



NEWSLETTER

18th May 2020

Years 9 and 10

Good day Year 9 and 10,

As we enter Week 8 of a somewhat looser lockdown in London, I hope you will be able to enjoy a little of the new freedoms we have all been granted. As young people, our students will hopefully be taking advantage of this:

'Under the government's amended health regulations in England, the list of "reasonable excuses" for leaving home has been extended. It now includes taking exercise with your household or "one member of another household". Public open spaces can be visited in similar company to promote "physical or mental health or emotional wellbeing". Trips to estate agents and to view properties are now permissible, as are visits to waste or recycling centres, garden centres and outdoor sports courts.'

It is really important that you get some fresh air, some physical exercise and most of all some vitamin D from the beautiful weather that has been forecasted in the week ahead.

Last week was the first week of online lessons for [Year 10](#). I hope that you all managed to keep up and that you found them not only enjoyable but educational as well. Your teachers have worked hard putting them together so do not be late. As usual, please remember to upload any work you have completed to your Teams classroom.

	Lesson 1 11.00 – 12.00	Lesson 2 12.30– 1.30	Lesson 3 2.30-3.30
Monday	English	Business	Science 1
Tuesday	Maths	Travel and Tourism	French
Wednesday	Science 2	Music	Geography
Thursday	Art/Graphics	German	Maths
Friday	History	Computing	English

[Year 9](#)- you have not been forgotten! It is, as always, great to hear all of the good reports I am getting back from the teachers who have been ringing you and your parents tirelessly. You are really doing yourselves proud.

A note about your option choices. Although many of you were expecting to begin your GCSEs straight after May half term, we have had to postpone this until September. This is due to delays caused by our present situation. Please continue to work on the booklets that have been produced for you until half term. News about what will happen after half term will be in next week's newsletter.

Ramadan Kareem:

For all of you who have been observing Ramadan, I would like to give you my greatest respect for your strong will and dedication. The month is due to come to an end this Friday and this will spark the one-day celebration of Eid Al-Fitr.

One thing about this religious Eid is that it is forbidden to fast. Eid al-Fitr will generally be celebrated with meals with communities, and it is sometimes referred to as the Sugar Feast, alluding to the fact that many Muslims will indulge in some sweet treats after their fasting. Eid al-Fitr is a time when presents are given, new clothes are worn, and the graves of relatives are visited. In addition, it's normal for men to greet other men with a big hug, and women to do the same to other women in a bid to create goodwill between all – though with coronavirus restrictions still in place, that part of the festival won't be happening this year. There will also be a special prayer, which this year will likely be done at home between families and friends who have isolated with one another, as mosques remain closed because of coronavirus.

However you spend Eid Al-Fitr this year, please enjoy! Find out more <https://youtu.be/6OF4HEGNBRQ>



A new item for the newsletter - because, I think, you all know what I've been busy doing

<https://www.williamellis.camden.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2111&type=pdf>

What have your tutors been doing?

Introducing Mr Levitt, new Head of PE and 10B's new tutor.... Welcome to William Ellis and welcome to the Newsletter. So, what have you been doing during lockdown Mr Levitt?

"There are no prizes for guessing I've spent most of my spare time during lockdown exercising and cooking. That's not changed. What I've been doing a lot less of is watching TV (no sport). To fill the void, I've started playing more board games. As a PE teacher it won't come as a surprise that I love a bit of friendly competition and with no sport currently on TV I found that a good old fashioned board game has really helped get my competitive juices flowing. Some of my favourites have been Monopoly, Risk, Jenga and Munchkins. Board games are a great way of getting people together, and it's even better when you win!

Another thing I've done to keep myself occupied is painting. Not done it since I was at school in Art class, so I ordered a cheap set of painting materials from Amazon and had a go at portrait painting, here's a photo of me in action.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP YOURSELF?

Continue to READ and learn!

What have you been reading this week? What is your favourite book? Some recommendations for teenagers



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

Be creative

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 National Careers Service- London

The National Careers Service is the publicly funded careers service for adults and young people (aged 13 or over) in England. It provides free information, advice and guidance on learning, training, career choice, career development, job search and the labour market, delivered by qualified, impartial careers advisers. It can be accessed online, by telephone and face-to-face (for people aged 19 and over).

Please take a look a perhaps use the career tool to see which career might be best for you.

<http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

OVER TO YOU?

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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