



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Years 9 and 10**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Dear Students and Families,

Easter is fast approaching and normally you would all be preparing for the holidays- many of you getting ready to fly off to far flung places across the globe. Most however would be happy to be at home with loved ones preparing for the Easter Day meal, whatever that meal might be. Others would be looking forward to a feast of chocolate Easter eggs full of sweet treats. Yet, despite the current situation, most of you will still be able to celebrate the holidays in slightly confined conditions. However, you spend the next two weeks, I wish you all the best.

Your teachers also need a little break. As such, they will not be setting you the usual weekly tasks. Some will, however set a smaller revision task just to keep your brains ticking over. This will also give those of you who haven't got a grip of this new way of learning, a chance to catch up and hand in any work due.

During the Easter break, we will not be contacting home quite as much but remember, if you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your class teachers by email:

[parry@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:parry@williamellis.camden.sch.uk)

The email address [admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk) will also be checked regularly over the Easter break for more general enquiries. The school will remain open over the Easter break for children of key workers. Please be aware that there will be a much lower staffing at this time and the school must be informed in advance if provision is needed. The core provision will be from 9am to 3pm in the Sixth Form building.

*Many of you have given feedback during your phone calls about the work that has been set on Office 365 and how easily your sons are accessing it. So that we can collate this information easily and make sure that we are supporting students as best we can, we'd be grateful if you could fill in this survey before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April:*

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T\\_RtZGf1r0KbB32KQY1B2ImjbgCQyk9PsuJAE3r2c0xUOEJKTOMxQlpKNkdHVEtHMTdZTVhaMDZTUiu](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T_RtZGf1r0KbB32KQY1B2ImjbgCQyk9PsuJAE3r2c0xUOEJKTOMxQlpKNkdHVEtHMTdZTVhaMDZTUiu)

Our Careers Officer, Ms Lane, will resume after the Easter break and will be happy to offer any additional careers support you still may need. Feel free to get in contact by email [dlane@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:dlane@williamellis.camden.sch.uk) or phone (07971 745 906) with any questions or concerns you might have.

## WHAT MIGHT BE WORRYING YOU?

The best thing to help with anxiety at this time is to think about what you could be doing with the extra time you have – learn or pick up a new hobby or activity: Learn to play a musical instrument, write poems, launch a YouTube channel, or start a new language – use this time wisely! If nothing else, studying something that you are interested in means you are much less likely to worry about things that we have no control over.

I have decided to resume learning Arabic and getting out on my bicycle as much as possible as part of my one hour of exercise a day.

Organise your time and get into a good routine. This is just an example for you to adapt.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	weekend
Read in bed breakfast	Getting up Sport gear on Exercises Shower	Getting up Breakfast Shower	Getting up Breakfast Watch the news	Music in bed breakfast	Music / reading Breakfast
Social media	Social media	Social media	Social media	Social media	Social media
Shower Getting dressed Get a theme Colour/style/ imitating someone	Getting dressed Get a theme Colour/style/ imitating someone	Getting dressed Get a theme Colour/style/ imitating someone	Getting dressed Get a theme Colour/style/ imitating someone	Shower Getting dressed Get a theme Colour/style/ imitating someone	List of things you want to do
Watch the news	Watch the news	Watch the news	Watch the news	Watch the news	Watch the news
Holidays homework	Holidays homework	Holidays homework	Holidays homework	Holidays homework	
Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Lunch time	Family time /Lunch time
Relaxing time nap	Relaxing time Talk to family	Relaxing time Music /dream awake	Relaxing time podcast	Relaxing time Watch a film	activities
Going out Walk in park	Going out Bike	Going out run	Going out workout routine	Going out Do some errant for your parents	Relaxing time
Game Cooking Social media	Reading book Making something Social media	Face time friends Board games Social media	learn to help at home: clean your room social media	Find a challenge to do eg: put water in different glass work out the notes and make a tune or play existing one	Activities
Diner time	Diner time	Diner time	Diner time	Diner time	Diner/family time
Family time	Family time	Family time	Family time	Family time	

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOURSELF?

### 1. Socialise – safely!

Get in touch with friends virtually. Actually, it was great to see lots of my colleagues during virtual meetings. I would strongly encourage boys to do their work virtually with their friends.

As we know finding motivation is the hardest for our boys and it could be quite beneficial for them to work in tandem with a friend on FaceTime or with a group of friends on WhatsApp or Zoom.

