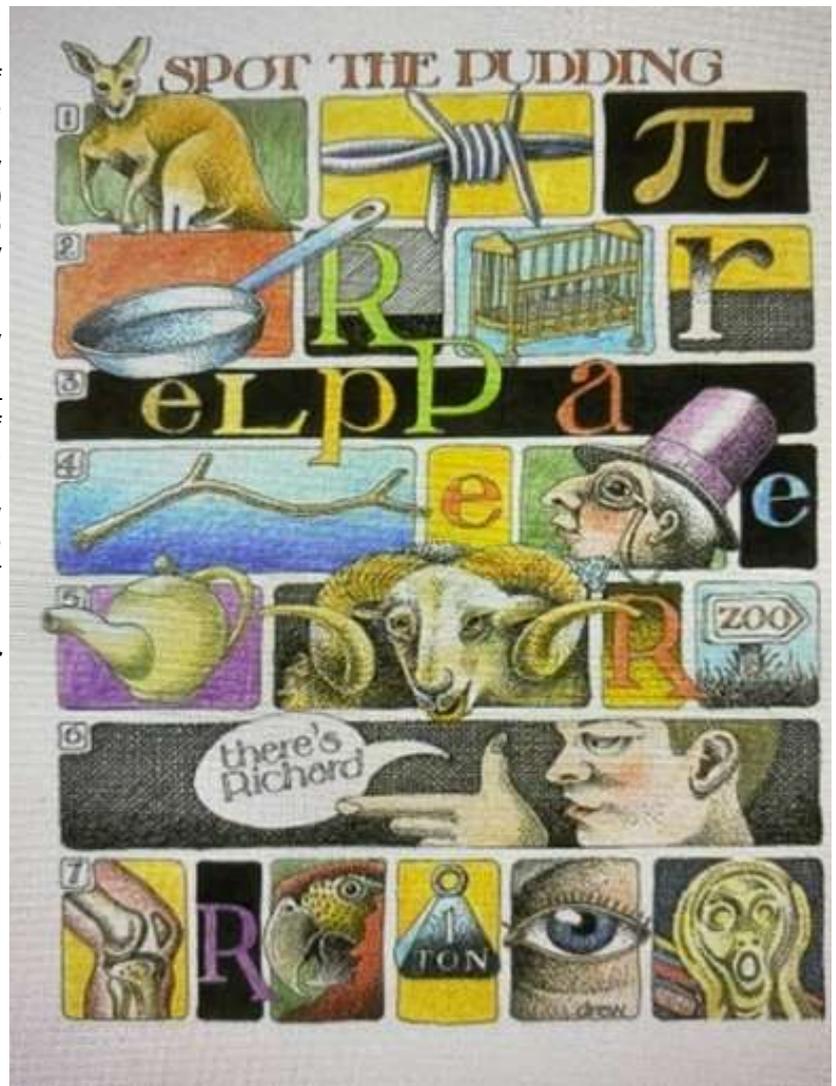
### Mrs Gater

As we head towards the end of our second month of lockdown, I am still keeping myself occupied and active! Unfortunately, someone else has taken over my morning dog walking so I am now out early every morning (not many people around at that time so can't see me!) doing the Couch to 5K app. I'm now on Week 6 and it's going ok - though not getting any easier.

I am also doing daily quizzes, provided by my brother – which he puts on a family group app, and keeps me occupied during the evenings – as I haven't any football to watch (for those of you who know me well, will know that I will be missing not being able to go to see Chelsea play.) I did take full advantage of the lovely weather and spent a lot of time out in the garden – hopefully the current cold weather will be gone soon and I can get back out there. Keep safe.

Mrs Gater

One of Mrs Gater's quizzes. Can you identify the different puddings here?



