



NEWSLETTER

8th June 2020

Years 9 and 10

Hello again Years 9 and 10,

This week has most definitely been eventful, not only in London but in nearly every corner of the planet. Many of us have had to make a decision, one of many we have to make in life, whether to follow our hearts or our heads.

I speak of course of the events surrounding the 'killing' of an unarmed man at the hands of a police officer in Minneapolis in the United States. This event shocked the world and the intervening events have taken the world by storm. The slogan 'Black Lives Matter' is probably the number one hashtag this week and has come head to head with the #coronavirus or #covid19. However, you have viewed or interpreted the events of this week, one thing for certain is that this has indeed been a example of freedom of speech and collective action. What is your opinion? Write to me: parry@williamellis.camden.sch.uk

Camden has included a page on its website stating what we all should know to be true.



[Camden Council in solidarity with Black Lives Matter](#)

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An empty Camden Town at the beginning of lockdown.

A new week of lockdown begins:

Year 9, along with the rest of the lower school will begin to have Monday tutorials (some will commence next week). At the regular slot of 11.10am (period 3) you will be invited by your form tutors to take part in some form time activities. Please log on at the allotted time but be careful to follow the code of conduct whilst you are in an online lesson. Your invitation can be accessed through the calendar section of your teams app.

I hope you have a good lesson and hope you enjoy hearing your teachers and classmates' voices.

Year 10, on the other hand should be preparing for a slow return to school. Extended form times will begin as of **Monday June 15th** when we will be expecting **10B**. The remaining form groups will consequently return as follows:

10F Tuesday 16th June
10K Wednesday 17th June
10L Thursday 18th June
10W Friday 19th June

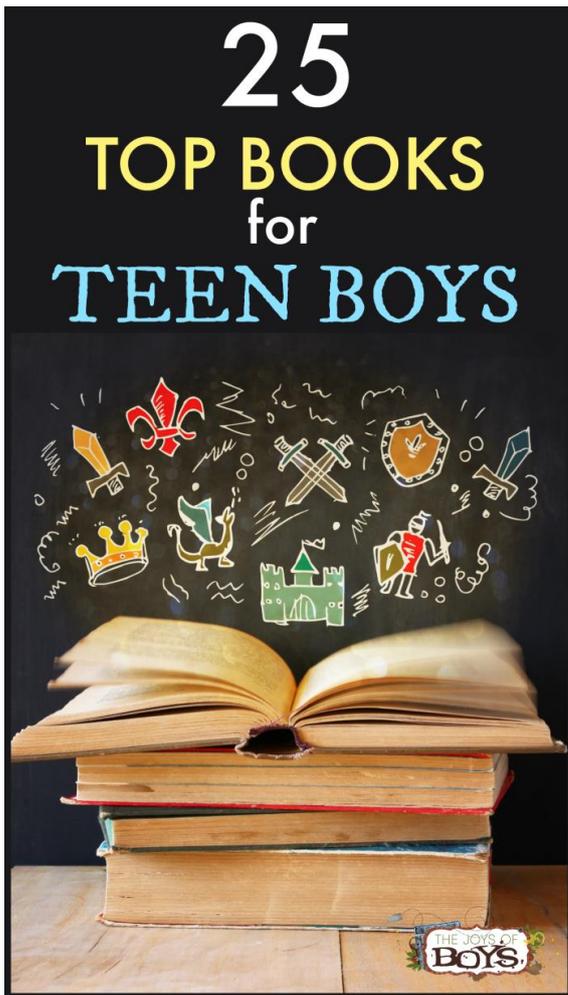
The day will begin at 10am and continue until 2.30pm. Health and safety is of prime importance to both staff and students and we will be following strict guidelines with students in each form being split into three rooms with full computer access in order to maintain social distancing. Survey Calls for Year 10 with specific questions aimed at determining your needs over the last seven weeks should have begun by now - thank you to all of you who have answered questions in such a mature manner. For those of you who have not yet received your call, please answer these questions as truthfully as possible. Of course, Year 10 online lessons will continue as normal. Please make an effort to log onto Teams at the allotted time and to take full part in the lessons.

Hopefully both years 9 and 10 will have received their new work pack. Many of you collected it from the school library last week. If not, these will have been posted to you on Friday. Remember, if you do NOT receive your pack by Friday 12th June, please contact me or email admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk 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 as 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 schedule is as follows:

	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

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

Be creative

Speaking of being creative..... Here's our weekly tutor section where one tutor a week will share their lockdown tales: this week, Ms Burns

Hi everyone,

I have had a very quiet lockdown so far. I am waking up naturally at 7 (ish) and I've found that it's really nice to wake up without an alarm clock. I definitely do not miss that 6am start or morning commute! I normally then make a coffee and go for a walk to the park to make the most of the lovely weather before work and read my book. Once I have done some lesson planning and some online teaching, I am finding some time to do a workout. My boyfriend and I recently bought a Peloton bike (which is a spinning bike with a screen attached to it) and so I try to do one spinning class a day. These classes are pretty intense so that is usually all the exercise I need in a day. I also bought a bike right at the start of lockdown, so we've been going on long bike rides through central London to see it all deserted. The furthest I've been is to Wandsworth Common and back. From Finsbury Park that is nearly 22 miles in total!

To counteract all this exercise, I have been baking a lot as well. I usually bake a cake or some biscuits on a Monday so that we have snacks for the week. I have also been doing a lot of vegetarian cooking. I realised during lockdown just how much meat we were eating daily and how it was too much. So, the goal is now to find new vegetarian meals to try out. I have also found the time to try out some gardening and now have an impressive range of indoor plants. Whether I can keep them alive or not is another story... Although lockdown has been a lovely time to focus on myself a lot more, I am missing WES and normality a lot. It has been especially hard not being able to travel back to Newcastle and visit my family over half-term, I am missing them all. Hopefully we will all be back to normal soon, but in the meanwhile, I'm just going to try and enjoy this slower version of life!

Ms Burns

Thanks,

Amy





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/FKLC6P>

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:

Virtual careers talks are currently being arranged. More news to come.

The GLA has launched its home schooling resources and some have useful career elements, plus 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>

OVER TO YOU?

WE School presents its daily challenge. Feel free to take part by visiting the WE Schools hub:

http://go.pardot.com/e/72242/schools-weekly-digital-content/8qptj7/840938110?h=B1TSiPW30l8BgL6l4k4jn0_s9jMTjI0vtpHV8-UsndI

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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