## 2. Continue to learn

William Ellis Music Department is excited to be able to offer online instrumental lessons whilst the schools are shut. This is a reminder; parents of students who learn an instrument at school should already have received an email about this. Please ensure you have **filled in the form in the link by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to let us know if you would like online lessons:**

[Form for expressing interest in music lessons](#)

If you have any questions, please email Mr Forbat, Head of Music  
[forbat@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:forbat@williamellis.camden.sch.uk)

William Ellis boys singing as part of the Royal Albert Hall concert, moments before the country shut down!



## 3. Be creative

Keep being creative! We are sending over some information about our very first Online After School Club. It will run on Wednesdays in April, the first day will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The online club will be running via Zoom from 5-6.30pm. When students sign up, we will send over some more information on how to use Zoom.

This month, designer [Hanna Schrage](#) will be introducing students to 3D animation using the software Cinema4D. Please see the example below and the attached poster with more information. **In this workshop students will need access to a computer.**



We are looking for students from 15-18 years old. Please do pass it on to students who might be interested, and please ask them to sign up by emailing [school@storeprojects.org](mailto:school@storeprojects.org).

#### **4. Take comfort in the world outside**

When going for a stroll in the park keep observing wildlife returning to its best like the dolphins now swimming in the waters of Venice, you may notice some change for the better in our park. Please take pictures and send them to me: [parry@williamellis.camden.sch.uk](mailto:parry@williamellis.camden.sch.uk)

If you can get outside safely (by yourself, and as long as no-one in your family has any symptoms), then I encourage you to take a look at what is growing, listen out for the birds recording maybe, and revel in the glory that is the natural world.

## 5. Be active

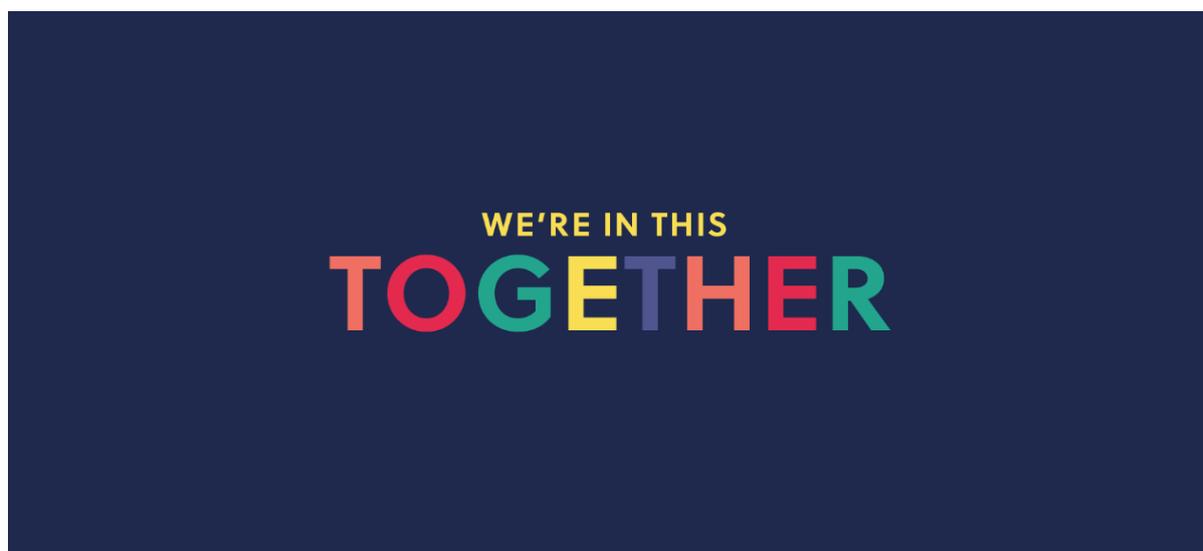
This website could be helpful for all of us <https://www.sportengland.org/news/how-stay-active-while-youre-home> – if you don't feel confident using technology in this sort of way, or feel embarrassed or self-conscious about exercising. Can your son help you?

### OVER TO YOU?

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Be socially aware:

Join the activities provided by WE.org our newest educational partner



**In these challenging times, we remain, as always, dedicated to supporting teachers, young people and families.**

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<https://a.storyblok.com/f/64423/x/8ae45364c7/skill-tracker-2.pdf>

**STUDENTS PLEASE BE REMINDED TO KEEP LOOKING AT THE WES AND LASWAP WEBSITES FOR UPDATES...**

**Any questions not answered on these websites? Email us!**

**Stay safe – and #spreadthelovenotthevirus**

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