



# NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> May 2020



## Years 9 and 10

Good day Year 9 and 10,

As we enter week 6 of the official 'lockdown' in the United Kingdom, and the reality of our situation really kicks in, I sincerely hope that you are finding new and exciting ways of spending your newly found spare time? I don't think I have baked so many cakes - banana cake has become by speciality and as soon as we return, I'd be happy to share some with you.

Of course, we cannot forget that we are still officially at school and that we all have work to do. Please do not forget to TURN IN or SUBMIT your work on Teams so that your teachers have an idea of what, and how much work you are getting done. Please use your Office 365 email to send and receive messages and we will use this facility more and more in future. You will find your Outlook app by clicking on the nine dots in the top left-hand corner if you are using a computer or simply opening the Outlook app on your phone. Please let me, or your tutors know if you are having any issues with work. You can email me directly or speak your teachers via messages on your class Team.

The Year 9 and 10 team of tutors and other staff members will continue to call you all. We are keeping in touch online to check on each other's wellbeing and yours. Remember when you receive a call, please do let the staff member know if you are struggling with anything – remember, the reason that we are doing this is we want to make sure we can help resolve your problems at this difficult time.

WES has a small number of laptops available for students' use. Some have already been distributed to Year 9 and 10 students in order for them to be able to access schoolwork more easily. We also have a small stock of basic stationery resources, pens, pencils, exercise books etc. Please contact us if you feel that you need to access either of these.

I would love to congratulate both year groups for their maturity and work ethic during this school closure. Please continue to work hard, help your parents around the house, get lots of exercise and stay off your PS4s and XBoxes!!

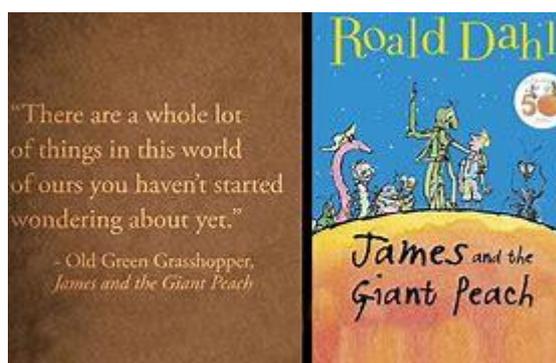
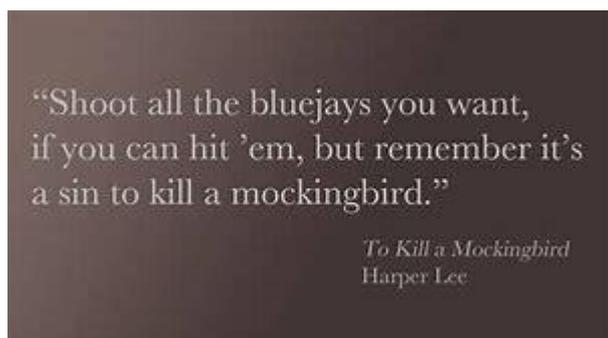
The weather is going to be glorious this week so remember to top up on your vitamin D.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOURSELF?

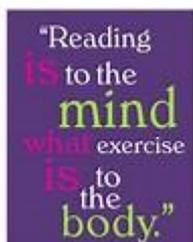
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### Continue to READ and learn!

What have you been reading this week? What is your favourite book quote? Here are just a few of my favourites:



What are your favourite quotes? Do you have any of your own? Please email me your favourites and I'll post next week. There will be a prize for the best ones.



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What ever you chose to read.....enjoy!

## **Be creative**

Think about creativity at home lead me to an article I recently read....

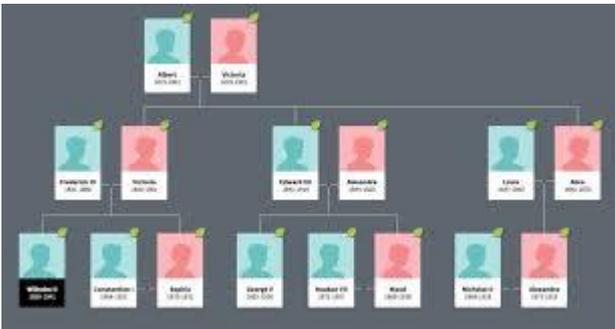
For ideas on how to keep creative during this lockdown period have a look:

Did I mention before that I have been baking?



However, this is also the perfect time, while you are in lockdown with the family, to start compiling your family tree. Mine has now topped 50,000 people!!!

My favourite website (free for up to 250 people) is [www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com) but [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) is also very popular. Talk to your parents or grandparents if you are able and open up a whole new world!



## **Careers News:**

**Mrs Diana Lane writes:**

**If you have not done so already, I'd be very pleased if you could fill in a short survey for me. It will only take five minutes.**

**Stay safe**

Year 9- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FKLCS6P>

Year 10- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQ3C36F>

I have also produced a useful Careers guide which will also be emailed out to Year 10 parents.

Mr Parry writes:

The GLA has launched its home schooling resources some have useful career elements, and the unique ability to select resources by level of adult supervision required.

Do take a look. <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/london-learning-at-home>

Remember to create a schedule. Here is one as an example below, it's for a school day but you could adapt it for the holidays.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Get up! Shower and get dressed.				
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	Indoor physical activity				
	Lesson 1				
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	Lesson 2				
	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch
	Lesson 3				
	Daily outdoor exercise				
	Music/games/gaming	Music/games/gaming	Music/games/gaming	Music/games/gaming	Music/games/gaming
	Help around the home				
	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
	Dinner time				
	Music/TV/games	Music/TV/games	Music/TV/games	Music/TV/games	Music/TV/games
	Bedtime without phone or screens				

**PLEASE KEEP LOOKING AT THE WES WEBSITE FOR UPDATES...**

**Any questions not answered on the website? Send me an email.**

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**Stay safe**

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