### Contact us

Please remember that myself and Mrs Gater are here if you need help with work, everyday issues or mental health or just to say a general hello, we do miss you all. Our email addresses are:

Mr Lamb: [dla@cdarwin.com](mailto:dla@cdarwin.com)

Mrs Gater: [Jha@cdarwin.com](mailto:Jha@cdarwin.com)

### Ms Woods Word of the Week



Attached to the Year 10 Newsletter this week is an information sheet to signpost you towards Bromley support organisations in these difficult times. From mental health, to domestic abuse to supporting Bromley children and adults in many different situations, this sheet has lots of different contact details should you need them.



Three students have had their birthdays since the last Newsletter and we hope they managed to make the best of things. So, from all of us to all of you:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Amadeus Addotey  
Evie Dyer  
Billy Seddon

We hope you were able to celebrate in some way.

### Year 10 GCSEPod

The English competition continues. Ms Roberts writes "It's all getting VERY competitive in the English Literature Year 10 GCSEPod stakes. This week's clear winners were **Miss Mote's class**. However, some races are still being run and won't finish until next week ... in those cases **Ms Foy's group** are clear leaders, with **Mrs Holloway's** also doing well. Who will win there ...?" Ms Playle hopes it will be her!

### Film Recommendations

Two Netflix recommendations from another Year 10 pupil. The Boy that Harnessed the Wind: 'Against all the odds, a thirteen year old boy in Malawi invents an unconventional way to save his family and village from famine'. The other recommendation is Unorthodox: 'Hasidic Jewish woman in Brooklyn flees to Berlin from an arranged marriage and is taken in by a group of musicians - until her past comes calling'. This was also recommended by Mrs Kaye. If anyone wants to write a review, please do send it to me.

### English Quiz

In Issue 5 of the Year 10 Newsletter Ms Roberts set an English Quiz on the Romeo and Juliet text that you are studying. I do hope some of you managed to have a go at the questions. Today we bring you the answers: Feel free to let me know how you got on...

1. In the first scene of the play, who says, "Turn thee Benvolio, look upon thy death"? **ANSWER: Tybalt**
2. Identify the METAPHOR in the quote above (in Q1) **ANSWER: 'Look upon thy death'**
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? **ANSWER: 3 times**
4. What penalty does Prince Escalus pronounce for anyone caught fighting again? **ANSWER: Death**
5. Also in Act 1 Scene 1, Romeo is moping around ... why? **ANSWER: He loves Rosaline but his love is unrequited**
6. Romeo calls love "a choking gall and a preserving \_\_\_\_\_" - what is the missing word? **ANSWER: Sweet**
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. **ANSWERS: 'Lamb' and 'Ladybird'**
8. Who does Lady Capulet refer to as a "book of love"? **ANSWER: Paris**
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? **ANSWER: Queen Mab**
10. Which character manages to get Mercutio to stop talking and calm down at the end of his monologue? **ANSWER: Romeo**

## Cooking Corner

### Mr Desai's Dry Potato Curry

Bombay Aloo in restaurants (which may be in a sauce)

Last week we received a message from Mr Desai and then had to spot him in the photograph (a bit like playing Where's Wally?). This week he provides us with a scrummy recipe which comes thoroughly recommended. It is his Mum's recipe, who is a highly regarded and respected cook.

#### Ingredients

- \* Potatoes - 2/3 medium size potatoes - Cut into small pieces size of your thumb nail
- \* Cooking Oil - 3 tablespoon
- \* Mustard seeds - 1 teaspoon
- \* Coriander - A small handful chopped
- \* 1/2 cup of water

#### These are your Spices

- \* Salt - 2 teaspoons
- \* Turmeric - 1 tablespoon
- \* Red Chilli Powder - 2 teaspoons, more if you want it spicy
- \* Curry Powder - 1 teaspoon
- \* Sugar- 1 teaspoon

#### Method

Put a Non stick pan on cooker, medium heat

Put in oil, wait for it to warm up a little bit

Put in mustard seeds, they will soon make a popping noise

IMMEDIATELY when the popping noise stops put your potatoes in pan, no water at this stage

Put your SPICES in pan

Stir it all

Put in your water

Taste a small bit and if you want to add anymore more spices to it then do so, but be careful not to put too much salt in it as it will ruin your dish

Put in your chopped Coriander

Turn down the heat and leave the pan on the cooker

Keep checking them until potatoes are soft

The beauty of this dish is you can enjoy it in many ways. In a tortilla as a wrap with salad filling, in a pitta bread with salad, make a sandwich, make it a toasted sandwich if you wish. Have it as a side dish with chicken/lamb or fish curry and rice or have it the traditional way with chapatti's, rice, dal, yogurt or raita

If you need a recipe for a Chicken Curry then please let your HOY know and I will happily speak to our Masterchef (my mum).

## MR LAMB'S SHOUT OUT'S

**A lot of shout outs here Year 10. Well done to each and every one of you. What is noticeable this week is the number of pupils who are getting a mention for the first time. Really wonderful to see and hope you will also be in next week's edition. Keep it up everyone...Just one week to half term now!**

**James Kennell and Nam Nguyen** – get the first mention this week. Both pupils get a mention from Ms Bailey for the quality of the Science work that they have been producing.

**Kirsty Hunt** - has been doing incredibly well and keeping up with all of the Science work set. She is dedicated, studious and organised. She recently scored full marks on a set of exam questions. Ms Bailey is delighted with the brilliant attitude of Kirsty.

**Leigha Wilson** - has really impressed Ms Bailey this week and shown great resilience. She has completed all of her work and shown that when she puts her mind to something she can really excel. Well done Leigha!

**Scarlet Smith-Lee** – Scarlet has not missed a single piece of History work and she has kept fully up to date and should be proud of herself. Mr Lamb is proud of her.

**Ellis Holman** - Ellis has a mention from Ms Zysemil as he has completed his volunteering section on his DofE. Mrs King has written a shining report for his fantastic work as an in-school mentor. He has been willing to help young students and offered them a non-judgemental space to talk. We have a terrific group of Year 10 mentors at school and Ellis exemplifies this.

**Erika Jimenez** – Erika is now working really well in her History for Mr Lamb and is catching up with some of the work that she missed. She has a great attitude towards her work at the moment. Well done!

**Sydney Codali** – gets her mention for her History and the effort that she is making to make up for lost time. Mr Lamb is really pleased.

**Kelsey King** – Kelsey's History work for Mr Lamb throughout the lockdown has been superb. She has engaged fully with the work and proved what a competent Historian she is. A real star!

**Brody Illife and Alex Devlin** - both these pupils have a mention from Mrs Wheeler for completing their BTEC Sports Studies coursework on time - 6 weeks work! Well done to both of you.

**Erika Jimenez** – Another mention for Erika here. This time for her English. Mrs Holloway states that 'she's been working so hard on English Language and English Literature this week'. Well done Erika and keep it up.

**Leigha Wilson** – Leigha has another mention here, this time from Mr Archer who says that Leigha has developed some effective independent research and analysis in Media.

**Lucy Rooney** – also has a mention from Mr Archer as she has produced effective planning materials for her online news production.

**Leon Hickman** – the third mention from Mr Archer is for Leon whose interesting and unconventional ideas for a video have come on well this week.

**Abbey Leonard, Eddie Foster, Ellie Johnson, Jack Woods, Sam Woods, Kadayne White and Lizzie Fox** – all these students have a shout out from Ms Allum because 'they have impressed me with their work over the last week which has involved researching how local businesses have been adapting to the Coronavirus outbreak. This is excellent to see – well done to all seven of you.

**Lucy Rooney and Gracie Stracey** – also have a mention for Business Studies by Ms Allum for creating a fab PowerPoint on their '7 Days of Business News'.

**Jemma Watts** - Jemma's mention is from Mr Nunn for her English speech which is well developed and shows great signs of engagement .

**Tiffani Edwards** – also has a mention from Mr Nunn for producing outstanding work on a regular basis in English.

**Ayishia Green** – has a mention for her Media Studies in which she has produced an excellent shooting script which has pleased Mr Nunn.

**Sonny Cossins** – another Media Studies shout out here. Mr Nunn is pleased because Sonny is developing a great idea for his brief in Media. Well done Sonny.

**Liam Ricketts** – Liam continues to impress Mr Nunn with his excellent media work - developed and thorough.

**Ellie Stanmore and Nam Nguyen** – both students have a mention for their History. For both the quality of the work produced and the reliability in presenting it to Mr Lamb. He is delighted with your work.

**Michaela Bell, Billy Seddon, Alex Wilkinson, Oscar Godwin and Isabel Doyle** – all of you have pleased Mrs Lussier-Foy. 'Fantastic work being sent in and lots of effort being made!'

**Emily Turnham, Sam Woods, Andrew Handley, Lizzie Fox, Billy Seddon, Isabel Doyle, Isabella Antepim, Maddie Clements, Erin Hartley, George Seldrick, Oscar Godwin, Jack Woods** – all of you sent in a completed 2019 GCSE Physics to Mr Doig and so many of you achieved some excellent grades (including two strong grade 9s). Really well done to all of you!

**Kelsey King** - This mention for Kelsey is from Mr Jones because Kelsey achieved 90% in a Science assessment. Well done Kelsey.

**Amadeus Addotey, Benjamin Burgess, Elley Hollman, Jemma Teal, Joseph Tanner Hutchings, Olivia Gewitzke, Ria Peters, Tabitha Day** – All of you are being recognised for your excellent work for your recent Business task on "The Truth about Amazon" documentary. You should all be proud of yourselves. Ms Gillespie is really pleased with all of you.

**Chloe Dillaway, Ellie Stanmore, Chardney Prata Neto & Megan Lewis** – Mrs Mackay is really pleased with you in Science for being focused, submitting work and keeping in touch.

**Charlie Payne** – Charlie continues to work well in his English and Ms Ollier is really pleased with his effort and commitment.

**Lizzy Fox, Elisha Gammon and Oscar Godwin** - all have a shout out for submitting their 90 word German mini-essays to Mrs Kaye.

**Mrs Pitt** requires a Newsletter all of her own.....Here are lots of messages for her English class.  
*I am really pleased with all of 10x/1 the majority of who are working hard and keeping in touch via email. However, this week the following people deserve a special mention:*

**Ermond Berisha** – for re-sending all of his work in a different format so I could open it. Thank you!

**Yasmin Cazalet-Smith** – your speech is looking good.

**Aliya Forde** – great R&J work.

**Connor Gifford** – working well.

**Melissa Hewitt** – apologies, I don't think I congratulated you on your R&J essay.

**Amelie Morbey** – keep up the good work.

**Nam Nguyen** – has sent his R&J essay [but I can't open the document! \*\*Speak to Ermond!]

**Sadheera Singhara Mudalige** – well done on the R&J essay.

**Ilona Mailet- Elzein** - has sent her speech to Mrs Pitt.

**Kirtsy Hunt** – I don't think I've thanked you for your Romeo and Juliet work yet.

**Ria Peters** – for the email she sent me last Thursday that made me smile.

Finally, keep listening to 'Titanium' and 'YMCA' - if you've completed Wednesday's lesson on SMHW, you'll know why!

Mrs Davies sent praise to **Emily Turnham, Jacob Ward-Hastelow, Thea D'Apice, Tiffani Edwrads, Darren Green, Ellis Hollman, Lauren Rufford** and **Jemma Teal** for absolutely smashing the section of Whitechapel on Gin and Alcohol. You have all watched the videos and made a fantastic and conscientious effort to work hard on this in these uncertain times. Brilliant and top Historians in the making.

**Sophie Richardson, Ben Seaton, Erika Jimenez, Kelsey King** and **Megan Lewis** – all these pupils have been completing great English Literature work for Mrs Holloway who is really pleased with your endeavours. Well done to all of you.

**Ben Sarll** – has a mention from Dr. Piercy because he is consistently sending in good Science work.

**Millie Richardson** – another mention from Dr. Piercy here who is delighted with Millie who sent an excellent evaluation of the pros and cons of plastic vs paper bags.

**Scarlet Smith-Lee** – another mention for Scarlet here, this time for Science. Scarlet sent Dr. Piercy some good work analysing the use of different materials in trainers.

**Izzy Franklin** – has a mention for Finance. Mr Manchester is so pleased with her because 'she has completed every piece of work set for me since the lockdown with excellent effort and determination.' There are a number of students that have completed most of the work, but Izzy is the only one to have completed every piece.

**Kian Carter** – has a mention from Mrs Mote for his outstanding efforts at home with his English work. The level of depth has really impressed Mrs Mote and she is delighted with your work. Well done Kian and keep it up.

**Scarlet Smith-Lee, Amber Boswell, Finn Barden, Matilda Dryden** and **Keisha Richards** – Well done to all five of you for having a mention from Mr Bidwell. You "have all really engaged with the work this week and have been going the extra mile when completing the work. Some brilliant exam questions answered. Keep up the good work" writes a very happy Mr Bidwell.

**Keisha Richards and Gracie Greenhill** – have produced some outstanding story boards for their Dance. Unfortunately they were too large to include in this Newsletter, but they were absolutely outstanding. Ms Abbotts was thoroughly delighted with them.

**Callum Broomfield (still leading), Yasmin Cazalet Smith, Isabel Doyle, Leila Lagder, Elizabeth Fox, Lakeisha Richards, Iszzy Franklin, Jodie Shillito, Joel Berry** - a very special mention to these ten students who are the top 10 students on the PIXL Maths app so far. Mr Yerassimou continues to do this every week, although I looked at the scores and there does not appear to be a lot of change from last week. It is not being used much. Come on Year 10!

**Kirsty Hunt** - Kirsty produced an excellent mind map for her Dance on the choreographer Christopher Bruce. An outstanding piece of work, well done Kirsty.

### Something to make you laugh (perhaps)

Q. What has 100 legs and sixteen teeth?  
A. The front row of a Paul McCartney concert.

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his mobile and calls 999.

"I think my friend is dead!" he yells. "What can I do?"

The operator says, "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There's a silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, "OK, now what?"

Another parrot joke (for the parents though)!

A lady goes to her parish priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots but they only know how to say one thing."

"What do they say?" the priest inquired.

"They say, 'Hi, we're lonely. Do you want to have some fun?'" the woman said embarrassingly.

"That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed, "I can see why you are embarrassed."

He thought a minute and then said, "You know, I may have a solution to this problem. I have two male parrots whom I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house and we will put them in the cage with Francis and Job. My parrots can teach your parrots to be more respectable. I'm sure your parrots will stop saying that in no time."

"Thank you," the lady responded, "this may very well be the solution."

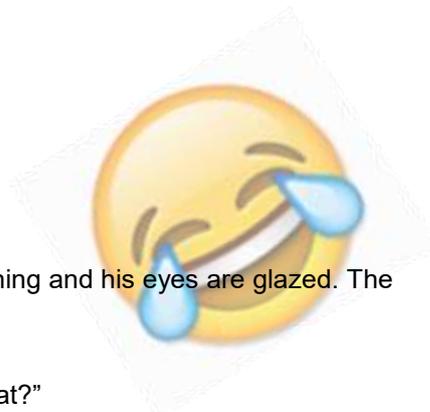
The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house.

As he ushered her in, she saw his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding their rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.

After just a couple of seconds, the female parrots exclaimed out in unison, "Hi, we're lonely. Do you want to have some fun?"

There was a stunned silence.

Finally, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and said, "Put the beads away, Francis, our prayers have been answered!"



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